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APPOINTMENT

Apr. 2022–	Professor, Graduate School of Law, Kobe University
Mar. 2018–Mar. 2022	Associate Professor, Graduate School of Law, Kobe University
Apr. 2017–Feb. 2018	Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Law, Hitotsubashi University
Jan. 2016–Mar. 2017	Research Associate, Graduate School of Law, Hitotsubashi University

EDUCATION

2015	Ph.D. Political Science, Rice University, USA
2009	M.A. Law and International Relations, Hitotsubashi University
2008	M.A. International Studies (with Distinction), University of Sheffield, UK

RESEARCH INTERESTS

International Organizations · International Cooperation · Foreign Policy and Public Opinion · Survey Experiments
· Domestic Politics and Foreign Policy Change

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Naoko Matsumura and Hyo Yun Lee. “Can IO Endorsements Influence Public Attitudes on Issue with Direct Personal Consequences? Evidence from the IAEA’s Safety Verification on Japan’s Treated Water Release.” *Journal of East Asian Studies*. Accepted for publication.

Naoko Matsumura, Renu Singh, Yoshiharu Kobayashi, Christopher Howell, Tobias Heinrich, and Matthew Motta. 2025. “Assessing WHO’s Influence: Vaccine Endorsements in the Context of a Diversified Global Health System.” *PLOS Global Public Health* 5(11): e0005410.

Naoko Matsumura. 2025. “Elite Cues and Public Opinion on Defense Policy: Insights from a Preliminary Conjoint Experiment in Japan.” *The Journal of International Security* 53(1): 40–55. (in Japanese)

Akitaka Matsuo, Oul Han, and Naoko Matsumura. 2023. “The Social Media Audience of Diplomatic Crisis.” *British Journal of Politics and International Relations* 26(3): 922–939.

Naoko Matsumura, Atsushi Tago, and Joseph M. Grieco. 2023. “External Threats and Public Opinion: The East Asian Security Environment and Japanese Views on the Nuclear Option.” *Journal of East Asian Studies* 23(1): 23–44.

Naoko Matsumura. 2022. “Do Leaders and Leadership Turnovers Affect International Relations?” *Keizai Seminar* 728: 43–48. (in Japanese)

Naoko Matsumura and Atsushi Tago. 2019. “Negative Surprise in UN Security Council Authorization: Do the UK and French Vetoes Influence the General Public’s Support of US Military Action?” *Journal of Peace Research* 56(3): 395–409.

Joseph M. Grieco, Naoko Matsumura, and Atsushi Tago. 2019. “Understanding What The Japanese Public Think Of Nuclear Weapons.” *MIHE Blog: News, views and insights from Macmillan International Higher Education*.

Naoko Matsumura. 2019. “A WTO Ruling Matters: Citizens’ Support for the Government’s Compliance with Trade Agreements.” *Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy* 25(2). DOI: 10.1515/peps-2018-0013.

Michaela Mattes, Brett Ashley Leeds, and Naoko Matsumura. 2016. “Measuring Changes in Source of Leader Support: The CHISOLS Dataset.” *Journal of Peace Research* 52(3): 259–267.

JOURNAL ARTICLES (UNIVERSITY JOURNAL)

Naoko Matsumura. 2025. “Negativity Bias in Media Coverage and Public Support for the WTO’s Dispute Settlement.” *Kobe University Law Review* 55: 25–46.

Joseph M. Grieco, Naoko Matsumura, and Atsushi Tago. 2020. “Unpacking the Cues: A Survey Experiment on the Impact of International Support for Humanitarian Intervention on U.S. Public Opinion.” *Kobe University Law Review* 53: 11–35.

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

Naoko Matsumura. 2019. “Third Parties and Implementation of the WTO Rulings.” *Kobe University Law Review*

51: 1–21.

BOOK CHAPTERS (IN JAPANESE)

Naoko Matsumura. 2025. “International Organizations and Public Opinion (Chapter 3).” In Shou Akahoshi et al. (eds.), *International Organizations*. Kyoto: Horitsu Bunka Sha.

Naoko Matsumura. 2025. “Trade (Chapter 9).” In Shou Akahoshi et al. (eds.), *International Organizations*. Kyoto: Horitsu Bunka Sha.

Naoko Matsumura. 2025. “Foreign Policy (Chapter 9).” In Masahiro Zenkyo (ed.), *Seiji Ishiki Kenkyu no Saizensen*. Kyoto: Horitsu Bunka Sha.

Joseph M. Grieco, Naoko Matsumura, and Atsushi Tago. 2021. “Survey Experiments on Nuclear Taboo in Japan” (ch. 10). In Motoshi Suzuki and Keisuke Iida (eds.), *Methods of International Relations Research: Principles and Practices*. Tokyo: University of Tokyo Press.

Naoko Matsumura. 2018. “Foreign Direct Investment and Global Governance” (ch. 9). In Ryo Oshiba (ed.), *Global Governance in the Power Shifting World*. Tokyo: Yuhikaku.

WORKING PAPERS (SELECTED)

“Legislative Speeches and Political Violence: The Case of the Philippines” (with Jonathan Lewis, Kazuhiro Obayashi, and Aya Watanabe). Revise and Resubmit.

