

# Scott Wilbur

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## Education

- 2017      **University of Southern California (USC)**  
(expected) **Ph.D. in Political Science and International Relations**  
Dissertation: *Creating Destruction: The Political Economy of Zombie Firms*  
(tentative title)  
Committee: Saori N. Katada (co-chair), Wayne Sandholtz (co-chair), David  
Kang, Pierrette Hondagneu-Sotelo  
Fields: Comparative Politics, International Political Economy, Methods
- 2011      **National Taiwan University (NTU)**  
**M.A. in Political Science**
- 2005      **Georgetown University (GU)**  
**B.S. in Foreign Service**  
Certificate in Social and Political Thought

## Research Interests

Government-business interaction in domestic and international politics and policy,  
especially in Japan and China

## Publications

Goto, Yasuo, and Scott Wilbur. Forthcoming. "Efficiency Among Japanese SME: In the  
Context of the Zombie Firm Hypothesis and Firm Size." *RIETI Discussion Paper*  
*Series*.

Katada, Saori N., and Scott Wilbur. 2016. "Japan's Stealth Decision 2014: The Trans-Pacific  
Partnership" in *Japan Decides 2014: The Japanese General Election*, Robert J.  
Peckanen, Steven R. Reed, and Ethan Scheiner, eds. London: Palgrave, 247-61.

## **Research in Progress**

Domestic Factors in Taiwan's PTA Pursuit (submitted)

Domestic Politics of International Norm Convergence in Donor Country Foreign Aid Policy

Trajectories of Public Finance Institutions in Germany and Japan

## **External Research Fellowships**

2015 – 2016 Fulbright Graduate Research Fellowship, Japan-U.S. Educational Commission

## **Fellowships, Scholarships, Grants & Awards**

2011 – 2017 Provost's Ph.D. Fellowship, USC

2016 American Political Science Association Annual Conference Travel Grant

2015 Award for Excellence in Teaching in Political Science, Center for Excellence in Teaching, Office of the Provost, USC

2012, 2013 & 2015 Summer Research Grant, ACE-Nikaido Fellowship, USC (three times)

2014 International Business Dissertation Award, Center for International Studies (CIS), USC

2014 Summer Research Grant, US-China Institute, USC

2013 Outstanding Student Leader Award, Graduate Student Government, USC

2012 & 2013 Sejong Society Research Grant, Korean Studies Institute, USC (twice)

2012 & 2013 Asia-Pacific Business Outlook Conference Award, CIS-Center for International Business Education and Research, USC (twice)

2010 – 2011 International Student Scholarship, College of Social Sciences, NTU

2008 – 2010 Taiwan Scholarship, Taiwan Ministry of Education

2007 – 2008 Chinese Enrichment Scholarship, Taiwan Ministry of Education

2003 – 2004 Association of International Education Japan Scholarship

## **Research Assistantships**

2013 Foreign Investment and Political Risk, Professor Benjamin Graham, USC

2012 – 2013 Foreign Aid, Professor Saori N. Katada, USC

2009 – 2011 Chinese and Japanese Nationalism, Professor Horng-luen Wang, Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica

## **Teaching Assistantships**

2015 POSC 110 Ideology and Conflict, Professor Anthony Kammas, USC

2014 POSC 120 Comparative Politics, Professor Diana Z. O'Brien, USC

2013 & 2014 POSC 265 Environmental Challenges, Professor Jefferey Sellers, USC

## **Fieldwork Experience & Institutional Affiliations**

- 2016 Visiting Scholar, Zhejiang University of Technology, China  
2015 – 2016 Visiting Scholar, Waseda University, Japan  
2014 Visiting Scholar, Institute of American Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences  
2013 – 2014 Fieldwork on Immigrant Investor Programs in Los Angeles, Toronto, Beijing and Taipei  
2012 Fieldwork on December 2012 General Election, Gifu City District 1, Japan  
2012 Visiting Scholar, Department of Regional Integration and Global Governance, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

