

Curriculum Vitae

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My research interests include party systems, elections, and ethnopolitics in European countries. In doctoral dissertation and monograph, I investigated how electoral competitions among ethnic majority parties affect public policies and the political actions by ethnic minority groups, with statistical analysis in the Central and Eastern European countries and in-depth comparative case studies in the two Baltic republics –Estonia and Latvia. Some of my past works paid attention to anti-immigrant sentiments in post-Communist Europe. My current project evaluates the effect of electoral vicinity and party mobilizations onto peoples sense national attachment, national pride, and related political feelings. As extensions of my research interest onto party politics and elections, I have several journal articles and chapters about voter participation, electoral management, intra-party politics, and so on. These made me accumulate experiences to direct and organize original survey poles in several countries. My researches offer broader implications for the considerations about nation-building and ethnic issues in the democratic political processes.

Professional Appointments

2016-present: Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, The University of Kitakyushu
2014-16: Assistant Professor, College of Law and Politics, Rikkyo University.
2012-14: Research Associate, School of Political Science and Economics, Waseda University,
2010-12: Research Fellow, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS).
2009-10: Research Associate, Global Centre of Excellence program, Waseda University

Education

2012 Doctor of Political Science, Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan.
2008 MA in Political Science, Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan.
2006 BA in Politics, St.Paul (Rikkyo) University, Tokyo, Japan.

Research Grants (as PI)

JSPS Grant-in-Aid for Young Scientist “Empirical Study of the Rise of Far-Right, Xenophobia, and Electoral Mobilization in Europe,” 2017-2020, ¥2,730,000.
The University of Kitakyushu Special Research Grant “Comparative Analysis of Effect of Federal System Elections onto National Identities,” 2018-2019, ¥650,000.
JSPS Grant-in-Aid for Young Scientist “Comparative Empirical Analyses of Mobilization and National Identity Formation in the New Democracies,” 2013-2017, ¥4,160,000.
MEXT Japan Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research on Innovative Areas “Party politics and economic issue in the Baltic States (and CEE countries)” 2014-2016, ¥1,430,000
Waseda University Grant for Special Research “Comparative Analysis of Intra-Party Democracy in New Democracies,” 2013-2014, ¥270,000.
Waseda University Grant for Special Research “Micro-data Analysis about Voting Behavior in Central and Eastern European Countries,” 2012-2013, ¥300,000.
JSPS Grant-in-Aid for JSPS Fellows “Comparative Analysis of Minority Questions and Party System in CEE Countries: the Baltic States,” 2010-2012, ¥1,400,000
JSPS Grant-in-Aid for Research Activity Start-up “Comparative Analysis of Minority Questions and Party System in CEE Countries: the Baltic States,” 2009-2010, ¥741,000

Academic Community Service

Board, International Political Science Association, Research Committee “Politics and Ethnicity” 2016-present.
International Advisory Board, *Journal of the Baltic Studies*, 2017-present.
Board, Japan Association for Comparative Politics (JACP) 2018-present.
Editorial, Japanese Association of Electoral Studies (JAES) 2015-2017.
Convenor: JACP 2015-2016, JAES 2018-present.

Publications

[Monograph]

Democracy and Ethnic Problems: The Comparative Politics of Central and Eastern European Countries and the Baltic States, Keiso Shobo, 2015, ISBN: 9784326302390 (in Japanese)

[Journal Articles] (selected)

“Does Electoral Proximity Enhance National Pride? Evidence from Monthly Surveys in a Multi - ethnic Society - Latvia” *Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism*, 18(3), 262-280. 2018.

“Attitudes toward Visible Migrants in the Baltic States: An Empirical Analysis with Social Survey Data,” *Journal of Law and Political Science*, 45(3/4), 2018.

“Is Solidarity a Long Way Off? Explaining Divergent National Positions towards Refugee-Sharing in the midst of the EU's Refugee Crisis,” (with Takeda, Ken) *Journal of Inter-Regional Studies: Regional and Global Perspectives*, 1(1), 2018.

“Critical Trust in European Institutions: The Case of the Russian-speaking Minorities in Estonia and Latvia,” (with Cianetti, Licia) *Problems of Post-Communism*, 64(5), 276-290, 2017.

“Explaining the Fate of Ethnic Minority Parties: An Analysis across Seventeen Post-Communist Countries” *Journal of Law and Political Science*, 44(3/4), 2017.

“An Opportunity for Backing Down: Looking for an Electoral Connection to Audience Costs,” (with Yasui, Kiyotaka) *Japanese Journal of Political Science*, 17(2), 168-189, 2016.

“Elections, Ethnic Parties, and Ethnic Identification in New Democracies: Evidence from the Baltic States,” (with Higashijima, Masaaki) *Studies in Comparative International Development*, 51(2), 124-146, 2016.

“The Influence of Party Competition on Minority Politics: A Comparison of Latvia and Estonia,” *Journal on Ethnopolitics and Minority Issues in Europe*, 13(1), 57-85, 2014.

“Two Types of Anti-immigrant Sentiments in Europe: Empirical Analysis of Racism and Xenophobia,” *Leviathan*, 62, 2018 [In Japanese]

“Europeans’ Attitude towards Sharing Asylum-Seekers: An Analysis of the Effects of Euroscepticism,” (with Takeda, Ken) *Kokusai Seiji (International Relations)*, 190, 49-64, 2018, [In Japanese]

“Electoral Campaign and Internet Voting in Estonia,” *Ajiken World Review*, 251, 2016. [in Japanese]

“Democratization and Ethnopolitics in Central and Eastern Europe: An Perspectives for Political Liberalization in Asia,” *Waseda Asia Review*, 18, 78-81, 2016 [In Japanese]

“Determinant Factors of Voting Participation in Central and Eastern Europe: An Analysis of Individual-level Data” *Japanese Journal of Electoral Studies*, 30(1), 113-127, 2014 [in Japanese]

“Nationality Laws and Political Elites’ Incentives: A Panel Data Analysis of Central and Eastern European Countries,” *Leviathan*, 51, 146-167, 2012 [In Japanese]

[Chapter in Edited Volumes] (selected)

“Lithuania and Latvia: Extreme Cases of E(Im)migration Issues in CEE Countries,” in M. Okabe ed. *International Migration and the EU: How does European Integration Matter to the EU Borders?*, Horitsu Bunkasha, 2016. ISBN: 9784589037732, [in Japanese] I

“Constitutions,” “Elections and Party System,” “Domestic Politics and Diplomacy,” “Politicians,” in S. Shima ed. *47 Chapters to Understand Latvia*, Akashi Publishing, 2016. ISBN: 9784750343617 [in Japanese]

“Democratic Party Leadership Selection in Japan and Taiwan” (with Kubo, Keiichi, and Yohei Narita) in G. Sandri, S. Seddone, & F. Venturino eds. *Party Primaries in Comparative Perspective*, Ashgate, 2015. ISBN: 9781472450388

“Democratic Party Competition and Ethnopolitics: Statistical Analysis in 10 CEE countries,” in K. Kubo & M. Kohno eds. *Comparative Politics of Democratization and Elections*, Keiso Shobo, 2013. ISBN: 9784326302161 [in Japanese]

Research skills

Software: STATA, SPSS, Origin, xMaxima

Language: Japanese [native], English [fair], Latvian[usable], Russian [basic knowledge]