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POSITION

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

EDUCATION

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| 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 |

FILEDS

International Economics, Macroeconomics, Labor Economics, Political Economy

SELECTED WORKING PAPERS

1. Does Skill Abundance Still Matter? The Evolution of Comparative Advantage in the 21st Century [\[PDF\]](#)
2. Granular Origins of Agglomeration [\[PDF\]](#) (with Daniel O'Connor)
3. 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
4. Partisan Disbelief in Polarized Societies: Evidence from South Korea and the US [\[PDF\]](#) (with Daiki Kishishita, Yesola Kweon, and Yuko Kasuya)
5. Welfare Effects of Polarization: Occupational Mobility over the Life-cycle [\[PDF\]](#) (with Sagiri Kitao)

PUBLICATIONS

1. Automation and the Disappearance of Routine Work in Japan (with Ippei Fujiwara and Toyoichiro 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

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

UC San Diego:

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| 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 |

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| 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

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| 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

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| Project Research Program of Joint Usage and Research Center, Hitotsubashi IER | 2025-2026 |
| Advance Cutting-Edge Humanities and Social Sciences Research, JSPS | 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

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| 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, JSPS | 2019 |
| Scholarship Student, Center for Research and Education in Program Evaluation, UTokyo | 2018 |
| Valedictorian, UTokyo | 2016 |
| <i>summa cum laude</i> , UTokyo Economics | 2016 |

PRESENTATIONS

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| 2026: Chicago, UC Riverside, Columbia (Japan Economic Seminar), JSQPS Winter Meeting | |
| 2025: UT Austin, UTokyo (x2), UCSD (x3), UCSB, Johns Hopkins SAIS, Nottingham, UIUC, NUS, Bank of Japan, New Faces in International Economics Conference (Penn State), Kyoto Applied Micro Conference, SEA Annual Meeting (Tampa, FL) | |
| 2024: Kyoto U, Musashi U, Hitotsubashi-Keio-UTokyo Conference on Frontiers in Macro, Hitotsubashi U, Keio U, Kobe U, Aoyama-Gakuin U, Waseda U, Ryukoku U, NBER Japan Project Meeting, Summer Workshop on Economic Theory (Sapporo), Kyoto Applied Micro Conference | |
| 2023: Columbia (Japan Economic Seminar), Osaka U, Hitotsubashi U, UTokyo, JSQPS Winter Meeting, Kyoto Applied Micro Conference, NBER Japan Project Meeting, Summer Workshop on Economic Theory (Sapporo) | |
| 2022: Keio U, Econometric Society Asian Meeting, Japan Applied Econometrics Conference, Japan Macroeconomics Conference, Canon Global Institute End of Year Macroeconomics Conference | |
| 2020: Waseda U | |
| 2019: Econometric Society Asian Meeting | |

PAST EMPLOYMENT

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| 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

OTHER SERVICES

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| 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

Citizenship: Japan Languages: English (fluent), Japanese (native)