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EDUCATION

University of Maryland

Ph.D. student, Economics

College Park, MD

August 2024 -

University of Tokyo

M.A., Economics

B.A., Economics

Tokyo, Japan

March 2023

March 2021

PUBLICATIONS

Self-Learning at the Right Level, COVID-19 School Closure, and Non-cognitive Abilities

(with Mahmud Minhaj, Yasuyuki Sawada, and Mai Seki) 2025, *Economics of Education Review*

WORKING PAPERS

The Impact of Cartels on Productivity: A Concrete Example from Japan (with Satoshi Imahie, Masahiro Nishida, and Yasutora Watanabe)

Still Biased?: A Remaining Classical Selection Problem of RCTs in Education (with Hikaru Kawarazaki, Mahmud Minhaj, Yasuyuki Sawada, and Mai Seki) 2022, CREPEDP-121

Rise and Fall of New Technology: Quasi-experimental Evidence from a Developing Country (with Yasuyuki Sawada and Sachiko Miyata) 2022, CREPEDP-120

WORK IN PROGRESS

Knowledge Spillovers and Strategic Network Formation

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Maryland

Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics

College Park

2025

- ECON687: Economics Applications of R Programming
(Professor Christopher P. Adams , Fall 2025)

University of Tokyo

Instructor, Graduate School of Economics

Tokyo, Japan

2023

- Math Camp (Optimization Theory)

Teaching Assistant, Graduate School of Economics

2022 – 2023

- Microeconomics II (Professor Michihiro Kandori, Fall 2023)

- Foundation of Development Economics (Professor Yasuyuki Sawada, Spring 2021, Fall 2022)

<i>Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics</i>	2021 – 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Microeconomics II (Professor Hitoshi Matsushima, Fall 2022) • Econometrics I (Professor Ryo Okui, Fall 2022) • Development Economics I (Professor Yasuyuki Sawada, Spring 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2024) • Development Economics II (Professor Yasuyuki Sawada, Spring 2022) 	
<i>Teaching Assistant, Graduate School of Public Policy</i>	2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development Economics: Microeconomic Approach (Professor Yoshito Takasaki, Spring 2022) 	
<i>Teaching Assistant, College of Arts and Sciences</i>	2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modern Economic Theory (Professor Yasutora Watanabe, Spring 2023) 	

PRESENTATIONS

2025: University of Maryland

2024: Conference on Network Science and Economics, International Industrial Organization

Conference, EARIE, Workshop on Networks and Development

2023: Asian Society of Agricultural Economists, Summer Workshop on Economic Theory

2022: Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society in East and South-East Asia, Japan Economic

Association, Asian Economic Development Conference, IRSAs International Conference,

Japanese Association for Development Economics Young Conference

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, and AWARDS

ITO Scholarship Awards for Japanese Students, ITO Foundation	2024 – 2026
Research Fellowship for Young Scientists DC1, JSPS	2023 – 2024
World-leading Innovative Graduate Study for Advanced Economics, UTokyo	2022 – 2023