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Employment

Associate Professor, Faculty of Political Science and Economics, Waseda University, Apr.
2015 – present

Assistant Professor, Faculty of Political Science and Economics, Waseda University, Apr.
2012 – Mar. 2015

Economist, Institute for Monetary and Economic Studies, Bank of Japan, Oct. 2009 – Mar.
2012

Education

Ph.D. in Economics, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2009

M.S. in Economics, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2006

M.A. in Economics, Hitotsubashi University, 2003

B.A. in Economics, *Summa cum Laude*, Keio University, 2001

Research Field

Public Choice, Formal Political Theory, Applied Game Theory

Published Papers

- “(A)symmetric Information Bubble: Experimental Evidence” (with Yukihiro Funaki, Kozo Ueda, and Nobuyuki Uto), *Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control* 110, Article 103744, 2020.
- “Strategic Ambiguity with Probabilistic Voting,” *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 31(4), pp. 626-641, 2019.
- “Legislative Term Limits and Government Spending: Theory and Evidence from the United States” (with Tetsuya Matsubayashi and Michiko Ueda), *The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy*, 16(3), pp. 1501-1538, 2016.
- “The Business Cycle and the Entry of Third-Party Candidates in the US State-Level Elections” (with Tetsuya Matsubayashi), *Japanese Political Science Review* 3, pp. 43-65, 2016.
- “Campaign Promises as an Imperfect Signal: How does an Extreme Candidate Win against a Moderate One?” *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 27(4), pp. 613-649, 2015.
- “Partially Binding Platforms: Campaign Promises vis-a-vis Cost of Betrayal,” *Japanese Economic Review* 66(3), pp. 322-353, 2015.
- “One-sided Games in a War of Attrition,” *The B.E. Journal of Theoretical Economics* 15(2), pp.313-331, 2015.
- “Dynastic Politicians: Theory and Evidence from Japan” (with Takeshi Iida, Tetsuya Matsubayashi, and Michiko Ueda), *Japanese Journal of Political Science* 16(1), pp. 5-31, 2015.
- “The Boy who Cried Bubble: Public Warnings against Riding Bubbles” (with Kozo Ueda), *Economic Inquiry* 52(3), pp. 1137-1152, 2014.

Book

Analyzing Electoral Promises with Game Theory, London: Routledge, 2021.

Others

“Book Review: Seijikeizaigaku de yomitoku seifu no kōdō: Abenomikusu no riron bunseki (The Political Economy of Government’s Choices: Theoretical Analysis on Abenomics),” *Social Science Japan Journal* 22(1), pp.163-166, 2019.

“Japan's political dynasties fail the porky test” (with Takeshi Iida, Tetsuya Matsubayashi and Michiko Ueda), *East Asia Forum*, 16 April 2015.

In Japanese

Books

Ikasu Game Riron (How to Use Game Theory), 2023, Yuhikaku (with Fumitoshi Moriya and Dai Zusai).

Game Riron de Kangaeru Seizigaku: Formal Model Nyumon (Formal Models of Politics), 2018, Yuhikaku.

Seizi no Suuri-bunseki Nyumon (An Introduction to Formal Political Theory), 2016, Bokutaku-sya.

Papers

“Jyouhou no Hitaisyousei Baburu: Sono Riron to Zikken (Asymmetric Information Bubble: Theory and Experiments),” *Keizai Kenkyu* 71(1), 2020.

“Mutouhyou Senjyo no Suuri-seizigaku (Game Theoretical Analysis on Uncontested Elections),” *Toshi Mondai* 110-7, 2019.

“Rironteki-koken to Zissyouteki-koken no trade-off: suuri-seizigaku no shiten kara (Theoretical vs. Empirical Contributions in Formal Political Analysis: A Tradeoff),” *Kokyo-sentaku* 67, pp. 66-84.

“Seizi-Keizaigaku no Shin-tenkai: Tyuui-touhyousya Teiri wo Megutte (A Survey on Political Economy: Beyond the Median Voter Theorem),” *Kinyu-kenkyu* 30-4, pp.83-124, 2011.

