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Academic appointment:

Assistant Professor, Economics Department, Uppsala University 2020.9.-

Research areas:

Labor economics, Family Economics, Political Economics

Other affiliations:

Faculty Fellow, Uppsala Center for Fiscal Studies, 2020.9 -

Faculty Fellow, Uppsala Center for Labor Studies, 2020.9 -

Visiting Researcher, Center for Research and Education in Program Evaluation (CREPE),
University of Tokyo, 2021.7 -

Researcher, Tokyo Foundation for Policy Research 2021.10 – 2023.06.

Visiting Researcher, Institute of Economics Research, Hitotsubashi University 2021.12. –
2022.2.

Education:

Ph.D., Economics, Yale University, 2020

Committee: Ebonya Washington (Chair), Joseph Altonji, Costas Meghir

M.Phil., Economics, Yale University, 2017

M.A., Economics, Yale University, 2016

M.A., Economics, University of Tokyo, 2014

B.A., Economics, University of Tokyo, 2012

Research Grants:

Jan Wallanders och Tom Hedelius foundation and Tore Browaldhs foundation (co-applicant, 3.5MSEK), 2024-2026

Jan Wallanders och Tom Hedelius foundation and Tore Browaldhs foundation (co-applicant, 2MSEK), 2022-2024

Suntory Foundation Grant for Groundbreaking Young Researchers (main PI, 1MJPY), 2022

Hitotsubashi University Institute for Economic Research Joint Research Program (main PI, 1MJPY), 2022

Research Fellowship for Young Scientists DC1, 2014

Japan Society for Promotion of Sciences, 2014

Fellowships, Honors and Awards:

University Dissertation Fellowship, 2019-2020, Yale University

Overbrook Fellowship, Yale University, 2015-2018

University Fellowship, Yale University, 2014-2018

Cowles Foundation Fellowship, 2014-2018
Nakajima Foundation Scholarship, 2014-2019
Repayment exemption for graduate students with excellent achievements, Japan Student Services Organization Scholarship (JASSO), June 2014

Teaching Experience:

Uppsala University

Policy Evaluation (Master's program)
Spring 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2024, Spring 2025 (scheduled)
Topics in Microeconomics (Master's program)
Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Fall 2022

Yale University

Introduction to Econometrics and Data Analysis I,
Teaching Fellow for Professor Nicholas Ryan, Fall 2018, Yale College
Econometrics and Data Analysis II,
Teaching Fellow for Professor Joseph Altonji, Spring 2018, Yale College
Econometrics and Data Analysis I,
Teaching Fellow for Professor Edward Vytlacil, Fall 2017, Yale College
Econometrics and Data Analysis I,
Teaching Fellow for Professor Nicholas Ryan, Spring 2017, Yale College

University of Tokyo

Microeconomics (undergraduate),
Teaching Assistant to Professor Akihiko Matsui, Winter 2012, University of Tokyo

Teacher Training Completion:

Academic Teacher Training Course Spring 2022 (Uppsala University)
Teaching in the American Classroom 2016 (Yale University)

Student supervision:

Ph.D. students, assistant supervisor

Henrik Hällersfors (Uppsala University), Fall 2023 –
Tram Pham (Uppsala University), Fall 2022 -

Master students, main supervisor

Rebecca Cardebring (Uppsala University), Spring 2023
“Economic Distress and the Demand for Gender Equality Policies” (Awarded a thesis prize from the SOM Institute, Gothenburg University)

Vincent Kalberg Hague (Uppsala University), Spring 2022

“Relieving skilled workers from routine tasks with automation: Evidence from an RPA automation of administrative social work in the Swedish municipality Ronneby – a synthetic control approach”

Research and Work Experience:

Research assistant to Professor Yasuyuki Sawada, Research Institute of Economy, Trade, and Industry (Japan), January 2013 – March 2014

Research assistant to Professor Yasuyuki Sawada, University of Tokyo, April 2012 – January 2013

Research assistant to Professor Akihiko Matsui, University of Tokyo, October 2010 – March 2012

Publications:

"Land and Real Estate Price Sensitivity to a Disaster: Evidence from the 2011 Thai Floods" with Yasuyuki Sawada, Hiroyuki Nakada, and Kunio Sekiguchi (2018),

Economic Bulletin

"The Long-Run Socio-Economic Consequences of a Large Disaster: The 1995 Earthquake in Kobe" with William duPont IV, Ilan Noy, and Yasuyuki Sawada (2015), *PLoS ONE* 10(10): e0138714

Selected Working Papers:

"Empowering Women Through Radio: Evidence from Occupied Japan" (latest version: January 2024), submitted

"Intrahousehold Welfare: Theory and Application to Japanese Data" with Pierre-André Chiappori and Costas Meghir (latest version: January 2023) submitted

"Spousal earnings and household dynamics: Evidence from a promotion reform" with Erik Grönqvist, Lena Hensvik and Anna Thoreson (latest version: January 2023) submitted

"Unpacking the Child Penalty: Evidence from Personnel Data" with Shintaro Yamaguchi and Takeshi Murooka (latest version: March 2023)

"Electoral institutions, women's representation, and policy outcomes" with Ayumi Sudo (latest version: October 2022)

Selected work in progress

"Modernizing Medicine: Changing Spatial Distributions of Physicians in Japan, 1874-2020" with Chiaki Moriguchi, Megumi Murakami and Chihiro Inoue

Conference presentations and seminar talks

(*scheduled, †cancelled or postponed due to the global pandemic):

- 2024. SOFI, Stockholm University,
Swedish Conference in Economics,
European Association of Labour Economists Conference in Bergen,
International Conference on Gender and Economy in Tokyo
- 2023. Southern Economic Association 93rd Annual Meeting (New Orleans),
SOFI, Stockholm University,
Stockholm School of Economics,
Lund University,

- Society of Economics of the Household Society of Household Economics (SEHO)
annual meeting (Copenhagen),
New Advances in Family Economics workshop (Ravello, Italy),
Columbia University,
Waseda University
2022. Gender and Political Representation in Asia and Beyond,
GSE-OSIPP-ISER Joint Conference in Economics,
Annual Congress of the European Economic Association (EEA),
Paris World Congress of Economic History,
Copenhagen Business School,
Uppsala Center for Labor Studies (UCLS) Spring Meeting,
Norwegian Business School in Oslo,
Nordic Summer Institute in Labor Economics,
Australian Gender Economics Workshop,
Tokyo Labor Economics Workshop,
Tohoku University,
Keio University
2021. POLECONUK Webinar,
Hitotsubashi University,
V-Dem East Asia/Keio CP seminar,
NBER Japan meeting,
The Center for Japanese Studies (CJS) of the University of Michigan,
University of California,
Berkeley,
ASSA Chicago,
Virtual Economic History Seminar,
Stockholm School of Economics,
Economic History Society annual conference
2020. Gender Economics Webinar,
Kobe University Economic History seminar,
NBER Japan meeting † ,
Fifth Annual JEN Conference†,
Uppsala (The Department of Government),
National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies
2018. Kyoto Summer Workshop on Applied Economics
2014. Japanese Economic Association Spring Meeting

Refereeing Journals

American Economic Review: Insights, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics,
Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Population
Economics, Review of Economics of the Household, Economics Letters

Languages

Japanese (native), English (fluent), Swedish (basic)