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APPOINTMENTS

2015~ University of Tokyo

Professor, Institute of Social Science, 2019~

Associate Professor, Institute of Social Science, 2015~2018

2018~2019 Oxford University

Visiting Fellow, Nuffield College and St. Antony's College

2008~2015 University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science Faculty Associate, Center for Japanese Studies

2011 European University Institute

Visiting Fellow, Department of Political and Social Sciences

2006~2008 Stanford University

Lecturer, Division of International, Comparative, and Area Studies

2005~2006 Harvard University

Post-Doctoral Fellow, Program on US-Japan Relations

EDUCATION

1999~2005 Stanford University

Ph.D. in Political Science (Aug 2005)

Committee: Daniel Okimoto (Chair), Anne Wren, Alberto Diaz-Cayeros, Beatriz Magaloni

1995~1999 Princeton University

A.B. in the School of Public and International Affairs (June 1999)

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Japanese politics; constitutional design; political economy; parties and elections

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & SERVICE

Editor-in-Chief, Social Science Japan Journal, Apr 2021~

Board Member, UTokyo Center for Contemporary Japanese Studies, Apr 2020~

Director for International Affairs, Japanese Political Science Association, Oct 2022~

Co-Chair, Japan Political Studies Group, American Political Science Association, Sep 2020~

International Editorial Board: Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties

BOOKS & BOOK PROJECTS

2024 『パンデミックと社会科学―ポストコロナから見えてくるもの』勁草書房(編:加藤晋,田中隆一,ケネス・盛・マッケルウェイン)

- Pandemics and Social Science: Insights from Post-COVID Japan. Keisō Shobō (co-edited with S. Cato and R. Tanaka)

2022『日本国憲法の普遍と特異―その軌跡と定量的考察』千倉書房

- The Universality and Originality of the Japanese Constitution in Quantitative Perspective. Chikura Shobō
- Winner of the 44th Ishiban Tanzan Book Award (2023)
- Winner of the 34th Asia-Pacific Award Special Prize (2022)

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In Progress: Gaming Elections: Institutional Manipulation for Political Survival

ARTICLES

- (21) Forthcoming "Constitutional Design Preferences: An Experimental Approach" International Journal of Constitutional Law (with S. Eshima, A. Takahashi, and C. Winkler)
- (20) 2024 "Public Preference for International Law Compliance: Respecting Legal Obligations or Conforming to Common Practices?" Review of International Organizations 19, 63-93 (with S. Kuzushima and Y. Shiraito) https://doi.org/10.1007/s11558-023-09487-3
- (19) 2023 "Narrative Premiums in Policy Persuasion" *Political Psychology* 45.2, 383-405 (with K. Kawata and M. Nakabayashi) https://doi.org/10.1111/pops.12928
- (18) 2023 "Explaining Public Support for Gender Quotas: Sexism, Representational Quality, and State Intervention in Japan" Politics & Gender, 19(3): 781-805 (with M. Miura and T. Kaneko) https://doi.org/10.1017/S1743923X22000617
- (17) 2022 "The Clash of Traditional Values: Opposition to Female Monarchs" European Political Science Review, 15(2), 291-310. (with G. Liu and Y. Shiraito) doi:10.1017/S1755773922000418
- (16) 2022 "Mobile health technology as a solution to self-control problems: The behavioral impact of COVID-19 contact tracing apps in Japan" *Social Science and Medicine*, Vol 306 (Aug) 115142 (with S. Cato, T. Iida, K. Ishida, A. Ito, H. Katsumata, M. Shoji) https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2022.115142
- (15) 2022 "Vaccination and altruism under the COVID-19 pandemic" *Public Health in Practice*, Vol 3 (June) (with S. Cato, T. Iida, K. Ishida, A. Ito, H. Katsumata, M. Shoji) https://doi.org/10.1016/j.puhip.2022.100225
- (14) 2022「新型コロナウイルス感染症に関する壮年パネル調査ー概要と記述統計分析ー」『社会科学研究』第 73 巻第 2 号, 95–125. (with 飯田高, 石田賢示, 伊藤亜聖, 勝又裕斗, 加藤晋, 庄司匡宏) https://jww.iss.u-tokyo.ac.ip/jss/pdf/jss7302_095125.pdf
- (13) 2021 "Prosociality and the Uptake of COVID-19 Contact Tracing Apps: Survey Analysis of Intergenerational Differences in Japan" *JMIR mHealth and uHealth*, Vol 9(8) (with S. Cato, T. Iida, K. Ishida, A. Ito, H. Katsumata, M. Shoji) https://doi.org/10.2196/29923
- (12) 2021 "Variations in Early-Stage Responses to Pandemics: Survey Evidence from the COVID-19 Pandemic in Japan" Economics of Disasters and Climate Change (with S. Cato, T. Iida, K. Ishida, A. Ito, M. Shoji) https://doi.org/10.1007/s41885-021-00103-5
- (11) 2021 "Social media infodemics and social distancing under the COVID-19 pandemic: Public good provisions under uncertainty" Global Health Action 14:1 (with S. Cato, T. Iida, K. Ishida, A. Ito, H. Katsumata, M. Shoji) https://doi.org/10.1080/16549716.2021.1995958
- (10) 2021 "The Proposer or the Proposal? An Experimental Analysis of Constitutional Beliefs" *Japanese Journal of Political Science* 22(1):15-39 (with S. Eshima and C. Winkler) https://doi.org/10.1017/S1468109921000025
- (9) 2021 "The bright and dark sides of social media usage during the COVID-19 pandemic: Survey evidence from Japan" *International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction* 54:102034 (with S. Cato, T. Iida, K. Ishida, A. Ito, H. Katsumata, M. Shoji) https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijdrr.2020.102034
- (8) 2020 "When Candidates Are More Polarised than Voters: Constitutional Revision in Japan" *European Political Science* 19:528-539. https://doi.org/10.1057/s41304-020-00270-1
- (7) 2020 "Social distancing as a public good under the COVID-19 pandemic" *Public Health* 188:51-53 (with S. Cato, T. Iida, K. Ishida, A. Ito, M. Shoji) https://doi.org/10.1016/j.puhe.2020.08.005
- (6) 2015 "Who Tolerates Tax Increases? Age and Gender in the Raising of Japanese Consumption Taxes" *Journal of Social Science*. 67:75-96 (with G.W. Noble) https://jww.iss.u-tokyo.ac.jp/jss/pdf/jss6702_075096.pdf
- (5) 2015「株価か格差か: 内閣支持率の客観的・主観的要因」『レヴァイアサン』 57 号, 72-95 "Inequality or Growth? Subjective Economic Beliefs and Government Approval in Japan" *Leviathan* 57 (Oct) https://www.kennethmcelwain.com/files/ugd/d28431_d78d4d73ca8e46ab93c0b6f7ccb12795.pdf
- (4) 2015 "What's Unique About the Japanese Constitution? A Comparative and Historical Analysis" *Journal of Japanese Studies* 41(2):249-280 (with C. Winkler) http://www.jstor.org/stable/43917706

