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Academic Positions

Kobe University — *Kobe, Japan*
RESEARCH ASSOCIATE — *2023 - current*

Osaka University of Economics — *Osaka, Japan*
PART-TIME LECTURER — *2023 - current*

Japanese Society for the Promotion of Science
RESEARCH FELLOW (DC2) — *2022 - 2023*

Education

Kobe University — *Kobe, Japan*
PH.D. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE — *2020 - 2023*

Kobe University — *Kobe, Japan*
M.A. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE — *2018 - 2020*

Xinjiang Normal University — *Urumqi, China*
M.A. IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS — *2014 - 2017*

Shanghai Maritime University — *Shanghai, China*
B.A. IN JAPANESE STUDIES — *2005 - 2009*

Research Interests

Substantive
FOREIGN PROPAGANDA, INFORMATION MANIPULATION, HUMAN RIGHTS, GLOBAL GOVERNANCE, POLITICAL COMMUNICATION

Methodological
QUANTITATIVE TEXT ANALYSIS, GAME THEORY, PANEL DATA ANALYSIS, NETWORK ANALYSIS, BAYESIAN MODELING

Publications

Journal Articles

11. Tetsuro Kobayashi, **Yuan Zhou**, Lungta Seki, and Asako Miura. Forthcoming. "Autocracies Win the Hearts of the Democratic Public: How Japanese Citizens Are Persuaded by Illiberal Narratives Propagated by Authoritarian Regimes." *Democratization*.

10. Duancheng Yang, **Yuan Zhou**, and Yun-han Chu. Forthcoming. "Voices from within: Tracing Chinese Public Perceptions of Democracy in the New Era." *Journal of Chinese Political Science*.

9. Xiaoyu Pu, Chengli Wang, and **Yuan Zhou**. Forthcoming. "Censor and Sensitivity: How China Handles the US Embassy's Public Diplomacy in Cyberspace." *Journal of Chinese Political Science*.

8. **Yuan Zhou**, Ghashia Kiyani, and Charles Crabtree. 2023. "New Evidence that Naming and Shaming Influences State Human Rights Practices." *Journal of Human Rights*, 22(4): 451-468.

7. **Yuan Zhou**. 2022. "China's Mediated Public Diplomacy towards Japan: A Text-as-Data Approach." *Asian Journal of Communication*, 32(4): 327-345.

6. Kohei Watanabe and **Yuan Zhou**. 2022. "Theory-Driven Analysis of Large Corpora: Semi-Supervised Topic Classification of the UN Speeches." *Social Science Computer Review*, 40(2): 346-366.

5. **Yuan Zhou** and Kaoru Kurusu. 2021. "How Major Powers Diverge on Global Governance? Evidence from the UN General Debate." *Kobe University Law Review*, 54: 63-80.

4. Naoko Matsumura and **Yuan Zhou**. 2020. "Googling the World Health Organization during the COVID-19 Crisis." *Kobe University Law Review*, 53: 51-71.

3. **Yuan Zhou** and Jing Shi. 2016. "Japan's Official Development Assistance towards Central Asian States" (in Chinese). *Journal of International Economic Cooperation*, 371(11): 86-91.

2. **Yuan Zhou** and Jing Shi. 2015. "The Evaluation System of Japan's Official Development Assistance and Its Implications" (in Chinese). *Journal of International Economic Cooperation*, 358(10): 86-91.

Book Chapters

1. **Yuan Zhou**, Sandrine Boudana, and Elad Segev. 2021. "Provocation Narratives in Chinese and US Newspapers." In *Semantic Network Analysis in Social Sciences*, ed. Elad Segev (Routledge), 53-71.

Works in Progress

Revise and Resubmit

6. **Yuan Zhou**, Ghashia Kiyani, and Charles Crabtree. "Quantifying Women's Rights Naming and Shaming: A Novel Text-as-Data Approach."

Working Papers

5. **Yuan Zhou**. "Depicting Democracy as Chaos: An Analysis of International News in Chinese State Media."

4. **Yuan Zhou**, Tomoko Takahashi, Raphaëlle Khan, and Juan Acevedo. "China and India's Perspectives on the Global South in a Changing Global Order."

3. **Yuan Zhou**, Ghashia Kiyani,and Charles Crabtree. "Why Autocrats Adopt Gender Quotas?"

2. Tetsuro Kobayashi, **Yuan Zhou**, Lungta Seki, and Asako Miura. "Impact of Authoritarian Illiberal Narratives on Democracy: The case of Japan."

