

# KENTARO NAKAMURA

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## EDUCATION

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### Harvard University

Ph.D. | *Public Policy* (Politics and Institution Track)

- Field: Political Methodology, International Relations
- Affiliation: Institute of Quantitative Social Science (IQSS)

Sep.2023 – Present  
Cambridge, USA

### University of Chicago

Master of Science | *Statistics*

- Supervisors: Molly Offer-Westort (Political Science), Victor Veitch (Statistics)

Sep.2021 – Jun.2023  
Chicago, USA

### Waseda University

Bachelor of Arts | *Major: Political Science, Minor: Law, Certificate: Data Science*

- Supervisor: Shuhei Kurizaki
- Best Paper Award (Excellent work at the Category of Mathematical and Statistical Measurement)

Apr.2017 – Sep.2021  
Tokyo, Japan

### George Washington University

Exchange Program

- Dean's List (GPA 3.91 / 4.00)

Aug.2019 – May.2020  
Washington D.C., USA

## RESEARCH INTEREST

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**Substantive:** Political Violence, Conflict, Counterinsurgency, Misinformation

**Methodological:** Causal Inference, Machine Learning, Causal Inference with Machine Learning

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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**Balancing Opportunities and Incentives: How Rising China's Mediated Public Diplomacy Changes under Crisis**  
*International Journal of Communication* ([\[PDF\]](#) / [\[Website\]](#))

- Estimated the strategic shift of the rising China's public diplomacy under crisis by machine learning

## WORKING PAPERS / UNPUBLISHED MANUSCRIPTS

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### Understanding the Impact of Military Service on Support for Insurrection

*Invited R&R at Journal of Conflict Resolution*, Co-Authored with Robert Pape, Keven Ruby, and Kyle Larson

- Analyzed why and how civilians with prior military experiences are prone to support political violence.

### International Credibility for Domestic Legitimacy?

*Working paper*, Co-Authored with Yuki Mikiya, Presented at SPSA2023, APSA2023, MPSA2024, APSA2024 (Scheduled)

- Investigated how the authoritarian regimes implement informational campaign using cross-lingual embedding

### Unpacking Mechanisms of Counterinsurgency Operations

*Working Paper* [\[PDF\]](#)

- Investigated the effect of drone strikes on the terrorism using spatial analysis and instrumental variable

## WORKING PROJECTS

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### Causal Inference with Unstructured High-Dimensional Treatments using Deep Generative Models

*Working Project*, Co-Authored with Kosuke Imai

- Developed new experimental designs to use texts or images created by deep generative model as a treatment

### Great Replacement: How the U.S. insurrection sentiments are motivated?

*Working Project*, Co-Authored with Robert Pape, Keven Ruby, and Kyle Larson

- Performed experiments with Parallel Encouragement Design to see how the white population decline stimulates the insurrection sentiments within the U.S.

### Foreign Takeover: Lessons from Great Recession

*Working Project*, Co-Authored with Shuhei Kurizaki

- Highlighted the risk of economic security by foreign takeover (Case Studies).

## PRESENTATIONS

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Yuki Mikiya, **Kentaro Nakamura** (2023). "International Credibility for Domestic Legitimacy? How Authoritarian Country Coordinated its Narratives during the Crisis", *American Political Science Association*

**Kentaro Nakamura** (2023). "Improving Text as Treatment Framework", *Japanese Society for Quantitative Political Science 2023 Summer Meeting*

**Kentaro Nakamura**, Yuki Mikiya (2023). "International Credibility for Domestic Legitimacy? How Authoritarian Country Coordinated its Narratives during the Crisis", *Southern Political Science Association*

**Kentaro Nakamura** (2022). "How Rising Powers' Public Diplomacy Changes under Difficulties: the case of China", *Japanese Society for Quantitative Political Science 2022 Winter Meeting*

## ACADEMIC SERVICES / DISCUSSANT ROLES

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**Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2023)**, Discussant on the panel *Comparative Media Coverage and Discourse*

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**Research Assistant of Prof. Erica Chenoweth** Mar.2024 – Present  
Harvard University Cambridge, USA

**Research Assistant of Prof. Matthew Baum** Nov.2023 – Present  
Shorenstein Center, Harvard Kennedy School Cambridge, USA

- Member of COVID-STATE project

**Data and Causal Inference Analyst** Sep.2022 – Present  
Chicago Projects on Security and Threats (CPOST), University of Chicago Chicago, USA

- Worked directly with Prof. Robert Pape, Dr. Keven Rudy, and Dr. Kyle Larson as a co-author
- Designed experiments, discussed identification strategies, and implemented causal mediation analysis

**Research Assistant of Prof. Shuhei Kurizaki** May.2020 – Sep.2021  
Waseda University Tokyo, Japan

- Conducted the qualitative research on the foreign takeover in Europe (Co-Author since September 2020)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**Teaching Assistant at the Center for Data Science** Sep.2020 – Mar.2021  
Waseda University Tokyo, Japan

- Checked class materials and answered the questions about Statistics and Machine Learning

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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**Japanese Student Service Organization Scholarship** Sep.2023 - Aug.2026  
Merit-based scholarship. Partial tuition coverage (JPY 3 million yen) and monthly stipends.

**Graduate Council Research & Personal Development Fund, University of Chicago** Jan. 2023  
Travel Grant for attending SPSA2023 (USD600)

**Tuition Fellowship, University of Chicago** Sep. 2021 - Jun. 2023  
Equivalent to 25 percent of my approved tuition. Increased to 30% from 2nd year

**Statistics Consulting Cup Awards** Dec.2021  
Best Prize in the Consulting Program at the Department of Statistics. [\[News\]](#)

**NSK Ltd. Scholarship** Sep.2021 – Jun.2023  
Scholarship provided only for top four students in Japan. JPY13,600,000 ≈ USD100,000

**Japanese Student Service Organization Scholarship** Mar.2021  
Declined to accept NSK Scholarship. Merit-based scholarship.

**Best Paper Award (Category of Mathematical and Statistical Measurement)** Feb.2021  
Thesis Competition of the Waseda Association for Political Science and Economics [\[News\]](#)

**Japanese Student Service Organization Scholarship** Aug.2019 – May.2020  
Merit based scholarship to support exchange program. JPY900,000. ≈ USD7,000

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#### ADDITIONAL TRAINING WITH CERTIFICATE

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**The University of Tokyo, Matsuo Laboratory (Deep Learning)**  
*Fundamentals in Deep Learning / Image Recognition / Deep Generative Models / Natural Language Processing*

**Essex Summer School, The University of Essex** Jul.2020 – Aug.2020  
*Panel Data Analysis / Advanced Network Analysis* Online

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#### SKILLS

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**Languages:** Japanese (Native), English (Fluent), Spanish (B1; Intermediate)  
**Programming:** (Proficient) Python(3.X), R, C++ (Rcpp), L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, ArcGIS, STATA / (Experience) C, HTML, SQL

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#### REFERENCES

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Available upon requests

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