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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

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:

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, 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

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

SEMINARS, PRESENTATIONS

2026: Chicago, UC Riverside, Columbia (Japan Economic Seminar)	
2025: UT Austin, UTokyo (x2), UCSD (x3), UCSB, Johns Hopkins SAIS, Nottingham, UIUC, NUS, New Faces in International Economics Conference (Penn State), Kyoto Applied Micro Conference, SEA Annual Meeting	
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

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

SERVICE

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

LANGUAGES

Japanese, English