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Professional Summary

I specialize in historical political economy and conflict studies. My research examines state formation, state-building processes, and autocratic repression through a combination of formal theory and micro-level historical data.

Education

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| 2021 - Pres. | University of Rochester , Rochester, NY
<i>Ph.D. in Political Science</i>
Major: International Relations, Formal Theory
Committee Members: Scott F. Abramson (chair), Hein Goemans, Casey Petroff, Sergio Montero |
| 2020 - 2021 | Waseda University , Tokyo, Japan
<i>M.A. in Political Science</i>
Advisors: Shuhei Kurizaki, Atsushi Tago |
| 2015 - 2017 | University of Tokyo , Tokyo, Japan
<i>M.P.P.</i> |
| 2011 - 2015 | University of Tokyo , Tokyo, Japan
<i>B.A. in Philosophy</i> |

Papers

1. **Ioku, S.** Constraining with Their Feet: Jurisdictional Conflict and State Extraction in Early Modern Japan. *Under Review*.
2. **Ioku, S.** Blood Wrote the Rising Sun: Political Shock and Fascist Turn of Imperial Japan. *Working Paper*.
3. **Ioku, S.** Self-State Subversion: The Birth of Feudalism in Early Medieval Japan. *Working Paper*.
4. **Ioku, S.** Military Innovation and Territorial State Formation. with Scott Abramson, Sergio Montero, and Michael Gibilisco. *Work In Progress*.

Other Publications

1. **Ioku, S.** Extended Gray Zone Deterrence in the South China Sea. *Pacific Forum Issues & Insights* Vol.22, pp.31-49.
2. **Ioku, S.** 外交の計量分析: 外交使節制度の衰微と再生. with Shuhei Kurizaki and Rui Asano. Book chapter in *国際関係研究の方法*. (2021).

Talks

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| 2025 | When Freedom Backfires
JSQPS 2025 Summer |
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2024, 2025	Mobility and State Extraction in Early Modern Japan MPSA 2025; JSQPS 2024 Summer
2023	Teppo Made Japan Waseda University
2022	Empirical Model of Alliance Formation Waseda University
2021	Threats and Assurances in Crisis Bargaining MPSA 2021

Honors & Awards

2024	Best Paper/Presentation Award , University of Rochester Graduate Seminar, Department of Political Science
2021	Best Graduation Thesis Award , Waseda University Awarded for thesis "Threats and Assurances in Crisis Bargaining."

Teaching

2025 S	TA, ECO 288 Game Theory , University of Rochester Instructor: Prof. Tasos Kalandrakis
2024 F	TA, ECO 255 Poverty and Development , University of Rochester Instructor: Prof. Anderson Frey
2024 S	TA, ECO 288 Game Theory , University of Rochester Instructor: Prof. Romans Panes
2023 F	TA, PSCI 407 Mathematical Modeling , University of Rochester Instructor: Prof. John Duggan A core method course in the Political Science Ph.D. program
2021 S	TA, 国際政治学 , Waseda University Instructor: Prof. Shuhei Kurizaki

Affiliations with Academic Associations

1. American Political Science Association
2. Midwest Political Science Association

Non-Academic Positions

2019 - 2020	Japan Institute of International Affairs , Tokyo, Japan <i>Junior Research Fellow</i> Tokyo, Japan
2018 - 2019	National Defense Academy , Yokosuka, Kanagawa, Japan <i>Research Fellow</i> Yokosuka, Kanagawa, Japan
2015 - 2017	Asia Pacific Initiative , Tokyo, Japan <i>Research Intern</i> Tokyo, Japan