

Sota Minowa

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Education

California Institute of Technology

PhD program in Social Science

2024 – Present

University of Tokyo

MA in Economics

2024

Advisor: Yasutora Watanabe

BA in International Relations

2022

Durham University

Exchange Student at School of Government and International Affairs

2018 – 2019

Research Interest

Political Economics, Industrial Organization

Selected Works in Progress

“Rational Learning as a Cause of War,” with Michael Gibilisco and Alexander Hirsch

“Unveiling Preference Heterogeneity from Survey Experiments”

Relevant Positions

Data Analyst Intern, Amazon Japan (PI: Ken Onishi)

2024

RA to Profs Yuta Toyama, Kosuke Uetake, Naoki Wakamori, and Yasutora Watanabe

2023

RA to Prof Fuhito Kojima

2023

Analyst Intern, UTokyo Economic Consulting Inc.

2021 – 2022

Production Assistant Intern, Office Amano

2019 – 2020

Fellowships and Honors

Travel Grant, Berkeley/Sloan Summer School in Environmental and Energy Economics

2025

Heiwa Nakajima Foundation Scholarship

2024

Repayment exemption for graduate students with excellent achievements, JASSO

2024

Support for Pioneering Research Initiated by the Next Generation, JST

2024

World-leading Innovative Graduate Study: Advanced Business Law Program, UTokyo

2022

Presentations

Midwest Political Science Association Meeting (Formal Modeling section)

2026*

Microeconomics Workshop, UTokyo

2024

Japan Early Career Forum on Political Science, online

2021

Teaching Experience

Caltech

Ec 11 Introduction to Economics, TA	2026
Ec 122 Econometrics, TA	2025

UTokyo

Microeconomics, Graduate School of Public Policy, TA	2024
Math Camp, Graduate School of Economics, Instructor	2024

Miscellaneous

Languages:	Japanese (native), English (fluent)
Programming:	R, MATLAB, Python, Julia, SQL
Marathon Personal Bests:	Full 2h46m05s, Half 1h11m22s; both recorded in 2019