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PhD Student at University College London  
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## Research Fields

Economics of Education, Economics of Crime, Development Economics, Labour Economics, and Applied Econometrics

## Education

PhD in Economics, University College London, 2021-  
Advisers: Imran Rasul and Aureo de Paula

MRes in Economics, University College London, 2020-2021

Adviser: Gabriella Conti

Thesis “Long-term Effects of an Elite School on Health in Adulthood: A Lesson from the United Kingdom”

Doctor in Economics, University of Tokyo, 2019- (On Leave)

Adviser: Shintaro Yamaguchi

GPA: 4.0/4

Master of Arts in Economics, University of Tokyo, 2017-2019

Adviser: Hidehiko Ichimura

Thesis: “Revealing the Hidden Mechanism: the Effects of Early Childhood Education and Care After Half a Century.”

GPA: 4.0/4

Bachelor of Arts in Economics, University of Tokyo, 2013-2017

Adviser: Yasuyuki Sawada

Thesis: “An Application of Hotelling’s Model: Asymmetric Barriers with Distance and Utility Caps.”

GPA (major/senior): 4.0/4.3, GPA (overall): 3.8/4.3

## Research

### Publications

1. “Early Childhood Education and Care: Effects After Half a Century and their Mechanisms” *Journal of Population Economics* (2022).
2. “Haste Makes No Waste: Positive Peer Effects of Speed Competition on Classroom Learning.” (2023, with Mahmud Minhaj, Yasuyuki Sawada, and Mai Seki) CIRJE Discussion Paper, CIRJE-F-1127 (Center for International Research on the Japanese Economy, University of Tokyo). *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics* (forthcoming).

### Working Papers

1. “Fighting the Learning Crisis in Developing Countries: A Randomized Experiment of Self-Learning at the Right Level.” (2022, with Mahmud Minhaj, Yasuyuki Sawada, and Mai Seki) CREPE Discussion Paper, CREPEDP-128 (Center for Research and Education in Program Evaluation, University of Tokyo). *R&R at Economic Development and Cultural Change*.
2. “Somebody Else’s Problem: Which Information Drives (or Does Not Drive) Policy Changes.” (2022, with Kei Ikegami) SSRN Working Paper.

### Other Working Papers

1. “Welfare-deteriorating Construction of Public Infrastructure.” (2019) SSRN Working Paper No. 3395197 (<http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.3471021>).
2. “Still Biased? A Remaining Classical Selection Problem of RCTs in Education.” (2022, with Mahmud Minhaj, Yasuyuki Sawada, Mai Seki, and Kazuma Takakura) CREPE Discussion Paper, CREPEDP-121 (Center for Research and Education in Program Evaluation, University of Tokyo).

### Presentations (Referred: \*)

1. Asian and Australasian Society of Labour Economics 2022 Conference, University of Tokyo (December, 2022)\*
2. EdSkills Seminar, Institute for Fiscal Studies (June, 2022)
3. HCEO-NES-CREC Virtual Summer School on Socioeconomic Inequality 2021 (Moscow (online), July, 2021, poster)
4. HCEO-NES-CREC Virtual Summer School on Socioeconomic Inequality 2021 (Moscow (online), July, 2021, poster)
5. Japanese Association of Development Economics (Japan (online), April, 2021)\*
6. Summer Workshop on Economic Theory, Otaru University of Commerce (August, 2020)\*
7. Asian and Australasian Society of Labour Economics 2019 Conference, National University of Singapore (December, 2019)\*
8. Japanese Association of Development Economics, Young Researchers’ Conference (November, 2019)\*
9. Asian Development Bank (October, 2019)
10. University of the Philippines (October, 2019, invited)
11. Summer Workshop on Economic Theory, Otaru University of Commerce (August, 2019)\*
12. Hitotsubashi University (June, 2019, invited)
13. Japan Economic Association Semi-annual Meeting (June, 2019, poster)\*
14. Empirical Microeconomics Workshop (The 2nd CREPE Conference on Program Evaluation), the University of Tokyo. (March, 2019)\*

15. Microempirical Workshop, the University of Tokyo. (January, 2019)
16. Korea-Japan Inter University Conference, Seoul, Korea. (November, 2015)

## Working Experience / Other Affiliations

1. Guest Researcher, Center for Research and Education in Program Evaluation (CREPE), the University of Tokyo (December 2022 – January 2023, expected)
2. PhD Scholar, Institution of Fiscal Studies (IFS) (October 2021 – September 2024)
3. Consultant, Asian Development Bank, Economic Research and Regional Cooperation Department (January 2020)
4. Intern, Asian Development Bank, Economic Research and Regional Cooperation Department (August 2019 – November, 2019)
5. CREPE Trainee, Center for Research and Education in Program Evaluation (CREPE), the University of Tokyo (December 2017 – March 2020)

