

RYU MATSUURA

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Education

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

Work in Progress

Harnessing Satellite Data to Improve Social Assistance Targeting in the Eastern Caribbean (with Sophia Chen, Flavien Moreau, and Joana Pereira)
Political (Mis)selection: The Role of Historical Institutions (with Shubhro Bhattacharya and Utsav Manjeer)
Populism and Public Services Delivery

Publications

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), <i>World Bank Economic Review</i> (2021)
Shifted Baselines Reduce Willingness to Pay for Conservation (with Loren McClenachan, Shah Payal, and Sahan Dissanayake), <i>Frontiers in Marine Science</i> (2018)
The Proposed Park in Maine's North Woods: Preferences of Out-of-State Visitors (with Sahan Dissanayake and Andrew Meyer), <i>Maine Policy Review</i> (2016)

Research Experience

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

Teaching Experience

Northwestern University Introduction to Microeconomics	2023
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Grants, Scholarship, & Awards

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

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

World Bank Economic Review

Professional Activities

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