1. Haichun Yu and **Yuan Zhou**. "Russia-Ukraine War on Chinese Social Media."

Conference Presentations

American **P**olitical **S**cience **A**ssociation Annual Meeting	2020-2024, 2025[scheduled]
International **P**olitical **S**cience **A**ssociation World Congress	2021, 2023, 2025[scheduled]
Japanese **A**ssociation of **E**lectoral **S**tudies	2025[scheduled]
Japanese **P**olitical **S**cience **A**ssociation Annual Meeting	2022-2024
European **P**olitical **S**cience **A**ssociation Annual Conference	2019, 2024
International **S**tudies **A**ssociation Annual Conference	2020[cancelled], 2021-2024
Japanese **S**ociety for **Q**uantitative **P**olitical **S**cience Winter Meeting	2020-2022, 2024
International **S**tudies **A**ssociation Asia-Pacific Region Conference	2023
Japan **A**ssociation of **I**nternational **R**elations Annual Meeting	2021, 2022
Harvard **E**ast **A**sia **S**ociety Conference	2022
Asian **O**nline **P**olitical **S**cience **S**eminar **S**eries	2021
CEEISA-ISA 2019 Joint International Conference at University of Belgrade	2019

Invited Talks

Kyoto University, International Political Economy Workshop	Jan 2025
Keio University, Comparative Political Studies Seminar	Nov 2024
Freie Universität Berlin, SCRIPT Workshop	Nov 2024

Waseda University, WINPEC Seminar — Aug 2024

Hokkaido University, Media and Communication Research Workshop — Jul 2024

Kyoto University, CSEAS International Workshop — Jun 2024

Waseda University, Political Communication Workshop — Dec 2023

Waseda University, Chinese Social Media Workshop — Mar 2023

Nanyang Technological University, China Programme Workshop — Mar 2022

Kobe University, Quantitative Political Science Workshop — Dec 2020

City University of Hong Kong, Kobe-CityU Joint Research Workshop — Mar 2019

Grants

Heisei Memorial Research Grant, The Japan Prize Foundation (PI: Tomoko Takahashi, JPY 5,140,000) — 2025

Grant-in-Aid for Early-Career Scientists, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JPY 3,300,000) — 2025

Research Grant, Hirose Foundation (JPY 1,000,000) — 2023

Grant-in-Aid for Research Activity Start-up, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JPY 2,730,000) — 2023

Grant-in-Aid for JSPS Fellows, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JPY 1,400,000) — 2022

Research Grant, K. Matsushita Foundation (JPY 500,000) — 2021

Research Grant, The Murata Science Foundation (JPY 1,470,000) — 2020

Awards and Fellowships

APSA Human Rights Section Best Paper Award — 2024

Maenosono Memorial Young Scientist Best Paper Award, Kobe University — 2023

Research Fellowship for Young Scientists (DC2), Japan Society for the Promotion of Science — 2022-2023

Next-Generation Outstanding Doctoral Human Development Project Fellowship, Kobe University — 2021-2022

DuEX Award, Kansai Consortium for Data-Related Human Resource Development — 2021

Ryoso Award, Kobe University Rokkodai Foundation — 2019

EITM Certification Scholarship, Empirical Implications for Theoretical Models — 2019

Additional Training

ICPSR Summer Program — 2019, 2021

- *Bayesian Modeling for the Social Sciences I: Introduction and Application*
- *Bayesian Modeling for the Social Sciences II: Advanced Topics*
- *Machine Learning: Applications in Social Science Research*
- *Empirical Modeling of Social Science Theory: Advanced Topics*
- *Measurement, Scaling, and Dimensional Analysis*
- *Network Analysis I: Introduction*
- *Network Analysis II: Advanced Topics*
- *Game Theory*

EITM Europe — 2021

- *Statistical Foundations of EITM*

- *Quantitative Text Analysis Using R*
- *Theoretical Foundations of EITM*
- *Linking Theory with Text as Data*

ECPR Winter School   2021

- *Panel Data Analysis*

Kansai Consortium for Data-Related Human Resource Development   2018 - 2021

- *Data Science (Machine Learning)*
- *Introduction to Data Mining with Python*
- *Multivariate Analysis*
- *Data Science Internship at Kobayashi Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.*

Teaching Experience

Instructor

International Politics, Osaka University of Economics, Spring, 2023 - current

International Relations, Osaka University of Economics, Fall, 2023 - current

Teaching Assistant

Political Research Design (Prof. Naofumi Fujimura), Kobe University, Spring, 2022.

Macro Political Data Analysis (Prof. Jaehyun Song), Kansai University, Fall, 2021.

Micro Political Data Analysis (Prof. Jaehyun Song), Kansai University, Spring, 2021.

Introduction to Quantitative Text Analysis (Prof. Stefan Müller), Kobe University, August, 2019.

Introduction to Social Research (Prof. Naoko Matsumura), Kobe University, Spring, 2019.

Service

Reviewer for *International Interactions, Global Studies Quarterly, Political Studies Review, Conflict Management and Peace Science, International Relations of the Asia-Pacific, Asian Journal of Comparative Politics, International Communication Gazette, Journal of Computational Social Science, Humanities & Social Sciences Communications, Social Network Analysis and Mining, The Annuals of Japanese Political Science Association*.

Co-organizer of the Empirical China Studies Workshop.

Member of the APSA Human Rights Section Best Paper Award Selection Committee (2025).

Skills

Technical Skills

R, STATA, Python, LaTeX, Markdown, Git, HTML, CSS, MongoDB, Hugo

Languages

Chinese (native), Japanese (fluent)

Professional Memberships

International Studies Association

American Political Science Association

European Political Science Association

International Political Science Association

Japan Association of International Relations

Japanese Political Science Association

Japan Association of Electoral Studies

References

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