

# RYU MATSUURA

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## Education

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<b>Northwestern University</b> Ph.D. in Economics	2025 ( <i>expected</i> )
<b>Northwestern University</b> M.A. in Economics	2020
<b>Colby College</b> B.A. in Economics ( <i>Honors &amp; Distinction</i> ) and Mathematical Science ( <i>Distinction</i> ), <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	2017

## Working Papers

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**Political (Mis)selection: The Role of Historical Institutions** (with Shubhro Bhattacharya and Utsav Manjeer)

## Publications

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**Development Research at High Geographic Resolution: An Analysis of Night Lights, Firms, and Poverty in India Using the SHRUG Open Data Platform** (with Sam Asher, Toby Lunt, and Paul Novosad), *World Bank Economic Review* (2021)

## Work in Progress

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**Harnessing Satellite Data to Improve Social Assistance Targeting in the Eastern Caribbean** (with Sophia Chen, Flavien Moreau, and Joana Pereira)

**Populism and Public Services Delivery**

**Trade Reform and Political Power: Connections between Firms and Politicians in India** (with Sebastian Jäverall and Roza Khoban)

## Research Experience

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<b>International Monetary Fund</b> Summer Intern in Western Hemisphere Department	2023
<b>Northwestern University</b> Research Assistant for Professor Ameet Morjaria	2022-2023
<b>Development Data Lab</b> Research Associate	2017-2019

## Teaching Experience

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<b>Northwestern University</b> Introduction to Microeconomics	2023
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## Grants, Scholarship, & Awards

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2023	Weiss Fund, with Anton Reinicke and Yasuka Tateishi (\$10,000) International Growth Centre Small Research Grant, with Anton Reinicke and Yasuka Tateishi (£6,000) Private Enterprise Development in Low-Income Countries Exploratory Research Grant, with Anton Reinicke and Yasuka Tateishi (£10,000)
2021-2024	Japan Student Service Organization Scholarship
2019-2021	Japan-IMF Scholarship
2017	Breckenridge Prize (highest GPA among senior economic majors) Phi Beta Kappa (top 9% of senior class)
2016	Economics Department Prize for Junior with Highest GPA Leslie Dougherty Biddle '89 and George Biddle Fund for International Service Learning, Internships, and Research

## **Presentations**

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2023	Pathways to Development Conference
2022	Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics, European Meeting of Urban Economics Association, Infra4Dev Conference
2017	Maine Economic Conference
2016	Heartland Environmental and Resource Economic Workshop

## **Refereeing**

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*World Bank Economic Review*

## **Professional Activities**

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2020-2023	Northwestern University Economics Ph.D. Mentorship Program
2021	Northwestern University Development Lunch Seminar Organizer