

# Motoaki Takahashi

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## Current Position

2025- Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Osaka (Japan)

## Previous Position

2023-2025 Postdoctoral Researcher, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz (Germany)

2024-2025 Researcher, Kiel Institute for the World Economy (Germany)

2021, 2022, 2024 Visiting Researcher, Institute of Economic Research,  
Hitotsubashi University (Japan)

## Education

2023 Ph.D. in Economics, Pennsylvania State University (USA)

Committee: Jonathan Eaton (chair), Fernando Parro, Stephen Yeaple

2017 Master of Economics, Hitotsubashi University (Japan)

2015 Bachelor of Economics, University of Tokyo (Japan)

## Research Fields

Spatial Economics, International Trade

## Working Papers

- “The Aggregate Effects of the Great Black Migration.”
- “Trade Policy and Structural Change,” with Hayato Kato and Kensuke Suzuki.
- “Trade and the Spatial Distribution of Unemployment.” Revise and resubmit, *Regional Science and Urban Economics*.

## Grants and Awards

- 2025 Grant: IERPK2527, 500,000 yen, Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University  
(with Hayato Kato, Zeyi Qian, Kensuke Suzuki, and Junfu Zhang)
- 2024 Grant: IERPK2417, 750,000 yen, Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University  
(with Hayato Kato (principal investigator), and Kensuke Suzuki)
- 2023 Grant: IERPK2321, 1,000,000 yen, Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University

- (with Hayato Kato (principal investigator), and Kensuke Suzuki)
- 2023 Fumio Dei Award, IEFS Japan
- 2022 Grant: IERPK2210, 300,000 yen, Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University  
(with Kensuke Suzuki, Taiji Furusawa, and Daiji Kawaguchi)
- 2021 Grant: IERPK2114, 300,000 yen, Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University  
(with Kensuke Suzuki, Taiji Furusawa, and Daiji Kawaguchi)
- 2017 Fulbright Scholarship
- 2015 Distinguished Senior Thesis Award, University of Tokyo

## Presentations

(including scheduled)

- 2026 Okayama University, Fukushima University
- 2025 Osaka University, RIETI, Göttingen Workshop “International Economics,” RF Berlin Migration Forum, University of Bayreuth, Kyoto University
- 2024 Bielefeld University, Osaka University, CITP (Nottingham), the Conference in the Honor of Taiji Furusawa (Kushiro), German Council of Economic Experts (Wiesbaden)
- 2023 Bank of Japan, Hitotsubashi University, the Kiel Institute for the World Economy, RIEF Doctoral Meetings (Brussels), IEFS Japan, Midwest Economic Association Annual Meetings (Cleveland), Urban Economic Association European Meetings (Milan), Keio University, Musashi University, the Japan Society of International Economics Kanto, SWET (Sapporo), CEPR Macroeconomics and Growth Meeting (Madrid), “Urban Labor Markets and Local Income Inequality” Workshop (Nürnberg), Aarhus-Kiel Workshop (Sandbjerg)
- 2022 Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz
- 2019 Osaka University

## Teaching

Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz

Recent Advances in International Trade (2024, 2025),  
Tutorial for Recent Advances in International Trade (2024, 2025),  
Tutorial for Theoretical Labour Economics (2023-2025),  
Tutorial for Advanced Macroeconomics (2023-2025).

## Refereeing

Review of World Economics, Labour Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics