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Education

University of Osaka

PH.D. STUDENT IN INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC POLICY

April 2024 – present

University of Tokyo

M.A. IN ECONOMICS

April 2022 – March 2024

Gakushuin University

B.A. SOCIAL SCIENCES

April 2018 – March 2022

- completed Teacher Certification Course

Research Interests

Economics of Disability, Economics of Education, Labor Economics

Working Paper

Ichino, Y., Kawai, T., Kira, M., and Seki, M. (2025). “The Effects of Flipped Classroom in Higher Education on Learning Outcomes and the Heterogeneity by Group Member Characteristics” *submitted*

Work in Progress

Can Small Encounters Change Students’ Lives?: Evidence on the Exposure Effect of Interactions with Students with Disabilities (with Ryuichi Tanaka)

The Effect of Employment Quota for Persons with Disabilities

Legacy of Discrimination Based on Wrong Beliefs: Evidence from the Minamata Disease (with Gwen-Jirō Clochard and Yuki Takahashi)

Presentations

* Referred, † Poster

2026. The 10th Spring School in Behavioural Economics*† (UC San Diego), The Chicago School in Experimental Economics*† (U of Osaka), OSIPP Lunch Seminar (U of Osaka)

2025. Workshop on the economics of human resource allocation (online), The 28th Experimental Social Science Conference* (Meiji U), OSIPP Lunch Seminar (U of Osaka), Japanese Economic Association Fall Meeting*† (Hiroshima U), The 28th Labor Economics Conference*†, Young JADE Conference* (Hitotsubashi U), Institute of Developing Economies Japan External Trade Organization

2024. Empirical Micro Research Seminar (U of Tokyo), OSIPP Lunch Seminar (U of Osaka), Japanese Economic Association Fall Meeting*† (Fukuoka U), Kanagawa U, Okayama U

Grants

- 2026 **Research Grant (PI)**, (Mishima Kaiun Memorial Foundation)
2026 **Social Science Grant (co-PI)**, (Nomura Foundation)
2025 **Joint Usage Grant (co-PI)**, (ISER, U of Osaka)
2024 – 2027 **Support for Pioneering Research Initiated by the Next Generation (SPRING)**,
(Japan Science and Technology Agency)
2024 **Graduate Research Funding Program**, (OSIPP, U of Osaka)

Awards & Fellowships

- 2026 **Overseas Research Travel Grant**, U of Osaka
Visiting FAIR, Norwegian School of Economics (September 2026)
2025 **Best Experimental Design Award**, 2nd Experiment and Survey Design Workshop
2025 **Overseas Internship/Research Support**, U of Osaka
2024 **Research Activity Encouragement Award for OSIPP Student**, U of Osaka

Experience

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2025 **Teaching Assistant**, Advanced Econometric Methods (U of Osaka, Graduate)
2025 **Teaching Assistant**, Statistics (U of Osaka, Undergrad.)
2024 **Teaching Assistant**, Math Camp (U of Osaka, Graduate)
2022 **Teaching Assistant**, Economic Development (Gakushuin U, Undergrad.)

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- 2025 – **Research Assistant**, for Professor Nobuyuki Hanaki
2023 – 2025 **Research Assistant**, for Social Inclusion Systems Laboratory, U of Tokyo
2022 – **Research Assistant**, for Professor Tomohiko Inui

Skills

Languages: English (Proficient), Japanese (Native)

Computer: Stata, Python, R, Qualtrics

Licenses: Japanese Teaching Licenses for Social Studies (Junior high schools) and Civics (High schools)