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## **EDUCATION / APPOINTMENTS**

- 2019- *University of Tokyo (Japan)*  
Professor, Institute of Social Science
- 2018-19 *Oxford University (UK)*  
Visiting Fellow, Nuffield College and St. Antony's College
- 2015-2019 *University of Tokyo (Japan)*  
Associate Professor, Institute of Social Science
- 2008-2015 *University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (USA)*  
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science  
Faculty Associate, Center for Japanese Studies
- Sep-Dec 2011 *European University Institute (Italy)*  
Visiting Fellow, Department of Political and Social Sciences
- 2006-2008 *Stanford University (USA)*  
Lecturer, Division of International, Comparative, and Area Studies
- 2005-2006 *Harvard University, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs (USA)*  
Post-Doctoral Fellow, Program on US-Japan Relations
- 1999-2005 *Stanford University (USA)*  
Ph.D. in Political Science (Aug. 2005)  
Committee: Daniel Okimoto (Chair), Anne Wren, Alberto Diaz-Cayeros, Beatriz Magaloni
- 1995-1999 *Princeton University (USA)*  
A.B. in the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs (June 1999)
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## **PUBLICATIONS**

- Forthcoming*. "The Perils and Virtues of Constitutional Flexibility: Japan's Constitution and the Liberal International Order." In Yoichi Funabashi and John Ikenberry, eds. *Revival of the Liberal International Order: Japanese Leadership in the Asia Pacific*. Brookings Press
- Forthcoming*. "Japan and the Liberal International Order: A Survey Experiment." In Yoichi Funabashi and John Ikenberry, eds. *Revival of the Liberal International Order: Japanese Leadership in the Asia Pacific*. Brookings Press (with Adam Liff)
2018. "Constitutional Revision in the 2017 Election", In Robert J. Pekkanen, Steven R. Reed, Ethan Scheiner, and Daniel Smith, eds. *Japan Decides 2017: The Japanese General Election*. Palgrave Macmillan
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』中央公論新社 2017年5月号  
- "Why the Constitution of Japan has Not Required Amendments", *Chuo Kōron* May 2017
2017. 「世界中の憲法との比較で見た日本国憲法の特徴と普遍的価値」『Journalism』朝日新聞社 2017年5月号  
- "Fundamental Attributes of the Constitution of Japan in Comparative Perspective", *Journalism* May 2017
2016. "Did Abe's Coattails Help the LDP Win?" in Robert J. Pekkanen, Steven R. Reed, and Ethan Scheiner, eds. *Japan Decides 2014: The Japanese General Election*, Palgrave Macmillan (pp. 103-117)
2015. "Who Tolerates Tax Increases? Age and Gender in the Raising of Japanese Consumption Taxes." *Journal of Social Science*. 67: 75-96 (with Gregory W. Noble)

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 of Growth? Subjective Economic Beliefs and Government Approval in Japan”, *Leviathan* 57 (Oct)
2015. “What’s Unique About the Japanese Constitution? A Comparative and Historical Analysis”, *Journal of Japanese Studies* 41.2 (with Christian Winkler)
2014. “Party System Institutionalization in Japan”, in Allen Hicken and Erik M. Kuhonta, eds. *Party System Institutionalization in Asia: Democracies, Autocracies, and Shadows of the Past*, Cambridge University Press (pp. 74-107)
2014. “Parties and Elections in Japan”, in ed. James Babb, *Handbook of Japanese Studies*, SAGE Publications
2013. Book Review of Frances R. Rosenbluth and Michael F. Thies, Japan Transformed: Political Change and Economic Restructuring, Princeton University Press, for *Perspectives on Politics* 10(4): 1111-1113
2012. "The Nationalization of Japanese Elections." *Journal of East Asian Studies* 12 (3):323-50.  
 - Reprinted: 2013. (ed.) Kenji E. Kushida and Phillip Y. Lipsky, *Japan Under the DPJ: The Politics of Transition and Governance*. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center, Stanford University Press
2011. “Party Democratization and the Salience of Party Leaders”, *Journal of Social Science* 62.1 (with Michio Umeda)
2009. *Political Change in Japan: Electoral Behavior, Party Realignment, and the Koizumi Reforms*, Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center, Stanford University Press (co-edited with Steven Reed and Kay Shimizu)
2008. “Manipulating Electoral Rules to Manufacture Single-Party Dominance”, *American Journal of Political Science* 52.1
2007. “Parties and Voters in Industrial Democracies”, in Carles Boix and Susan Stokes, eds., *Oxford Handbook of Comparative Politics*, Oxford University Press: Oxford, UK (with Anne Wren)
2007. “Explaining Suboptimal Institutional Frameworks: The Effect of Intra-Party Conflict on Electoral Rule Stasis in Japan”, *Occasional Paper Series of the Program on US-Japan Relations*, Harvard University: Cambridge, MA

### **WORKING MANUSCRIPTS / CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

*Book Manuscript: Gaming Elections: Institutional Manipulation for Political Survival*

- "The Proposer or the Proposal? Estimating Attitudes Towards Constitutional Amendment in Japan." Presented at the 2019 APSA Annual Meeting, Washington DC, USA (with Christian Winkler and Shusei Eshima)
- “Constitutional Origins in Asia: Chronology, Proximity, or History?” Presented at the 2018 ECPR General Conference, Hamburg, Germany
- “Why Do Government Deficits Prevail? A Survey Experiment on Budget Making” Presented at the 2018 APSA Annual Meeting, Boston, USA (with Tomoko Matsumoto and Junko Kato)
- “Generational Differences in Economic Perceptions: Postwar Japan in Historical Context” Presented at the 2018 IPSA Annual Meeting, Brisbane, Australia (with Tomoko Matsumoto, Junko Kato, and Kensuke Okada)
- “Endurance of Japanese Attitudes Towards Foreign Countries” Presented at the 2018 Multicultural Democracy Conference, Kyushu University, Fukuoka, Japan
- “Free and/or Fair? How Japanese Courts Rule on Election Campaign Regulations” Presented at the 2017 APSA Annual Meeting, San Francisco, USA (with Tomoshi Yoshikawa)
- “Constitutional Evolution: When are Constitutions Amended Versus Replaced?” Presented at the 2014 MPSA Annual Meeting (with Jean Clipperton)
- “The Nationalization of Japanese Elections and the Amplification of Electoral Volatility”, Prepared for the 2013 Meeting of the Japanese Association of Electoral Studies (with Michio Umeda)

### **AWARDS / GRANTS**

2017-2021: Kakenhi B 17H02478 *The Political Economy of Deflation: Prices, Public Opinion, and Governance*. Principal Investigator (¥13,500,000)

2017 東京大学卓越研究員 / University of Tokyo Excellent Researcher

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**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Journal Editorial Board: *Social Science Japan Journal*; *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties*; *Japan Political Science Review*

Manuscript Referee: *American Political Science Review*; *American Journal of Political Science*; *Journal of Politics*; *Legislative Studies Quarterly*; *World Politics*; *Journal of Japanese Studies*; *Journal of Asian Studies*; *Electoral Studies*; *Journal of East Asian Studies*

Association Memberships: American Political Science Association; Association of Asian Studies; Midwest Political Science Association; 日本政治学会; 日本選挙学会; 比較政治学会; 全国憲法研究会