## **Additional Training**

- 2014 Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University

## **Conference Presentations & Invited Talks**

- 2017 • Western Political Science Association Annual Conference  
“Unfinished Business: The Political Economy of Zombie Firms in Japan’s Lost Decades” (scheduled)
- 2016 • American Political Science Association Annual Conference  
“Selective Protectionism under Japan’s LDP: Evidence from Small Business Policies”
- University of Tokyo Institute of Social Science Ph.D. Kenkyukai  
“Creative Indestruction: An Institutional Explanation for ‘Zombie’ Small Businesses in Japan”
- Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference  
“The Politics of Small Business Policy in Japan”
- 2014 • International Studies Association-FLACSO Conference  
“Green Rush: Citizenship Light and FDI in Immigrant Investor Programs”
- Western Political Science Association Annual Conference  
“Rational Choice Institutionalism and Japan’s TPP Participation”
- International Studies Association Annual Conference  
“Japan’s Foreign Aid Policy: Is Japan No Longer a Mercantilist?”
- 2013 • American Association of Chinese Studies Annual Conference  
“Domestic Dilemmas in Taiwan’s Trade Policy”
- 2012 • Invited Talk for USC Center for Japanese Religions and Culture Lecture Series  
“The Great Tohoku Earthquake, One Year Later: A Discussion about Japan’s Path to Recovery based on Volunteer Experience”

- East-West Center Annual International Graduate Student Conference on the Asia-Pacific Region  
“Identity in Japan’s Opposition to the Trans-Pacific Partnership”
- 2011 • American Association of Chinese Studies Annual Conference  
“The Political Influence of Economic Dependence in Japan’s China Policy since the Koizumi Administration”
- 2010 • Invited Talk for Visiting Delegation of U.S. Congressional Staff, Department of Political Science, National Taiwan University  
“A TUFTA Nut to Crack: The Taiwan-U.S. Free Trade Agreement”
- International Forum for Contemporary Chinese Studies, Xi’an Jiaotong University  
“China’s Rise and Japan: Leaps and Limits in the Post-Cold War Relationship”
- Graduate Student Conference, Department of Diplomacy, National Chengchi University  
“Strategic Architecture in Northeast Asia: The China-Japan-U.S. Triangle”
- 2009 • American Association of Chinese Studies Annual Conference  
“Jiang Zemin’s Three Represents: The Importance of the Important Thoughts”
- University of Hong Kong Research Postgraduate Conference  
“Patterns of Political Succession in Contemporary China: The Cases of Hu Jintao and Xi Jinping”

## Languages

Japanese (Advanced)

Mandarin Chinese (Advanced)

Hokkien Chinese (Conversational)

Spanish (Latent)

## University & Public Service

2014 – 2015 Sponsor, RCIA, Holy Family Catholic Church, South Pasadena, California

2013 – 2014 Resident Assistant, Graduate Student Housing, USC

2013 Volunteer, Rikuzentakata Clean-Up Effort, DSP Japan

2012 – 2013 President, POIR Graduate Student Association, USC

2012 – 2013 Graduate Student Representative, School of International Relations, USC

2012 – 2013 Organizer, “Publishing in Political Science” Seminar Series, USC

2009 – 2013 Interviewer, Alumni Admissions Program, GU

2012 Organizer, Korean Studies Institute Graduate Student Symposium, USC

2012 Participant, PacForum CSIS Young Leaders China-US Relations Conference

2011 Volunteer, Minami Sanriku Clean-Up Effort, Caritas Japan

## **Non-Academic Experience**

2005 – 2008 Japanese Translator  
2005 Research Assistant, Office of the Provost, GU  
2003 Intern, RE/Search Publications  
2002 Intern, Korea Economic Institute  
2001– 2002 Work-Study Assistant, Office of International Programs, GU

## **Software**

STATA

## **Professional Memberships**

American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, International Studies Association

## **References**

Saori N. Katada, Ph.D. (Co-Chair)  
Associate Professor, School of International Relations, USC  
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Wayne Sandholtz, Ph.D. (Co-Chair)  
John A. McCone Chair in International Relations, USC  
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