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Academic Appointments and Affiliations

Assistant Professor, Waseda Institute for Advanced Study, **Waseda University**, Japan, 2019-present

Associate, Weatherhead Research Cluster on Comparative Inequality and Inclusion,
Harvard University, 2018-2019

Postdoctoral Fellow, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, **Harvard University**, 2018-2019

Education

Ph.D., Political Science, **The University of Chicago**, 2018

Dissertation: "Democracy Without Redistribution: The Sense of Injustice, Perceived Inequality, and Preferences for Redistribution in East Asia"

- **Winner of the 2019 Human Capital and Economic Opportunity Global Working Group (HCEO) Dissertation Prize**, Department of Economics, University of Chicago

Committee: Dan Slater (Chair), Michael Albertus, Cheol-Sung Lee

M.P.P. (Master in Public Policy), **Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard University**, 2010

B.A., Political Science and International Relations, **Korea University**, 2006

Research Interests

Comparative Political Economy; Capitalism and Democracy; Political Origins and Consequences of Economic Inequality; Injustice; Political Attitudes and Behavior; Asian Politics

Book Manuscript

Judging Inequality. Book conference held at Harvard University in June, 2019.

Research

Working Papers

1. "Income Inequality, a Sense of Injustice, and Redistribution" (under review)
2. "Understanding the Causes of Inequality Perceptions" (under review)
3. "How the East and West Judge Income Inequality"

Work-In-Progress

1. "Inequality, Nationalism, and Democratic Discontent"
2. "Making Sense of the Mixed Attitudes Toward Redistribution and Taxation"
3. "Religious Beliefs and Preferences for Redistribution in Buddhist Asia"

Book Chapters

1. "Does Inequality Matter In Japan?" 2022 (expected). In *Japan Decides 2021: The Japanese General Election*, Pakkanen, Robert J., Steven R. Reed, and Daniel M. Smith (eds.) Palgrave MacMillan.

Awards, Fellowships, and Grants

Grant-in-Aid for Early-Career Scientists. "Judging Inequality in Politics: How the Sense of Injustice and Perceived Inequality Influence Politics." Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, 2020-2023 (Principal Investigator, \$41,600)

Waseda University Grant for Special Projects, Waseda University, 2020, 2021 (\$7,000)

Winner, Human Capital and Economic Opportunity Working Group (HCEO) Dissertation Prize, 2019 (the first non-economics Ph.D. to win the prize)

Michael and Ling Markovitz Dissertation Fellowship (one of the University's most honorific fellowships awarded to 1-2 students in the Social Sciences Division), University of Chicago, 2017-2018 (\$54,821)

Center for East Asian Studies Dissertation Fellowship, University of Chicago, 2016-2017 (\$24,000)

Toyota Dissertation Research Fellowship in Japanese Studies, University of Chicago, 2015-2016 (\$23,000)

Grodzins Prize Lectureship, University of Chicago, 2016 (\$5,000)

Japan Student Services Organization Scholarship, Japanese Ministry of Education, 2015 (\$1,600)

Social Sciences Division Overseas Dissertation Research Grant, University of Chicago, 2015 (\$3,000)

Center for East Asian Studies Pre-Dissertation Research Grant, University of Chicago, 2012-2014 (\$6,000)

William J. and Myrtle N. Hawley Scholarship, University of Chicago, 2011-2012

Conference Presentations and Invited Talks

Conferences

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (APSA): 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (ASA): 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018

International Political Economy Society (IPES): 2016

International Political Science Association World Congress (IPSA): 2016

International Studies Association Annual Convention (ISA): 2020 (canceled)

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (MPSA): 2015, 2019, 2020 (canceled)

Social Science History Association Annual Meeting (SSHA): 2016

Invited Talks and Seminars

2021: University of Michigan (scheduled); Harvard University (Japanese Politics Online Seminar Series, scheduled); Seoul National University (Graduate School of International Studies)

2020: Yale-NUS College (Philosophy, Politics, and Economics); Ewha Womans University (Institute of Politics); Waseda University (Waseda Institute for Advanced Study)

2019: University of Chicago (Department of Economics); National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), Japan (GRIPS Seminar Series in Economics); University of Chicago (Comparative Politics Workshop, East Asia Workshop); Harvard University (Program on U.S.-Japan Relations Seminar)

2018: Harvard University (Weatherhead Forum, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs); Singapore Management University (Department of Political Science)

2017: University of Tokyo (Institute of Social Science)

Teaching

School of Political Science and Economics, Waseda University, Japan, 2020-2021, 2021-2022

- Quantitative Analysis

Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies, Waseda University, Japan, 2020-2021, 2021-2022

- Introduction to International Political Economy

Grodzins Prize Lecturer, Department of Political Science, University of Chicago, 2016

- PLSC 21006 Political Economy of Inequality

Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of Chicago, 2013-2015

- PLSC 28901 Introduction to Comparative Politics (Monika Nalepa)

- PLSC 22200 Introduction to Political Economy of Development (Alberto Simpser)

- PLSC 27815 Politics and Public Policy in China (Dali Yang)

Professional Experience

Consultant, Department of Political Affairs, United Nations Headquarters, New York, 2009

Research Associate, East-West Center, Honolulu, 2008

Public officer (contract-term), Policy Planning Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Korea, 2005-2006

Other Skills

Languages: French, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin Chinese, and Spanish

Software: STATA, R, ArcGIS, ATLAS.ti, L^AT_EX