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## Professional Summary

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I specialize in historical political economy and conflict studies. My research examines state formation, state-building processes, and autocratic repression through a combination of formal theory and micro-level historical data.

## Education

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2021 - Pres.	<b>University of Rochester</b> , Rochester, NY <i>Ph.D. in Political Science</i> Major: International Relations, Formal Theory Committee Members: Scott F. Abramson (chair), Hein Goemans, Casey Petroff, Sergio Montero
2020 - 2021	<b>Waseda University</b> , Tokyo, Japan <i>M.A. in Political Science</i> Advisors: Shuhei Kurizaki, Atsushi Tago
2015 - 2017	<b>University of Tokyo</b> , Tokyo, Japan <i>M.P.P.</i>
2011 - 2015	<b>University of Tokyo</b> , Tokyo, Japan <i>B.A. in Philosophy</i>

## Papers

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1. **Ioku, S.** Constraining with Their Feet: Jurisdictional Conflict and State Extraction in Early Modern Japan. *Under Review*.
2. **Ioku, S.** Blood Wrote the Rising Sun: Political Shock and Fascist Turn of Imperial Japan. *Working Paper*.
3. **Ioku, S.** Self-State Subversion: The Birth of Feudalism in Early Medieval Japan. *Working Paper*.
4. **Ioku, S.** Military Innovation and Territorial State Formation. with Scott Abramson, Sergio Montero, and Michael Gibilisco. *Work In Progress*.

## Other Publications

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1. **Ioku, S.** Extended Gray Zone Deterrence in the South China Sea. *Pacific Forum Issues & Insights* Vol.22, pp.31-49.
2. **Ioku, S.** 外交の計量分析:外交使節制度の衰微と再生. with Shuhei Kurizaki and Rui Asano. Book chapter in 国際関係研究の方法. (2021).

## Talks

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2025	<b>When Freedom Backfires</b> JSQPS 2025 Summer
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2024, 2025	<b>Mobility and State Extraction in Early Modern Japan</b> MPSA 2025; JSQPS 2024 Summer
2023	<b>Teppo Made Japan</b> Waseda University
2022	<b>Empirical Model of Alliance Formation</b> Waseda University
2021	<b>Threats and Assurances in Crisis Bargaining</b> MPSA 2021

## Honors & Awards

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2024	<b>Best Paper/Presentation Award</b> , University of Rochester Graduate Seminar, Department of Political Science
2021	<b>Best Graduation Thesis Award</b> , Waseda University Awarded for thesis "Threats and Assurances in Crisis Bargaining."

## Teaching

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2025 S	<b>TA, ECO 288 Game Theory</b> , University of Rochester Instructor: Prof. Tasos Kalandrakis
2024 F	<b>TA, ECO 255 Poverty and Development</b> , University of Rochester Instructor: Prof. Anderson Frey
2024 S	<b>TA, ECO 288 Game Theory</b> , University of Rochester Instructor: Prof. Romans Pancs
2023 F	<b>TA, PSCI 407 Mathematical Modeling</b> , University of Rochester Instructor: Prof. John Duggan A core method course in the Political Science Ph.D. program
2021 S	<b>TA, 国際政治学</b> , Waseda University Instructor: Prof. Shuhei Kurizaki

## Affiliations with Academic Associations

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1. American Political Science Association
2. Midwest Political Science Association

## Non-Academic Positions

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2019 - 2020	<b>Japan Institute of International Affairs</b> , Tokyo, Japan <i>Junior Research Fellow</i> Tokyo, Japan
2018 - 2019	<b>National Defense Academy</b> , Yokosuka, Kanagawa, Japan <i>Research Fellow</i> Yokosuka, Kanagawa, Japan
2015 - 2017	<b>Asia Pacific Initiative</b> , Tokyo, Japan <i>Research Intern</i> Tokyo, Japan