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### EDUCATION

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#### University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, USA

- *Doctor of Philosophy, Political Science and International Relations* November 2017
- Dissertation “Creating Destruction: The Political Economy of Zombie Firms”
- Fields: Comparative Politics, International Political Economy, Methods
- Awards: Fulbright Graduate Research Fellowship, USC Provost’s Fellowship

#### National Taiwan University, Taipei, TAIWAN

- *Master of Arts, Political Science* June 2011
- Award: Taiwan Scholarship, Taiwan Ministry of Education

#### Georgetown University, Washington, DC, USA

- *Bachelor of Science, Foreign Service* May 2005
- Certificate in Social and Political Thought

### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**Yale University**, New Haven, CT, USA January 2019 – Current

*Japan Foundation CGP Postdoctoral Associate*

- Preparing article manuscript on the political economy of the “zombie” small and medium-sized enterprises (SME) in Japan’s Credit Guarantee System for SME (zombie firms are unprofitable firms which are financially supported by discounted interest rates and evergreen lending)
  - Presented initial findings at Harvard University in February 2019
- Using Banque de France Open Data Room in New York City to analyze distressed firms among French firms

**École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales**, Paris, FRANCE February 2018 – December 2018

*Banque de France Chair, Center for French-Japanese Advanced Studies, Fondation France-Japan*

- Used Banque de France Open Data Room in Paris to analyze distressed firms with firm-level data
- Revised and published article in economics journal *Japan & The World Economy* analyzing zombie firms among Japanese SME with large confidential dataset (Japan Basic Survey on Business Structure and Activity) held by Japan’s Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry
- Authored 2 article manuscripts: 1) an analysis of the relationship between credit guarantees and distressed SME with Japan’s Credit Risk Database; 2) an analysis of research productivity at Japanese universities
- Presented research findings at invited talks (3), conferences (4), and workshops (1)
- Completed 2-week course on advanced STATA analysis and survey methods at the School in Social Science Data Analysis, Essex University
- Completed 2 months of intensive French language study (Level A2)

**University of Southern California**, Los Angeles, CA, USA August 2011 – November 2017

*Provost’s Fellow Ph.D. Student, Political Science and International Relations Program*

- Conducted 15 months of dissertation fieldwork as Fulbright graduate research fellow on the political economy of zombie firms in Japan and China
  - 14 months in Japan as affiliate of Waseda University’s Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies: Performed 48 interviews (41 in Japanese) with current and former government officials, National Diet politicians, government finance institutions, foreign financial institutions, regional banks, credit cooperatives, credit guarantee corporations, economists, and SME; read and analyzed government documents and secondary source material in Japanese
  - 1 month in China as affiliate of Zhejiang University of Technology’s China Institute for Small and Medium Enterprises: Performed 19 interviews (all in Mandarin) with bankruptcy lawyers, bankruptcy judges, bankruptcy scholars, and government think tank scholars; read and analyzed secondary source material in Mandarin

- Authored discussion paper with quantitative analysis of zombie firms among Japanese SME for Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry
- Awarded the International Business Dissertation Award, USC Center for International Studies
- Completed 2-week course on qualitative research methods and mixed-method analysis at Syracuse University's Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research
- Conducted 5 weeks of fieldwork on immigrant investor programs as affiliate of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences' Institute of American Studies: Performed interviews in Mandarin with local immigration agencies and current and potential immigrant investors
  - Performed additional interviews with EB-5 regional centers, immigration agencies, and immigration scholars in Los Angeles, Taipei, and Toronto
- Merged and analyzed quantitative datasets on foreign investment and political risk in STATA
- Collected and analyzed quantitative data and qualitative information on trends in Japanese official development assistance
- Observed House of Representatives candidate's campaign in Japan's December 2012 general election, Gifu District 1
- Conducted 6 weeks of fieldwork on Chinese policy toward the Trans-Pacific Partnership negotiations as affiliate of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences' Department of Regional Integration and Global Governance
  - Performed 10 interviews (all in Mandarin) with foreign policy researchers at universities and think tanks in Beijing and Shanghai
- Awarded USC Provost's Fellowship as one of the university's top entering Ph.D. students with outstanding research potential (5 years full-tuition)

