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## EDUCATION

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<b>University of Toronto</b> , Ph.D. in Political Science ( <i>in progress</i> )	2020-
Fields: Comparative Politics, Public Policy Dissertation: “The Populist Challenge to Democracies in Real and Nominal Terms” Committee: Yusaku Horiuchi, Phillip Y. Lipsy (chair), Lynette Ong	
<b>Columbia University</b> , M.A. in Regional Studies: East Asia	2017-2018
<b>National University of Singapore</b> , B.A. (Hons) in Japanese Studies and Economics	2013-2017
<b>Keio University</b> , International Exchange Program	2015-2016

## AFFILIATIONS

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Dec 2023-. Associate, Centre for the Study of Global Japan, University of Toronto.  
May - Jul 2024. Adjunct Lecturer, International Centre, Gakushuin University.  
Jan - Apr 2024. Visiting Research Fellow, Institute of Social Science, University of Tokyo.

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Populism and democratic backsliding, political parties, comparative policy processes, Japanese politics

## PUBLICATIONS AND WORKING PAPERS

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“Supporting Variability in Women’s Lifestyles: A Study of Single-Motherhood Transition in South Korea and Japan.”  
*Journal of Asian Public Policy* 12, no. 2 (2019): 125–43. (with Jennifer So). [peer-reviewed article]

“Institutional Racism in International Relations” (with Phillip Y. Lipsy). Revise and Resubmit at *International Organization*.

- Presentations: Oxford Research Colloquium, APSA, PIPC

“Clarifying the Threat of Populism: Place and Party Organizational Strength.”

- Presentations: JSAC, JSQPS, JPOSS, MPSA, CPSA, Hiroshima University, Kobe University
- Award: Klaus Pringsheim Student Award (JSAC)

“Stabilizing the Pursuit of Policy Discretion: A Comparative Study of Policy Processes.”

- Presentations: ISA, JSQPS

## OTHER WRITING

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2020. “Will the Poor get Poorer After the Pandemic?” *NUS Social Service Research Centre Snippet* 4:10-18. (with Timothy Teoh, Irene Y.H. Ng, Gillian Peck, and Neo Yu Wei).

## RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

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Aug 2, 2024. Kobe Political Science Seminar, Kobe University.  
Jul 16, 2024. International Economic Development Program Seminar Series, Hiroshima University.  
Jul 7, 2024. The Japanese Society for Quantitative Political Science (JSQPS) Summer Meeting.  
Jun 14, 2024. Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA) Annual Conference.

Apr 6, 2024. Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference.  
Apr 3, 2024. International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention.  
Feb 1, 2024. The Japanese Politics Online Seminar Series (JPOSS).  
Jan 8, 2024. The Japanese Society for Quantitative Political Science (JSQPS) Winter Meeting.  
Dec 15, 2023. The University of Toronto Comparative Politics Workshop.  
Sep 30, 2023. Japan Studies Association of Canada (JSAC) Annual Conference.  
Jul 8, 2023. Pacific International Politics Conference (PIPC) (with Phillip Y. Lipsky).  
Sep 16, 2022. American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting (with Phillip Y. Lipsky).  
Feb 24, 2022. University of Oxford IR Research Colloquium (with Phillip Y. Lipsky).  
Sep 16, 2020. Global Social Policy course, Columbia School of Social Work.

## FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

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2024 - 2025. NUS Development Grant, National University of Singapore.  
2024. Chris Matthews International Graduate Student Scholarship, University of Toronto.  
2023 - 2024. Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund (SYLFF) Research Grant.  
2023 - 2024. Japan Foundation Fellowship Program.  
2023. Summer Methods Funding (ICPSR), University of Toronto.  
2021. Tan Ean Kiam Postgraduate Scholarship, Tan Kah Kee Foundation.  
2020-. University of Toronto Fellowship (Tuition and Stipend).  
2020. International Student Recruitment Award, University of Toronto.  
2020. Political Science Department Admission Award, University of Toronto.  
2017 - 2018. Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship, Columbia University.  
2017. Valedictorian, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore.

## SERVICE

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2022-. Student Assistant, Japanese Politics Online Seminar Series (JPOSS). [[jposs.org](http://jposs.org)]  
2022-2023. Founding Co-editor. Student-run e-Magazine *Otherwise*. [[Issue One](#)] [[Issue Two](#)]

- *Funded by the University of Toronto Political Science Department and the Asian Institute at the Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy*
- *Received the 2022-23 Asian Institute Richard Charles Lee Student Leadership Award*

2021. Co-organizer. Panel Discussion: “Community in Conversation: Anti-Extractivism and Food Sovereignty.”

- *Funded by the University of Toronto Political Science Department’s Fund for Building an Anti-Racist University*

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Course Instructor, Gakushuin University

Spring 2024. Contemporary Japan and Society (with Takako Hikotani).

### Teaching Assistant, University of Toronto

Winter 2021-2024. Japanese Politics (Phillip Y. Lipsky).

Fall 2023. Political Analysis I (Renan Levine).

Fall 2023; AY2022-23. Undergraduate Methods (Geoff Dancy; Randy Besco).

Fall 2022. Democracy in Theory and Practice (Justin N. Bumgardner).

Fall 2021. Introduction to Quantitative Reasoning I (Kenichi Ariga).

Summer 2021. Writing Development Initiative.

Winter 2021. Democracy in the Social Media Age (Ronald Deibert).

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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Feb - Aug 2020. Research Intern, NUS Social Service Research Centre, Singapore.  
Sep - Dec 2019. Fall Research Intern, Asia Society Policy Institute, New York.  
Jun 2018 - Dec 2019. Assistant Correspondent, the Mainichi Newspapers (New York Bureau).  
Jan - Jun 2016. International Division Intern, Japan NPO Center, Tokyo.

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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<b>Languages</b>	English (native), Mandarin Chinese (native), Japanese (fluent)
<b>Programming Languages</b>	R, Python
<b>Markup Languages</b>	L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X, HTML, Markdown

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