## Research Assistant

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| 2019      | Research Assistant for Shintaro Yamaguchi, an associate professor at the University of Tokyo.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 2017-2019 | Research Assistant for Hidehiko Ichimura: Writing program codes for the Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research(KAKEN)'s Grant-in-Aid for Specially Promoted Research: "Construction of Policy-Evaluation-Oriented and Heterogeneity-Sensitive National Transfer Accounts and their Application to Policies for Coping with Declining Fertility and Population Aging." |
| 2017      | Research Assistant for Yusuke Narita, an assistant professor at Yale University.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 2017      | Research Assistant for Masayuki Yagasaki and Makiko Nakamuro: A field staff of the field experiment in Japan for "Competitiveness, Risk Attitudes and the Gender Gap in Mathematics Achievement." (2018)                                                                                                                                                             |
| 2016      | Research Assistant for Yasuyuki Sawada: A field staff of the field experiment in the Philippines.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

## Grants, Awards, Scholarship

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| 2021-2024 | Economic and Social Research Council Studentship (MPhil/PhD)                                                                    |
| 2021-2024 | Japan Student Services Organization, Graduate Scholarship for Degree Seeking Students (MPhil/PhD, declined)                     |
| 2021-2022 | Great Britain Sasakawa Foundation Studentship (MPhil, declined)                                                                 |
| 2020-2022 | Japan-IMF Scholarship Program for Advanced Studies.                                                                             |
| 2020-2021 | Japan Student Services Organization, Graduate Scholarship for Degree Seeking Students (MRes)                                    |
| 2020-2022 | Keidanren Ishizuka Memorial Foundation Scholarship (Declined)                                                                   |
| 2020-2022 | Ito Foundation U.S.A.-FUTI Scholarship (Declined)                                                                               |
| 2020      | Research Fellow (DC2), Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JPSP)                                                        |
| 2017-2020 | CREPE Trainee (Scholarship Student) at Center for Research and Education in Program Evaluation (CREPE), the University of Tokyo |

## Teaching

- 2022-23 Teaching Assistant for Dennis Kristensen, Daniel Lewis, and Kirill Borusyak, Quantitative Economics and Econometrics (Undergraduate), Department of Economics, University College London (expected)
- 2021-22 Teaching Assistant for Dennis Kristensen, Kirill Borusyak, and Áureo de Paula, Quantitative Economics and Econometrics (Undergraduate), Department of Economics, University College London
- 2020 Teaching Assistant for Katsumi Shimotsu, Econometrics I (Graduate, Coursework), Graduate School of Economics, University of Tokyo
- 2019 Teaching Assistant for Katsumi Shimotsu, Econometrics I (Graduate, Coursework), Graduate School of Economics, University of Tokyo
- 2019 Teaching Assistant for Hidehiko Ichimura, Econometrics II (Graduate, Coursework), Graduate School of Economics, University of Tokyo
- 2019 Instructor of Computational Methods for Econometrics (Stata, for preparation for Econometrics Coursework)
- 2019 Teaching Assistant for Yasuyuki Sawada, Development Economics (Undergraduate), Faculty of Economics, University of Tokyo
- 2019 Teaching Assistant for Yasuyuki Sawada, Advanced Development Economics (Graduate), Faculty of Economics, University of Tokyo
- 2018-19 Teaching Assistant for Katsumi Shimotsu, Econometrics I and II (Graduate, Coursework), Graduate School of Economics, University of Tokyo
- 2018-19 Teaching Assistant for Yoshito Takasaki, Development Economics: Microeconomic Approach (Graduate), Graduate School of Economics / Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Tokyo
- 2018 Teaching Assistant for Takeshi Aida, Development Economics (Undergraduate), Faculty of Economics, University of Tokyo
- 2018 Instructor of Math Camp (Linear Algebra and Probability Theory, for incoming graduate students), University of Tokyo
- 2018 Instructor of Computational Methods for Econometrics (Stata and Python, for preparation for Econometrics Coursework)
- 2017 Teaching Assistant for Hiroyuki Yamada, Development Economics (Undergraduate), Faculty of Economics, University of Tokyo
- 2016-17 Junior Teaching Assistant for Yasuyuki Sawada, Seminar (Development Economics), Faculty of Economics, University of Tokyo

## Personal Information

Citizenship: Japanese

Date of Birth: December 1993

Language: Japanese (native), English (fluent), Italian (intermediate)

Computer Language: Stata, Matlab, R, Python, Fortran, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X