

Quang-Thanh Tran

Curriculum Vitae

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RESEARCH FIELDS

Macroeconomics

Public economics

EMPLOYMENT

Research Fellow, Development and Policies Research Center (DEPOCEN), Hanoi

2025/07 – *current*

Visiting Fellow, Research Center for Policy Design, Tohoku University

2025/08 – *current*

Research Fellow (DC2), Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, Japan

2023/04 – 2025/03

EDUCATION

PhD, Economics

March, 2025

Tohoku University, Japan

Academic Advisor: Akiomi Kitagawa

MA, Economics

September, 2021

Tohoku University, Japan

BA, International Economics

March, 2019

Foreign Trade University, Vietnam

RESEARCH

PUBLICATIONS

- [1] **Tran, Q.T.** 2025. Fertility and Career Choices in an Overlapping Generations Model with Sandwich Caregivers. *Economic Modelling*. 107262. doi:[10.1016/j.econmod.2025.107262](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.econmod.2025.107262)
- [2] **Tran, Q.T.** 2022. The Aging Tax on Potential Growth in Asia. *Journal of Asian Economics*. 81, 101495. doi:[10.1016/j.asieco.2022.101495](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.asieco.2022.101495)

WORKING PAPERS

- [1] Dual Caregiving, Declining Birth Rate, and Economic Sustainability, *with Akiomi Kitagawa*. (DE-POCEN Working Paper 193)
- [2] The Explosive Growth and Rapid Contraction of an Overlapping-Generations Economy. (R&R)

WORK IN PROGRESS

- [1] Demographic Change and Long-Run Inequality Trends: 30 Years of Evidence from Vietnam (with Huy Le Vu).
- [2] Old-Age Security in an Aging Economy (with Van-Quy Le).
- [3] Rational Addiction, Cigarette Consumption and Quitting Determinants (with Tuong-Vy Phan, Anh Ngoc Nguyen).
- [4] What Drives Business Cycles in Vietnam? Evidence from an Estimated SOE DSGE Model.

GRANTS & AWARDS

JSPS Grants-in-Aid Research Fellowship for Young Scientists (DC2)	<i>April 2023 – March 2025</i>
Grant Number: 23KJ0135	
JST Pioneering Research Initiated by the Next Generation Program	<i>October 2021 – March 2023</i>
Grant Number: JPMJSP2114	
MEXT Honor Scholarship	<i>April 2021 – September 2021</i>
Japanese Government's JASSO Scholarship	<i>October 2019 – March 2020</i>
Best Paper Award , The 18th Mirai Creation Prize Tohoku University	<i>April 2023</i>
Encouragement Scholarship for Outstanding Academic Results Foreign Trade University	<i>August 2017</i>

TEACHING

PART-TIME LECTURER

Optimization. National Economics University. Spring 2025.

BOOTCAMP

Graduate Student Organization's Intensive Bootcamps. URL: github.com/thanhqtran/tohoku_bootcamp .	
Computational Macroeconomics (English, 20 hours in total)	March 19 – 26, 2024
Computational Macroeconomics (English, 20 hours in total)	September 2 – 6, 2024
Special Topics in Macroeconomics (English, 20 hours in total)	March 4 – 8, 2024
Mathematics II (English, 30 hours in total)	August 28 – September 15, 2023
Mathematics I (English, 45 hours in total)	March 6 – 24, 2023

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Undergraduate Macroeconomics (Japanese). Professor: Akiomi Kitagawa	Fall 2022
Advanced Macroeconomics (Japanese). Professor: Michio Suzuki	Fall 2022
Formal Mathematics and Economic Modeling. Professor: Dai Zusai	Spring 2022
Computational Modeling and Simulation in Games. Professor: Dai Zusai	Spring 2021
Microeconomics I. Professor: Dai Zusai	Spring 2021
Microeconomics II. Professor: Dai Zusai	Fall 2021

PRESENTATIONS

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- [1] The 16th Vietnam Economist Annual Meeting (TUEBA, December 9-10, 2025)
 - [2] MFE Seminar, National Economics University, February 2025
 - [3] Joint workshop TU Research Center for Policy Design and Sophia Institute for Human Security, Tohoku University, March 2024
 - [4] The 18th Macroeconomics Conference for Young Economists, Kyoto University, February 2024
 - [5] Japanese Economic Association Fall Meeting, Kansai University, September 2023
 - [6] The 14th Vietnam Economist Annual Meeting, University of Da Nang, July 2023
 - [7] ISER Seminar Series, ISER, Osaka University, June 2023
 - [8] The RCPD Research Seminar on Contemporary Economics, Tohoku University, September 2022
 - [9] Japanese Economic Association Spring Meeting, Yokohama University, May 2022

PROGRAMMING SKILLS

Python, R, Julia, MATLAB, STATA

LANGUAGES

Vietnamese (native), **English** (fluent), **Japanese** (advanced).

MEMBERSHIP

Japanese Economic Association, Asian and Australasian Society of Labour Economics, Vietnamese Economist Annual Meeting

OTHER ACTIVITIES AND TRAINING

Participant, The IMF's 8th Macroeconomist Training Program. VENUE: JICA Tokyo (Tokyo International Center). DATE: January 9–10, 2020. [in Press](#).

Participant, IMFx's Monetary Policy Analysis and Forecasting. DATE of completion: October 11, 2025. [Certificate](#).

President, Tohoku University Graduate Student Association. February, 2022 – September, 2023

President, Vietnamese Student Association at Tohoku University. April, 2023 – April, 2024

REFERENCES

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