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Scholarly interests: political economy, political development, peace and conflict, and research methods.

Academic Positions

2024- Assistant Professor, *Hiroshima University*, Higashi-hiroshima, Japan
International Economic Development Program,
Joint Degree Program in Sustainable Development,
Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences
Graduate School of Innovation and Practice for Smart Society

2023-2024 Postdoctoral Fellow in Peace and Conflict Research, *Norwegian University of Science and Technology*, Trondheim, Norway

2021-2023 Postdoctoral Fellow, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, *Tohoku University*, Sendai, Miyagi, Japan

2020-2021 Visiting Assistant Professor, *Texas A&M University at Qatar*, Doha, Qatar

Education

2020 PhD Political Science, *Texas A&M University*, College Station, TX

2015 EITM Summer Institute, *University of Michigan*, Ann Arbor, MI

2015 MA Political Science (ABD), *University at Buffalo, SUNY*, Buffalo, NY

2014 ICPSR Summer Program, *University of Michigan*, Ann Arbor, MI

2012 MA Political Science, *Ball State University*, Muncie, IN

2011 MPA SPEA, *Indiana University*, Bloomington, IN

Peer Reviewed Publications

11 (2025) "Political and Economic Protests in Authoritarian Regimes' (with Kana Inata and Masaaki Higashijima). *Public Choice*. https://doi.org/10.1007/s11127-025-01316-y.

10 (2025) "Foreign faith and rising state: An examination of state-building dynamics in late 16th-century Japan" (with Minzhao Wang and Weiwen Yin). *Political Science Research and Methods*. https://doi.org/10.1017/psrm.2025.10023.

9 (2025) "Democracy and State Development: Patterns of Public Spending in the First Two Waves of Democratization" (with Masaaki Higashijima). *Comparative Political Studies* 58(11): 2436–2472. https://doi.org/10.1177/00104140241302723.

8 (2025) "Fiscal Conditions for Multiparty Elections in Dictatorships." *Journal of Peace Research* 62(2):230-245. https://doi.org/10.1177/00223433231196608.

7 (2023) "Field Research When There's Limited Access to the Field: Lessons from Japan" (with Kenya Amano et al.) *PS: Political Science and Politics*, 56(1):99-105. https://doi.org/10.1017/S1049096522000932.

6 (2022) "Structured Stability Spending in Late Modern Empires: Japan, Germany, Ottoman State, and Brazil." *Journal of Historical Political Economy* 2(2):363-389. http://dx.doi.org/10.1561/115.00000033.

5 (2022) "Political Centralization, Career Incentives, and Local Economic Growth in Edo Japan" (with Weiwen Yin). *Explorations in Economic History* 85(101446):1-15. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.eeh.2022.101446.

4 (2022) "Women & Digital Government in Rural India: Extending TAM with User Assisted Service" (with Suparna Soni). *Information Polity* 27(1):59-78. https://doi.org/10.3233/IP-200302

3 (2021) "Institutional Development and the Dowry Death Curve Across States in India" (with Suparna Soni). *Journal of International Development* 33(6):1026–1042. https://doi.org/10.1002/jid.3549.

2 (2018) "Why Do Democracies Accept More or Less Foreign Direct Investment? A Meta-Regression Analysis" (with Quan Li and Erica Owen). *International Studies Quarterly* 62(3):494-504. https://doi.org/10.1093/isq/sqy014.

1 (2017) "Critical Consciousness and Schooling: The Impact of the Community as a Classroom Program on Academic Indicators" (with D.G. Luter and H.L. Taylor). *Education Sciences* 7(1):1-25. https://doi.org/10.3390/educsci7010025.

In Progress

"Decentralization and Instability"

"Support for Protest and Regime Change in Bangladesh."

"Political Appointments, Rule of Law, and Economic Development: A Formal Model"

"Late Modern Central Government Finance: A New Global Dataset (with Masaaki Higashijima).

"How Digital Governance Improves Trust and Perceptions of Corruption: eMitra in Rajasthan, India" (with Suparna Soni).

"Financial Instability and Political Development in the Late Modern and Contemporary Periods."

"A Model of Fiscal Conditions for Multiparty Elections in Dictatorships"

Grants and Awards

2025 KAKENHI Grant-in-Aid for Early-Career Scientists - ¥ 5 million ($\approx \$34,000$).
Title: How to Build Policy Compliance and Political Stability in JICA Partner Countries: Devolution in Kenya, Project 25K16555. *Japan Society for the Promotion of Science.*

2024 IDEC Institute Young Researchers Grant - ¥$4000,000$ ($\approx \$2,700$)
Title: How to Build Policy Compliance and Political Stability in JICA Partner Countries: The Potential for Devolution in Bangladesh. *Hiroshima University.*

2021 KAKENHI Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research - ¥$1,600,000$ ($\approx \$14,000$).
Title: Comparative Political Economy of Modern and Historical Autocracies: Meiji Japan and Beyond, Project 21F21008. *Japan Society for the Promotion of Science*

