

# Scott Wilbur

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## Position

2018 **École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales**  
**Banque de France Chair, Center for French-Japanese Advanced Studies**

## Education

2017 **University of Southern California (USC)**  
**Ph.D. in Political Science and International Relations**  
Dissertation: *Creating Destruction: The Political Economy of Zombie Firms*  
Committee: Saori N. Katada (co-chair), Wayne Sandholtz (co-chair),  
David Kang, Gerardo Munck, 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. 2017. "Efficiency Among Japanese SME: In the  
Context of the Zombie Firm Hypothesis and Firm Size." *RIETI Discussion Paper Series*  
123: 1-32.

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.  
Pekkanen, Steven R. Reed, and Ethan Scheiner, eds. London: Palgrave, 247-61.

## **Research in Progress**

Domestic Factors in Taiwan's Trade Policy (Revise and Resubmit)

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

Comparative Trajectories of Public Finance Institutions

## **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

## **Invited Talks & Selected Conference Presentations**

- 2018 • Banque de France (invited)
- 2017 • Waseda University: “Efficiency among Japanese SME: In the Context of the Zombie Firm Hypothesis and Firm Size”
- Hiroshima University: “Zombie SME in Japan”
- WPSA: “Unfinished Business: The Political Economy of Zombie Firms in Japan’s Lost Decades”
- 2016 • APSA: “Selective Protectionism under Japan’s LDP: Evidence from Small Business Policies”
- University of Tokyo: “Creative Indestruction: An Institutional Explanation for ‘Zombie’ Small Businesses in Japan”
- MPSA: “The Politics of Small Business Policy in Japan”
- 2014 • ISA-FLACSO: “Green Rush: Citizenship Light and FDI in Immigrant Investor Programs”
- WPSA: “Rational Choice Institutionalism and Japan’s TPP Participation”
- ISA: “Japan’s Foreign Aid Policy: Is Japan No Longer a Mercantilist?”
- 2013 • AACCS: “Domestic Dilemmas in Taiwan’s Trade Policy”
- 2012 • 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”
- 2011 • AACCS: “The Political Influence of Economic Dependence in Japan’s China Policy since the Koizumi Administration”

## **Languages**

Japanese (Advanced)  
Mandarin Chinese (Advanced)  
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

## **Professional Memberships**

American Political Science Association, International Studies Association

## **References**

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