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Current Position	<i>PhD. Candidate</i> , UCLA Department of Political Science <i>Research Associate</i> , University College London	
Dissertation	Public Threats, Private Assurances: A Theory of Multi-Channel Diplomacy Dissertation chairs: Professors Arthur Stein and Eric Min Prospectus Defence Date: December 12, 2019	
Areas of Interest	International Relations: Diplomacy, Media and Foreign Policy, Role of Leaders in International Conflict, Territorial Disputes Methods: NLP, Text Analysis, Machine Learning, Causal Inference, Game Theory	
Education	<i>BA in Political Science</i>	April 2012 - March 2016
	Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan Thesis title: Territory, War and the Role of Inhabitants in Territorial Disputes Advisors: Professors Shuhei Kurizaki, Yasushi Asako, Marisa Kellam	
	<i>PhD in Political Science</i>	Expected September 2023
	University of California, Los Angeles	
	<i>MSc in Statistics</i>	Expected September 2023
	University of California, Los Angeles Thesis title: Post-OCR Error Correction Using Word Embedding Advisor: Professor Chad Hazlett	
Working Papers	Competition Under Censorship: When Independent Media Mirrors State Propaganda in Putins Russia (co-authored with Aleksandra Rumiantseva)	
	Persuade and Deter: Foreign Protest Coverage in Electoral Autocracies (co-authored with Yulia Kuzmina, Aleksandra Rumiantseva, and Katerina Tertychnaya)	
	Leader Personality and War: Do Formative Experiences Influence Militarized Behavior?	
	Civil war contagion: Does rebel success inspire new conflict? (co-authored with Frank Wyer)	
Conference Participation	International Studies Association	2016, 2019
	Midwest Political Science Association	2018
	American Political Science Association	2021

	European Political Science Association	2022, 2023
Teaching Experience	University College London	
	PGTA: POLS0019 International Security. Professor Monten	2021-2022
	UCLA	
	TA: PS 20 World Politics. Professor Wilkinson	2016, 2018
	TA: PS 20 World Politics. Professor Min	2019
	TA: PS 30 Politics and Strategy. Professor O'Neill	2017-2019
	TA: PS 30 Politics and Strategy. Professor Chwe	2020
	TA: PS 125A Arms Control and International Security. Professor O'Neill	2017-2020
	TA: GS 103 Governance and Conflict. Professor Min	2020-2021
	TA: PS 139 Special Topics in International Relations. Professor Trager	2021
Work Experience	Guest lecture: World Politics. Professor Min	2019
	Birkbeck, University of London	
	Guest lecture: EPWP Seminar. Professor Cheng	2022
	<i>Research Associate</i>	October 2021 - Ongoing
	Iron Fists in Velvet Gloves: Nonviolent Repression in Electoral Autocracies	
	Professor Katerina Tertychnaya, UCL	
	<i>Research Assistant</i>	July 2021 - September 2021
	Professor Michael Thies, UCLA	
	<i>Research Assistant</i>	July 2018 - December 2018
	Professor Robert Trager, UCLA	
Scholarships and Funding	<i>Research Assistant</i>	March 2016 - September 2016
	Professor Shuhei Kurizaki, Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan	
	<i>Market Research and Data Analysis</i>	August 2014 - May 2015
	International Cross-Cultural Committee, Tokyo, Japan	
	<i>Interpreter</i>	February 2013
	Asian-Pacific Economic Science Association, Tokyo	
	Waseda University Scholarship for International Students	2012 - 2013
	UCLA International Students Stipend	2018
	UCLA Department of Political Science Fellowship Support	2017-2020
	UCLA Graduate Summer Research Mentorship	2019
Skills	R, Python, L ^A T _E X.	
	Proficient in English, Japanese, German, Russian (native).	

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