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 - Reprinted: 2013 K.E. Kushida and P.Y. Lipscy, eds. *Japan Under the DPJ: The Politics of Transition and Governance*. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center, Stanford University Press
- (2) 2011 "Party Democratization and the Salience of Party Leaders" Journal of Social Science 62.1 (with M. Umeda) http://jww.iss.u-tokyo.ac.jp/jss/pdf/jss6201 173193.pdf
- (1) 2008 "Manipulating Electoral Rules to Manufacture Single-Party Dominance" American Journal of Political Science 52(1):32-47. http://www.jstor.org/stable/25193795
 - Reprinted: 2018 Robert Pekkanen, ed. Critical Readings on the Liberal Democratic Party in Japan, Volume 1. Brill

BOOK CHAPTERS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- (22) 2024「国民の政治意識の変遷」編:加藤晋、田中隆一、ケネス・盛・マッケルウェイン『パンデミックと社会 ―ポストコロナから見えてくるもの』勁草書房, 25-43 (with 澁谷遊野)
- (21) 2024「政府要請による社会的信念の変化」編:加藤晋,田中隆一,ケネス・盛・マッケルウェイン『パンデミッ社会科学―ポストコロナから見えてくるもの』勁草書房,44-60 (with 加藤晋,飯田高,石田賢示,伊藤亜聖)
- (20) 2024「信頼される「専門家」の特性」編:加藤晋、田中隆一、ケネス・盛・マッケルウェイン『パンデミック会科学―ポストコロナから見えてくるもの』勁草書房,85-104 (with 近藤絢子)
- (19) 2024 "Constitutional Revision—Why It Failed." In Y. Funabashi and K. Nakakita, eds. Critical Review of the Abe Administration: Politics of Conservatism and Realism. Routledge, 212-232
- (18) 2023 "Japan: Manipulating (On) the Margins" in N. Tan and K. Templeman, eds. Electoral Malpractice in Asia: Bending the Rules. Lynne Rienner Publishers, 27-42 (with T. Yoshikawa)
- (17) 2023 "Constitutional Revision in the 2021 Election" in R. J. Pekkanen, S. R. Reed, and D. Smith, eds. *Japan Decides 2021*. Palgrave Macmillan, 319-331. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-11324-6 21
- (16) 2022 "Constitutional Politics in the Post-Abe Era: Institutional and Political Hurdles" Nippon.com (Oct 19, 2022) https://www.nippon.com/en/in-depth/d00847/constitutional-politics-in-the-post-abe-era-institutional-and-political-hurdles.html
- (15) 2022「憲法改正―なぜ実現できなかったのか」アジア・パシフィック・イニシアティブ編『検証 安倍政権 ―保守とリアリズムの政治』文藝春秋,346-383
- (14) 2021 『日本の民主主義の再評価:第1回パネル討論「日本の民主主義の現状」報告書』日本国際交流文化センター(with 竹中治堅, 高安健将, 谷口尚子) https://www.jcie.or.jp/japan/report/activity-report-14215/
- (13) 2021 "The Japanese Constitution" in *The Oxford Handbook of Japanese Politics*, R.J. Pekkanen and S.M. Pekkanen, eds. Oxford University Press, 23-40. https://doi.org/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780190050993.013.12
- (12) 2020 "2.2 Studying Japanese political behaviour and institutions" in N. Kottmann and C. Reiher, eds. Studying Japan: Handbook of Research Designs, Fieldwork and Methods. Baden-Baden: Nomos, 68-71
- (11) 2020 "The Perils and Virtues of Constitutional Flexibility: Japan's Constitution and the Liberal International Order" in Y. Funabashi and J. Ikenberry, eds. *The Crisis of Liberal Internationalism: Japan and the World Order*. Brookings Institution Press, 303-323. https://www.jstor.org/stable/10.7864/j.ctvbnm3nv.13
- (10) 2020 "Japan and the Liberal International Order: A Survey Experiment" in Y. Funabashi and J. Ikenberry, eds. *The Crisis of Liberal Internationalism: Japan and the World Order.* Brookings Institution Press, 359-376 (with A. Liff). https://www.jstor.org/stable/10.7864/j.ctvbnm3nv.15