**National Taiwan University**, Taipei, TAIWAN

September 2008 – June 2011

*M.A. Student, Department of Political Science*

- Conducted 6 weeks of thesis fieldwork on political effects of Japan's economic dependence on China
  - 1 month in China: Performed interviews in Mandarin with Chinese academics and think tank researchers
  - 2 weeks in Taiwan: Performed interviews in Japanese with executives at Taiwan-based Japanese corporations with business experience in China
- Presented research on United States-Taiwan trade to visiting US Congressional delegation
- Completed all coursework in Mandarin (writing and speaking)

**Academia Sinica**, Taipei, TAIWAN

March 2009 – June 2011

*Research Assistant, Institute of Sociology*

- Produced monthly reports with critical assessments of sociological and historical research on Chinese and Japanese nationalism
- Critically assessed contemporary Chinese and Japanese films with nationalistic content
- Copy edited article and book chapter manuscripts

## **LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**

**Yale University**, New Haven, CT, USA

January 2019 – Current

*Japan Foundation CGP Postdoctoral Associate*

- Taught seminar course PLSC 417 Politics and Economics in Japan
  - Instructed undergraduate and graduate students
  - Guided undergraduate student senior essay on merger and acquisition trends in Japan
- Completed the Certificate of College Teaching Preparation at the Yale University Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning

**École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales**, Paris, FRANCE

February 2018 – December 2018

*Banque de France Chair, Center for French-Japanese Advanced Studies, Fondation France-Japan*

- Organized scholarly workshop "New Topics in Political Economy" for comparative political economy researchers working on Japan and Europe

**University of Southern California**, Los Angeles, CA, USA

August 2011 – November 2017

*Provost's Fellow Ph.D. Student, Political Science and International Relations Program*

- Served as teaching assistant for 3 different political science courses over 4 semesters: Ideology and Conflict, Comparative Politics, and Environmental Challenges (twice)
  - Awarded the 2015-16 Award for Excellence in Teaching in Political Science, USC Center for Excellence in Teaching, as the best teaching assistant in the Department of Political Science
- Managed 3 university-owned housing complexes for married graduate students and graduate students with children as USC Office of Residential Life resident assistant
- Served as president of the Political Science and International Relations Program Graduate Student Association
  - Awarded the Outstanding Student Leader Award by the USC Graduate Student Government representing 17,000 USC graduate students
- Initiated and executed large-scale event projects such as “Publishing in Political Science Seminar Series” and “USC Korean Studies Institute Graduate Student Symposium”

### **SELECT PUBLICATIONS**

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- 2019. “Unfinished Business: Zombie Firms among SME in Japan’s Lost Decades.” *Japan & The World Economy* 49: 105-112. (with Yasuo Goto)
- 2017. “Efficiency Among Japanese SME: In the Context of the Zombie Firm Hypothesis and Firm Size.” *RIETI Discussion Paper Series* 123: 1-32. (with Yasuo Goto)
- 2016. “Japan’s Stealth Decision 2014: The Trans-Pacific Partnership.” In Robert J. Pekkanen, Steven R. Reed, and Ethan Scheiner (Eds.), *Japan Decides 2014: The Japanese General Election*, London: Palgrave 247-61. (with Saori N. Katada)

### **SELECT PRESENTATIONS**

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#### *Invited Talks*

- Harvard University (2019), University of London School of Oriental and African Studies (2018), École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (2018), Paris School of Economics (2018), Banque de France Séminaires de Recherche (2018), Waseda University Faculty of Political Science and Economics (2017), University of Tokyo Institute of Social Science (2016)

#### *Conferences*

- American Political Science Association (2018, 2016), Understanding Institutional Change in Asia (2018), Japan Economy Network (2018), European Japan Advanced Research Network (2018), Midwestern Political Science Association (2016), International Studies Association (2014)

### **ADDITIONAL SKILLS**

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- Languages: Japanese (advanced), Mandarin (advanced), French (basic)
- Technical: STATA, Microsoft Excel