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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

Political Economy (Public Choice), Formal Political Theory, Applied Game Theory

Published Papers

- “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.

Working Papers

- “(A)symmetric Information Bubble: Experimental Evidence” (with Yukihiro Funaki, Kozo Ueda, and Nobuyuki Uto)
- “Condorcet Winner and Political Ambiguity”
- “Guiding the Economy toward the Targeted Inflation Rate: An Evolutionary Game Theory Approach” (with Tatsushi Okuda)

Others

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

In Japanese

Book

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

“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

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

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

2012 Annual Meeting of the American Economic Association, Chicago IL, January 2012

2011 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

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

2009 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

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

University of Tokyo, February 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 (Sophia Univ. 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)

Refereeing

American Political Science Review, Applied Economics, Economics and Politics, Japan and the World Economy, Japanese Economic Review, Journal of Mathematical Economics, Journal of Politics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Public Economic Theory, Journal of Regional Science, Journal of Theoretical Politics, Political Behavior, Public Choice