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POSITION

Assistant Professor, School of Global Policy and Strategy, University of California, San Diego 2025-

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, MIT 2025
 - Advisors: Daron Acemoglu, Arnaud Costinot, David Atkin
 M.A. in Economics, University of Tokyo 2019
 - Advisor: Kosuke Aoki
 B.A. in Economics, University of Tokyo 2016
 - Advisor: Kosuke Aoki

FILEDS

International Economics, Macroeconomics, Labor Economics, Political Economy, Japanese Economy

WORKING PAPERS

1. **Decomposing the Rise of the Populist Radical Right**
[PDF] (with Oren Danieli, Noam Gidron, and Ro'ee Levy)
Reject & Resubmit at Journal of Political Economy
2. **Does Skill Abundance Still Matter? The Evolution of Comparative Advantage in the 21st Century** **[PDF]**
3. **Granular Origins of Agglomeration** **[PDF]** (with Daniel O'Connor)
Submitted
4. **Distrusting the Out-Party: Partisan Disbelief and Biased Information Processing**
[PDF] (with Daiki Kishishita, Yesola Kweon, and Yuko Kasuya)
5. **Who Bears the Burden? Heterogeneous Labor Market Penalties of Child and Elder-care** **[PDF]**
Revise & Resubmit at Journal of the Japanese and International Economies
6. **Balassa–Samuelson in the Long Run: Qualitative Success, Quantitative Limits** **[PDF]**
7. **Welfare Effects of Polarization: Occupational Mobility over the Life-cycle** **[PDF]**
 (with Sagiri Kitao)
8. **Trends in National and Local Market Concentration in Japan: 1980-2020** **[PDF]**
9. **Automation and Offshoring on Wage Inequality in Japan** **[PDF]**
10. **Labor Market Concentration, Automation, and Labor Share** **[PDF]**

REFEREED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

1. **Automation and the Disappearance of Routine Work in Japan** (with Ippei Fujiwara and Toyochiro Shirota)
Journal of the Japanese and International Economies, Volume 74, December 2024

2. Who Suffers from the COVID-19 Shocks? Labor Market Heterogeneity and Welfare Consequences in Japan (with Sagiri Kitao and Minamo Mikoshiba)

Journal of the Japanese and International Economies, Volume 59, March 2021

Other versions

- Kikuchi, S., Kitao, S., & Mikoshiba, M. (2020). Who suffers from the COVID-19 shocks? Labor market heterogeneity and welfare consequences in Japan. *Covid Economics*, 76.

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

UC San Diego:

International/Macro, 2nd year Ph.D., Econ Winter 2026

Japanese Economy, Master, GPS Spring 2026

Japanese Economy, Undergraduate, GPS Spring 2026

Teaching Assistant (MIT Economics):

14.05 Intermediate Macroeconomics (Prof. Christian Wolf) Undergraduate Fall 2021, 2022, 2024

14.452 Economic Growth (Prof. Daron Acemoglu), Ph.D. Fall 2021, 2022

14.453 Economic Fluctuations (Prof. Iván Werning), Ph.D. Spring 2022, 2023

Best Teaching Assistant of the Year 2022-2023

Lecturer:

Economic Growth (Graduate level), Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Japan) Spring 2019

RELEVANT POSITIONS

Visiting Researcher, Keio University 2021-Present

Research Assistant to Professor Daron Acemoglu, MIT 2019-2022

Research Assistant to Professor David Autor, MIT 2019-2021

Research Assistant to Professor Joshua Angrist, MIT 2019

RESEARCH GRANTS

Project Research Program of Joint Usage and Research Center, Hitotsubashi IER 2025-2026

Advance Cutting-Edge Humanities and Social Sciences Research, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science 2023-2027

Project Research Program of Joint Usage and Research Center, Hitotsubashi IER 2023-2024

George and Obie Shultz Fund (joint with Todd Lensman), MIT Economics 2022

George and Obie Shultz Fund (joint with Jie Zhou), MIT Economics 2021

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

Gordon B. Pye Dissertation Fellow, MIT Economics 2023-2024

Best Teaching Assistant of the Year, MIT Economics 2022-2023

The Nakajima Foundation Scholarship 2019-2024

DC1 Fellowship, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science 2019

Scholarship Student, Center for Research and Education in Program Evaluation, UTokyo 2018

Valedictorian, UTokyo 2016

summa cum laude, UTokyo Economics 2016

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2026: Columbia (Japan Economic Seminar), JSQPS Winter Meeting

2025: New Faces in International Economics Conference (Penn State), Kyoto Applied Micro Conference, SEA Annual Meeting (Tampa, FL)

2024: Hitotsubashi-Keio-UTokyo Conference on Frontiers in Macro, NBER Japan Project Meeting, Summer Workshop on Economic Theory (Sapporo), Kyoto Applied Micro Conference

2023: Columbia (Japan Economic Seminar), JSQPS Winter Meeting, Kyoto Applied Micro Conference, NBER Japan Project Meeting, Summer Workshop on Economic Theory (Sapporo)
 2022: Econometric Society Asian Meeting, Japan Applied Econometrics Conference, Japan Macroeconomics Conference, Canon Global Institute End of Year Macroeconomics Conference
 2019: Econometric Society Asian Meeting

SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS (AT UNIVERSITIES, UNLESS WRITTEN OTHERWISE)

2026: Chicago, UC Riverside, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, UCSD Korea-Pacific Program Seminar
 2025: UT Austin, UTokyo (x2), UCSD (x2), UCSB, Johns Hopkins SAIS, Nottingham, UIUC, NUS, Bank of Japan
 2024: Kyoto, Musashi, Hitotsubashi (x2), Keio, Kobe, Aoyama-Gakuin, Waseda, Ryukoku
 2023: Osaka, UTokyo
 2022: Keio
 2020: Waseda

PAST EMPLOYMENT

Research Assistant, MIT Economics	2019-2022
Seasonal Analyst, Macroeconomics, Global Investment Research, Goldman Sachs	2018-2019
Business Analyst (full-time), McKinsey & Company	2017-2018

REFeree SERVICE

The Review of Economics and Statistics, European Economic Review, Canadian Journal of Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization (x2)

OTHER SERVICES

Organizer, UCSD Global Economy Workshop	2025-Present
Founder, Application Assistance and Mentoring Program for Female Students in Japan	2019-Present
Organizer, MIT Macro Lunch	2020-2023
Co-president, MIT Graduate Economic Association	2021-2022

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Languages: English, Japanese