Award and Honors

Waseda Departmental Teaching Award (Behavioral Economics), Aug. 2022.
Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research C (Number: 20K01734), Apr. 2020- Mar. 2024
Grant-in-Aid for Young Scientists B (Number: 17K13755), Apr. 2017- Mar. 2020
Waseda Presidential Teaching Award (Behavioral Economics), Sep. 2015.
Grant-in-Aid for Young Scientists B (Number: 26780178), Apr. 2014- Mar. 2017
Grant-in-Aid for Young Scientists (Start-up) (Number: 24830095), Sep. 2012- Mar. 2014
Anna Morris Ely award for excellence in teaching, Dept. of Economics, UW-Madison, 2008
Distinguished Teaching Assistant Award, UW Madison, Fall 2007 and Spring 2008
University Housing's Favorite Instructor Awards, UW Madison, Spring 2007 and Fall 2007
Taro Yamane Project Assistantship, UW Madison, Fall 2004 and Spring 2005
The Nakajima Foundation, Fall 2004 - Spring 2009
Presidential Award, Keio University, 2001

Presentations

80th Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 2023
Virtual Formal Theory Workshop. January 2023
The 25th Experimental Social Science Conference, Nagano, October 2022
Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society in East and South-East Asia, Tokyo, August 2022
Japanese Economic Association Spring Meeting, Keio University, June 2022
Greater Fool Bubbles Seminar, January 2022
The 24th Experimental Social Science Conference, online, January 2022
The Public Choice Society, Louisville, March 2019.
Waseda-Irvine Conference, Irvine CA, October 2018.
BEAM-ABEE Workshop, Amsterdam, August 2018.
The Public Choice Society, New Orleans, March 2017
The 2017 Asia-Pacific Meeting of the Economic Science Association, Taipei, February 2017.
Annual Meeting of the Japanese Political Science Association, Tokyo, October 2014.
Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington DC, August 2014
The Public Choice Society, Charleston, March 2014
The 2013 Meeting of the European Public Choice Society, Zurich, April 2013

10th Biennial Pacific Rim Conference (Western Economic Association), Tokyo, March 2013
 Frontiers of Empirical and Mathematical Political Science Workshop, Tokyo, January 2013
 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, New Orleans, August 2012
 Conference of Center for Advanced Research in Finance, Tokyo University, March 2012
 Annual Meeting of the American Economic Association, Chicago IL, January 2012
 Japanese Economic Association Autumn Meeting, Tsukuba University, October 2010
 The Public Choice Society, San Antonio TX, March 2011.
 Frontiers of Empirical and Mathematical Political Science Workshop, Tokyo, January 2011
 Summer Workshop on Economic Theory 2010, Hokkaido University, August 2010
 Japanese Economic Association Spring Meeting, Chiba University, June 2010
 The 2010 Meeting of the Union of Research Activity Groups, Japan Society for Industrial and Applied
 Mathematics, March 2010
 Game Theory Workshop 2010, Kyusyu University, March 2010
 Frontiers of Empirical and Mathematical Political Science Workshop, Tokyo, January 2010
 Japanese Economic Association Autumn Meeting, Senshu University, October 2009
 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, September 2009
 Contract Theory Workshop Summer Conference, Hokkaido University, August 2009
 Logic, Game Theory, and Social Choice 6, Tsukuba, August 2009
 Far East and South Asia Meeting of the Econometric Society, Tokyo, August 2009
 The Fifteenth Decentralization Conference, Tokyo, August 2009
 North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society, Boston, June 2009
 The Society of Social Choice and Welfare, Montreal, June 2008

 University of Tokyo, February 2011, and July 2019.
 Tohoku University, June 2019.
 Keio University, January 2010, October 2011, and May 2018
 Osaka University, December 2010, October 2016
 Chuo University, September 2016
 Sophia University, Dec. 2014
 Waseda University, Jun. 2008, Nov. 2009, Jul. 2010, Jan. 2012 and Dec. 2013
 Models and Data Group, Dept. of Political Science, UW-Madison, September 2012
 Kyusyu University, March 2012
 Yokohama City University, November 2011

Political Economy Colloquium, Dept. of Political Science, UW-Madison, September 2008 and March 2011
Institute of Developing Economies, JETRO, September 2010
Tsukuba University, September 2010
Nagoya University, June 2010
Yokohama National University, April 2010
Hitotsubashi University, June 2007, June 2008 and January 2010
IMES, Bank of Japan, February 2009 and January 2010
Hokkaido University, December 2009
Hosei University, November 2009
International Relation Colloquium, Dept. of Political Science, UW-Madison, April 2009
Dept. of Economics, UW-Madison, March 2007, October 2007, October 2008, March 2009

Teaching Experience

Undergraduate:

public choice (in English and Japanese), game theory (in English), behavioral economics (in English), Introduction to statistics (in English)

Graduate School of Economics:

game theory (in English), political economy (in English)

Graduate School of Political Science:

Introduction to formal models (in English)