2018 Fall Travel Award - $500.00
Organization of Graduate and Professional Students. *Texas A&M University.*

2016 Outstanding Audience Member - $300.00
Summer research presentations, Dept. of Political Science. *Texas A&M University.*

2015 Professional Development Award - $532.00
Graduate Student Employees Union. *University at Buffalo SUNY.*

Conference, Seminar, and Invited Presentations

APSA 2016, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021

MPSA 2012, 2019, 2023, 2024

SPSA 2019, 2021

ISA 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

JSQPS S2022, W2024, W2025

Misc. University at Buffalo 2013, EITM 2015, Political Methodology 2015, UCLA 2016, University of Houston 2016, Public Choice Society 2018, Texas Comparative Politics Circle 2020 and 2021, Asian Political Methodology and Australian Society for Quantitative Political Science 2021, Asian Politics Online Seminar Series 2021, DVPW Kongress 2021, and Japan Politics Online Seminar Series 2022, PIPE Symposium on the Political Economy of Empire 2022, Tohoku University Workshop on Authoritarian Politics 2022, Virtual Workshop on Historical Political Economy 2023, Academia Sinica 2023, Hiroshima University 2024

Book Chapters, Reviews, and Non-Peer Reviewed Publications

2013 Review of *The Political Ecology of the Metropolis: Metropolitan Sources of Electoral Behaviour in Eleven Countries* by J.M. Sellers, D. Kübler, M. Walter-Rogg, and R.A. Walks, eds. *The Cyberhood*.

Teaching Experience as Faculty/Instructor

2024 *Graduate School of Innovation and Practice for Smart Society*, *Hiroshima University*
Arts & Science for Evidence-Based Decision Making

2024 *Department of Sociology and Political Science*, *Norwegian University of Science and Technology*
Comparative Politics

2020-2021 *Liberal Arts Program, Texas A&M University at Qatar*
American National Government
State and Local Government (5 sections)

2019-2020 *Dept. Political Science, Texas A&M University*
Empirical Democratic Theory (2 sections)

2014-2105 *Dept. Political Science, University at Buffalo SUNY*
Environmental Politics (2 sections)
Introductory Statistics for Social Science

Advising

2024-2025 Graduate, *Hiroshima University*
Fouzia Siddiqua (JDS Bangladesh)
Sudip Dahal (JDS Nepal)
Mukami Mwihaki (JDS Kenya)

2024 Undergraduate, *Norwegian University of Science and Technology*
Malin Sofie Åsvall
Kristoffer Benjamin Løge
Else Marie Brobakken

Teaching Experience as a Graduate Assistant

2014-2105 *Dept. Political Science, Texas A&M University*
Game Theory
Introduction to Political Science Research

2013-2014 *Dept. Political Science, University at Buffalo SUNY*
American Politics
International Relations Problems
American Foreign Policy
Intermediate Statistics for the Social Sciences (graduate)

Departmental Service

2024 Moderator

Honorary Doctorate Ceremony for the US Ambassador to Japan, Rahm Emanuel, *Hiroshima University*, Japan

2024 Mentor
Japan Society for the Promotion of Science Summer Conference, *Kochi University of Technology*, Japan

2024 Discussant and Chair
MPSA Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, USA

2024 Discussant
Violence, Instability, and Peace (VIP) Workshop (Online)

2024 Discussant
Violence, Instability, and Peace (VIP) Workshop (Online)

2023 Discussant and Chair
MPSA Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, USA

2022 Discussant
Elections, Nationalism and Violence in Developing Countries: From Perspectives of Survey Experiments and Quantitative Text Analysis, *Tohoku University*, Sendai, Japan

2020-2021 Events and Outreach Committee
Liberal Arts Program, *Texas A&M University at Qatar*, Doha, Qatar

2021 Panel Chair and Discussant
Asian PolMeth and the Australian Society for Quantitative Political Science.

2021 Panel Chair
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, Washington.

2018-2019 Graduate Student Mentor
Dept. of Political Science, *Texas A&M University*, College Station, TX

2016-2017 Co-representative
Graduate and Professional Student Council, *Texas A&M University*, College Station, TX

2016 Mentor
AGPCC Mentorship program, *Texas A&M University*, College Station, TX

2015 Co-Coordinator
Economics and Politics Symposium, *University at Buffalo, SUNY*, Buffalo, NY

2014-2015 Treasurer
Department of Political Science Graduate Student Association, *University at Buffalo, SUNY*, Buffalo, NY

2012 Panel Discussant
EU and World Relations Panel. European Union and World Politics Conference, *University at Buffalo SUNY*, Buffalo, NY

2011 Conference Committee and Panel Co-coordinator
4th Annual International Public Affairs Association Spring Conference, *Indiana University*, Bloomington, IN

Skills: LaTex, Stata, R, Mathematica, ArcGIS.
Languages: English (native), Japanese (beginner)

September 20, 2025