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APPOINTMENTS

- 2015~ University of Tokyo (Japan)
Professor, Institute of Social Science, 2019~
Associate Professor, Institute of Social Science, 2015~2018
- *2024~2025 Columbia University (USA)
Visiting Professor, Department of Political Science, School of International and Public Affairs,
and Weatherhead East Asian Institute
- *2018~2019 Oxford University (UK)
Visiting Fellow, Nuffield College and St. Antony's College
- 2008~2015 University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (USA)
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science
Faculty Associate, Center for Japanese Studies
- *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 (USA)
Post-Doctoral Fellow, Program on US-Japan Relations

EDUCATION

- 1999~2005 Stanford University (USA)
Ph.D. in Political Science (Aug 2005)
- 1995~1999 Princeton University (USA)
A.B. in the School of Public and International Affairs (June 1999)

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Japanese politics; constitutional design; political institutions; parties and elections; political economy; international law; political psychology; survey experiments

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & SERVICE

Editor-in-Chief, *Social Science Japan Journal*, Apr 2021~
Board Director, Japanese Political Science Association, Oct 2024~
Executive Committee, International Political Science Association, Jul 2025~

Secretariat Director for International Affairs, Japanese Political Science Association, Oct 2022~Oct 2024
Co-Chair, Japan Political Studies Group, American Political Science Association, Sep 2020~Sep 2024
Board Member, UTokyo Center for Contemporary Japanese Studies, Apr 2020~Mar 2024
Member, U.S.-Japan Network for the Future, The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation, 2012~2014
International Editorial Board: *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties*

BOOKS & BOOK PROJECTS

Forthcoming. *Japan Decides 2024: The Japanese General Election*. Palgrave Macmillan (co-edited with R.J. Pekkanen and D.M. Smith)

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)

2009. *Political Change in Japan: Electoral Behavior, Party Realignment, and the Koizumi Reforms*, Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center, Stanford University Press (co-edited with S.R. Reed and K. Shimizu)

In Progress: *Gaming Elections: Institutional Manipulation for Political Survival*

ARTICLES

- (23) Forthcoming. “The Double-Bind Between Candidate Quality and Local Ties: A Conjoint Analysis of Voter Heuristics” *The Journal of Politics* (with E. Gagnon and F. Ikeda)
- (22) 2024. “Constitutional Design Preferences: An Experimental Approach” *International Journal of Constitutional Law* 22(3), 680-709 (with S. Eshima, A. Takahashi, and C. Winkler) <https://doi.org/10.1093/icon/moae052>
- (21) 2024. “Generational Differences in Economic Perspectives” *Electoral Studies* 91, 102830 (with T. Matsumoto, K. Okada, and J. Kato) <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.electstud.2024.102830>
- (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－概要と記述統計分析－」『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)
- "ISS Panel Survey on the COVID-19 Pandemic (2020): Overview and Descriptive Analysis" *Journal of Social Science* 73(2): 95-125 (with T. Iida, K. Ishida, A. Ito, H. Katsumata, S. Cato, M. Shoji)
- https://jwww.iss.u-tokyo.ac.jp/jss/pdf/jss7302_095125.pdf
- (13) 2022. "Variations in Early-Stage Responses to Pandemics: Survey Evidence from the COVID-19 Pandemic in Japan" *Economics of Disasters and Climate Change* Vol. 6, 235-258 (with S. Cato, T. Iida, K. Ishida, A. Ito, M. Shoji) <https://doi.org/10.1007/s41885-021-00103-5>
- (12) 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):e29923 (with S. Cato, T. Iida, K. Ishida, A. Ito, H. Katsumata, M. Shoji) <https://doi.org/10.2196/29923>
- (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>
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- (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>
- (3) 2012. "The Nationalization of Japanese Elections" *Journal of East Asian Studies* 12(3):323-50.
doi:10.1017/S1598240800008055
- 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://jwww.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>