- (9) 2019「危機に対応できる憲法とは一安定性と適応性の間で」『危機対応学の社会科学(上)一想定外を超えて』編: 玄田有史・飯田高. 東京大学出版会, 49-65.
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- (6) 2017「日本国憲法の特異な構造が改憲を必要としてこなかった」『中央公論』 2017 年 5 月号 "Why the Constitution of Japan has Not Required Amendments", Chuō Kōron May 2017
- (5) 2017「世界中の憲法との比較で見えた日本国憲法の特徴と普遍的価値」『Journalism』2017年5月号

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- "Fundamental Attributes of the Constitution of Japan in Comparative Perspective", Journalism May 2017
- (4) 2016 "Did Abe's Coattails Help the LDP Win?" in R.J. Pekkanen, S.R. Reed, and E. Scheiner, eds. Japan Decides 2014, Palgrave Macmillan, 103-117. https://doi.org/10.1057/9781137552006_9
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- (2) 2014 "Party System Institutionalization in Japan" in A. Hicken and E.M. Kuhonta, eds. Party System Institutionalization in Asia: Democracies, Autocracies, and Shadows of the Past, Cambridge University Press, 74-107. doi:10.1017/CBO9781107300385.004
- (1) 2007 "Parties and Voters in Industrial Democracies" in C. Boix and S. Stokes, eds., Oxford Handbook of Comparative Politics, Oxford University Press, pp. 555-581 (with A. Wren) https://doi.org/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780199566020.003.0023

WORKING PAPERS

Under Review. "The Double-Bind Between Candidate Quality and Local Ties: A Conjoint Analysis of Voter Heuristics" (with E. Gagnon and F. Ikeda) R&R at Journal of Politics

Under Review. "Generational Differences in Economic Perspectives" (with T. Matsumoto, K. Okada, and J. Kato) R&R at Electoral Studies

Under Review. "Asymmetric Effects of Economic News: A Quasi-Experimental Approach" (with T. Matsumoto)

"How Global Standards Influence Public Support for Gender Quotas: An Experimental Analysis" (with T. Kaneko and M. Miura)

"Does Learning from Nationalistic Textbooks Make People Nationalistic? Difference-in-Difference Analysis of Yokohama City" (with S. Cato and A. Igarashi)

"Good News or Bad News? Political Social Media Messaging During the 2020 Olympics" (with E. Gagnon and Y. Shibuya)

"Constitutional Origins in Asia: Chronology, Proximity, or History?"

"Constitutional Evolution: When are Constitutions Amended Versus Replaced?" (with J. Clipperton)

TEACHING

Comparative Constitutional Design (Undergraduate, Graduate) Contemporary Japanese Politics (Undergraduate, Graduate) Japan and the World (Undergraduate) Comparative Politics Field Seminar (Graduate) Comparative Political Parties and Elections (Graduate)

AWARDS / GRANTS

2023~2026: JSPS 23H00775 How the Mass Public and Political Elites View Reforms to Political Institutions. Principal Investigator (¥18,330,000)

2017~2020: JSPS 17H02478 The Political Economy of Deflation: Prices, Public Opinion, and Governance. Principal Investigator (¥17,550,000)

2017 東京大学卓越研究員 / University of Tokyo Excellent Researcher Award (¥6,000,000)

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association; Association of Asian Studies; International Political Science Association, International Society for Public Law; Japanese Association for Comparative Politics; Japanese Association of Electoral Studies; Japanese Political Science Association; 全国憲法研究会

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