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ACADEMIC INTERESTS

Political economy of armed conflict; international relations; formal political theory; climate and conflict; theoretical implications of empirical models (TIEM)

EDUCATION

Princeton University

Ph.D. student in Politics

Princeton NJ

September 2022 - Present

- Exam fields: International Relations; Formal Theory & Quantitative Methods; Political Economy (joint with Department of Economics)
- Dissertation committee: Christopher W. Blair; Germán Gieczewski; Kristopher W. Ramsay (chair)

M.A. in Politics (incidental degree)

May 2024

Keio University

Ph.D. student in Media and Governance

Tokyo/Kanagawa, Japan

Withdrew without degree, September 2021

April 2016 - September 2021 (on leave April 2018 - September 2021)

M.A. in Economics

March 2016

M.A. in Media and Governance

March 2015

B.A. in Policy Management (with distinction: senior thesis award)

March 2013

RELEVANT FULL-TIME POSITIONS

National Institute for Defense Studies, Ministry of Defense

Research Fellow

Tokyo, Japan

April 2018 - June 2023 (on leave August 2022 - June 2023)

Strategic Planning Division,

Bureau of Defense Policy, Ministry of Defense

Defense Official (dual-appointment with NIDS)

Tokyo, Japan

April 2020 - March 2021

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLE

- **Hiroto Sawada** (2024) [“The Mercurial Commitment: Revisiting the Unintended Consequences of Military Humanitarian Intervention and Anti-atrocity Norms.”](#) *International Studies Quarterly* 68 (2): sqae023.

WORKING PAPERS

- **Hiroto Sawada** (2025) [“Natural Disasters, Asymmetric Exposure, and War: Why Empirical Evidence on Climate Conflict Is Mixed.”](#)
 - Presented at APSA 2025; Climate Pipeline Project workshop 2025; Formal Models of Conflict Conference 2025; JSQPS 2024; MPSA 2026 (scheduled); NEWEPS 2025; Princeton IR seminar (internal); Princeton PE seminar (internal)
- Gaku Ito, Duc Tran, **Hiroto Sawada**, Ghulam Dastgir Khan, and Yuichiro Yoshida (2025) [“Pain, Attitudes, and \(In\)action: Divergent Legacies of Herbicidal Warfare in Vietnam.”](#) Submitted.

OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Additional Training

- Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Summer Institute 2025

Conference/Workshop Presentations

- American Political Science Association: 2020 (online panel & virtual poster); 2024 (grad student lightning round); 2025 (paper panel)
- Climate Pipeline Project: 2025 (paper panel)
- Formal Models of Conflict Conference: 2025 (scheduled)
- International Studies Association: 2017 (Junior Scholar Symposium); 2019 (panel & JSS); 2021 (two online panels)
- Japan Association of International Relations: 2021 (online panel)
- Japanese Society for Quantitative Political Science: 2023 (paper panel); 2024 (paper panel)
- Midwest Political Science Association: 2021 (online panel)
- Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science: 2025 (paper panel)
- Peace Science Society (International): 2017 (poster)

Research Assistantship

- RA for Justin Canfil (Carnegie Mellon University), Spring 2025

Publications in Japanese

- (2021) “Emerging Technologies, Deterrence, and Crisis Bargaining.” *Senryaku Kenkyu (the Journal of Strategic Studies)* 29(1): 79-92. Invited contribution.
- (2021) “Economic Interdependence and War: Introduction to Recent Theoretical Developments.” *NIDS Commentary* 173, National Institute for Defense Studies.
- (2021) “Unintended Effects of Foreign Aid.” *NIDS Briefing Memo* April 2021, National Institute for Defense Studies.
- (2020) “Column: Comprehending Russian ‘Hybrid Warfare.’” In: *East Asian Strategic Review 2020*. Tokyo: National Institute for Defense Studies, pp. 165-166.
- (2019) “Contemporary Civil Conflicts and Information Technologies.” *NIDS Commentary* 93, National Institute for Defense Studies.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Princeton University

[TA] *Political Economy (Undergraduate)* Fall 2025

Preceptor (TA) for Giampaolo Bonomi

[TA] *International Relations (Undergraduate)* Spring 2025

Preceptor (TA) for Christopher W. Blair

[TA] *Formal Political Analysis II (Graduate)* Fall 2024

Preceptor (TA) for Germán Gieczewski

National Institute for Defense Studies

2019 - 2022

[Instructor] *Theories of War and Peace (in Japanese)*

Eight-week-long seminar for Colonel- and Lt.-Colonel-level JSDF officers

Keio University

November - December 2019

[TA] *Comparative Political and Economic Systems (in Japanese)*

TA for Yoko Hirose, including delivering three lectures

Japan College of Foreign Languages

April - August 2017

[Instructor] *Introduction to International Relations (in Japanese)*

Fifteen-week-long, college-level course

PART-TIME POSITIONS AND INTERNSHIPS

Canon Institute for Global Studies

Tokyo, Japan

Intern at the Policy Simulation Division

April - November 2017

Japan College of Foreign Languages

Tokyo, Japan

Part Time Lecturer (see also "Teaching Experience")

April - August 2017

Center for Media and Peace Initiatives

New York City, NY

Short Term Intern

February - March 2014

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Princeton University

Graduate student fellow, Program for Quantitative and Analytical Political Science

2024-

Centennial Fellowship in the Humanities and Social Sciences

2022-2027

- Fellowship awarded based on "academic excellence and research promise"

Ministry of Defense, Japan

Fifth Class Merit

November 2021

Graduate School of Science and Technology, Keio University

Kanagawa, Japan

"Research Assistant," Keio Program for Leading Graduate School

April 2013 - March 2018

- Five-year fellowship with additional training

Faculty of Policy Management, Keio University

Graduation Project Award (senior thesis award)

March 2013

28th Eisaku Sato Essay Contest, United Nations University

Award of Effort (3rd place)

July 2012

SERVICE

Referee

Conflict Management and Peace Science (×2), International Relations of the Asia-Pacific, Journal of Conflict Resolution

Formal Theory Replication

(Proof verification for conditionally accepted articles)

International Organization (×2)

Princeton Ph.D. Program

- Political economy lunch seminar co-coordinator (2025)
- Graduate students committee member (2022-23)

SKILLS

Languages	English (fluent), Japanese (native)
Computer Skills	artisoc (software for agent-based modeling; currently rusty), L ^A T _E X, MATLAB, R

REFERENCES

Christopher W. Blair

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Germán Gieczewski

Associate Professor,
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Kristopher W. Ramsay

(Dissertation committee chair)
William P. Boswell Professor of
World Politics of Peace and War;
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