BOOK CHAPTERS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- (27) 2025. 「日本の民主主義の現状」 編：竹中治堅『民主主義の再評価』楽工社 (with 高安健将, 谷口尚子)
- “The Current State of Democracy in Japan.” In T. Harukata, ed. *Reevaluating Democracy*. Rakkousha. (with K. Takayasu and N. Taniguchi)
- (26) 2025. 「憲法典」 編：日本比較政治学会『比較政治学辞典』丸善出版, 394-395
- “National Constitutions.” In Japanese Association of Comparative Politics, ed. *Dictionary of Comparative Politics*. Maruzen Publishing, 394-395.
- (25) 2024. 「日本国憲法の構造的柔軟性—比較憲法データからの示唆」 編：江島晶子『講座 立憲主義と憲法学〔第6巻〕 グローバルな立憲主義と憲法学』信山社, 第9章, 211-229 (with C. Winkler)
- “The Structural Flexibility of the Japanese Constitution — Insights from Comparative Constitutional Data.” In A. Ejima, ed. *Lectures on Constitutionalism and Constitutional Law [Vol. 6]: Global Constitutionalism and Constitutional Law*. Shinzansha, Chapter 9, 211-229 (with C. Winkler)
- (24) 2024. “Mass-Elite Discrepancy over Foreign Policy: Constitutional Revision in Japan.” In J. Shim, ed. *Mass-Elite Representation Gap in Old and New Democracies: Critical Junctures and Elite Agency*. University of Michigan Press, 196-220. <https://doi.org/10.3998/mpub.12776814>
- (23) 2024. 「クオータ制の支持基盤—誰がなぜ支持するのか?—」 編：三浦まり『ジェンダー・クオータがもたらす新しい政治』法律文化社, 202-22 (with 三浦まり, 金子智樹)
- “Support Base for Quotas — Who Supports Them and Why?” In M. Miura, ed. *The New Politics Brought About by Gender Quotas*. Hōritsu Bunka Sha, 202-220 (with M. Miura and T. Kaneko).
- (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科学—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)
- “Changes in the Public’s Political Awareness.” In S. Cato, R. Tanaka, and K.M. McElwain, eds. *Pandemics and Social Science: Insights from Post-COVID Japan*. Keisō Shobō, 25-43 (with Y. Shibuya)
- (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, 44-60 (with 加藤晋, 飯田高, 石田賢示, 伊藤亜聖)
- “Changes in Social Beliefs Due to Government Requests.” In S. Cato, R. Tanaka, and K.M. McElwain, eds. *Pandemics and Social Science: Insights from Post-COVID Japan*. Keisō Shobō, 44-60 (with S. Cato, T. Iida, K. Ishida, and A. Itō).
- (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『パンデミックと社会科学—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)
- “Characteristics of Trusted ‘Experts’.” In S. Cato, R. Tanaka, and K.M. McElwain, eds. *Pandemics and Social Science: Insights from Post-COVID Japan*. Keisō Shobō, 85-104 (with A. Kondo)
- (19) 2024. “Constitutional Revision—Why It Failed.” In Y. Funabashi and K. Nakakita, eds. *Critical Review of the Administration: Politics of Conservatism and Realism*. Routledge, 212-232. <https://doi.org/10.4324/978100342794>
- (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」 編：アジア・パシフィック・イニシアティブ『検証 安倍政権—保守とリアリズムの政治』文藝春秋, 346-383
- “Constitutional Amendment — Why Could It Not Be Achieved?” In Asia Pacific Initiative, ed. *Evaluating the Abe Administration: Politics of Conservatism and Realism*. Bungei Shunjū, 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/>
- Report: “Japan’s Democracy: Lessons and Reflections 1 | The Current State of Japan’s Democracy.” Japan Center for International Exchange. (with H. Takenaka, K. Takayasu, and N. Taniguchi)
- (13) 2021. “The Japanese Constitution.” In R.J. Pekkanen and S.M. Pekkanen, eds. *The Oxford Handbook of Japanese Politics*, 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—安定性と適応性の間で」 編：玄田有史・飯田高『危機対応学の社会科学（上）—想定外を超えて』東京大学出版会, 49-65.
- “What Kind of Constitution Can Respond to Crises? — Between Stability and Adaptability.” In Y. Genda and T. Iida, eds. *The Social Sciences of Crisis Thinking (Vol. 1): Beyond the Unexpected*. University of Tokyo Press, 49-65.
- (8) 2018. “Constitutional Revision in the 2017 Election.” In R.J. Pekkanen, S.R. Reed, E. Scheiner, and D. Smith, eds. *Japan Decides 2017*. Palgrave Macmillan, 297-312. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-76475-7_16
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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た日本国憲法の特徴と普遍的価値」 『Journalism』 2017年5月号
- “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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<https://doi.org/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780199566020.003.0023>
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WORKING PAPERS

- Under Review*. "When International Organizations Help Domestic Leaders Avoid Blame for Unpopular Policies" (with S. Kuzushima, Y. Shiraito, and I. Umeyama)
- Under Review*. "Asymmetric Effects of Economic News: A Quasi-Experimental Approach" (with T. Matsumoto)
- Under Review*. "Does Learning from Nationalistic Textbooks Make People Nationalistic? Difference-in-Difference Analysis of Yokohama City" (with S. Cato and A. Igarashi)
- Under Review*. "How Global Standards and Knowledge Influence Public Support for Gender Quotas: An Experimental Analysis" (with T. Kaneko and M. Miura)
- "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)
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TEACHING

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