“Prospective Foreign Leadership Changes and Public Expectations about Diplomatic Relationships” (with Atsushi Tago and Joseph M. Grieco).

“How Do Legislators Respond to Military and Civilian Casualties in a Civil War?: The Case of the Colombian Congress during President Uribe’s First Term” (with Jan Boesten, Yuichi Kubota, Jonathan Lewis, and Kazuhiro Obayashi).

“Leadership Turnover and the Initiation of Investment Dispute Arbitration.”

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION (SELECTED)

“How Elite Endorsements Shape Public Opinion on Security Policy: Results from a Conjoint Experiment in Japan.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Japanese Association of International Relations, Kobe, October 18, 2025 (in Japanese).

“Assessing the Impact of the IAEA’s Safety Review on Public Opinion Regarding Treated Radioactive Water” (with Hyo Yun Lee). Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 5, 2024.

“The Impact of Elite and Social Discourse on Public Support for a Country’s Acquisition of Nuclear Weapons.” Presented at the 2023 Pacific International Politics Conference, Singapore, July 7, 2023.

“How Do Legislators Respond to Military and Civilian Casualties in a Civil War?: The Case of the Colombian Congress during President Uribe’s First Term” (with Yuichi Kubota, Jonathan Lewis, and Kazuhiro Obayashi). Presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Las Vegas (online), Nevada, April 8, 2021.

“Legislative Speeches and Political Violence: The Case of the Philippines” (with Jonathan Lewis, Kazuhiro Obayashi, and Aya Watanabe). Presented at POLTEXT Tokyo, Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan, September 15–16, 2019.

“Legislative Speeches and Political Violence: The Case of the Philippines” (with Jonathan Lewis, Kazuhiro Obayashi, and Aya Watanabe). Presented at the 9th annual conference of the European Political Science Association, Belfast, UK, July 20–22, 2019.

“Negativity Bias in Media and Public Support for International Courts.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 4–7, 2019.

“International Context and National Preferences: Japanese Public Opinion on Nuclear Weapons” (with Joseph Grieco and Atsushi Tago). Presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Toronto, Canada, March 27–30, 2019.

“Trade Disputes, Media Coverage, and Public Support for International Trade Law.” Presented at the Waseda-Essex Scientific PoliSci/IR Collaboration and Exchange Workshop, University of Essex, Colchester, UK, March 6–7, 2019.

INVITED TALKS AND WORKSHOPS

Oct. 2025	School of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Musashi University
Mar. 2025	Institute of Political Science at Academia Sinica, Taiwan
Mar. 2024	Center of Japanese Studies, University of Michigan, USA
Dec. 2023	College of Business, Arts and Social Sciences, Brunel University London, UK
Dec. 2020	Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Hiroshima University
Jan. 2020	TUM School of Governance, Technical University of Munich, Germany
Sept. 2019	Department of Political Science, University of South Carolina, USA
Sept. 2019	Department of Political Science, Duke University, USA
Mar. 2019	Department of Media and Communication, City University of Hong Kong
Oct. 2017	Graduate School of Law, Keio University
Oct. 2016	Faculty of Economics, Renmin University of China, China

AWARDS, GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS

2025–2027	KAKENHI Research Grant (25K04980), Japan Society for the Promotion of Science
2024	Research Grant, Kobe University Center for Social Systems Innovation
2022–2024	KAKENHI Research Grant (22K13351), Japan Society for the Promotion of Science
2020	Research Grant, Kobe University Center for Social Systems Innovation
2018–2020	KAKENHI Research Grant (18K12722), Japan Society for the Promotion of Science
2016–2017	KAKENHI Research Grant (16H06800), Japan Society for the Promotion of Science
2016	Research Grant for Young Faculty Member, Hitotsubashi University
2015	William P. Hobby Award, School of Social Sciences, Rice University
2014–2015	Dissertation Improvement Grant, Social Science Research Institute, Rice University
2010–2012	Graduate Study Scholarship, Heiwa Nakashima Foundation, Japan
2008–2009	Graduate Study Scholarship, Ministry of Education, Japan

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Executive Editor *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific (IRAP)*, 2024–

Editorial Board Member *Political Studies Review*, 2021–

Conference Organizer The Japanese Society for Quantitative Political Science, Winter 2023–2025

Reviewer *American Political Science Review*; *British Journal of Politics and International Relations*; *Conflict Management and Peace Science*; *Foreign Policy Analysis*; *International Interactions*; *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific*; *Journal of Peace Research*; *Pacific Affairs*; *Review of International Organizations*; *Research & Politics*; *Social Sciences & Humanities Open*.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Director of Graduate Study, Kobe University, April 2025–.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (SELECTED)

Kobe University

Spring 2019–	Basic Social Science Research (U, in Japanese)
Spring 2019	Introductory to Modern Politics (U, Co-Teaching, in Japanese)
Fall 2018 & Spring 2020	Advanced Statistics for Political Science (G, in Japanese)
Fall 2018–	War and Peace B (U, in Japanese)
Spring & Fall 2018–	Graduate Student Seminar (G, in English & Japanese)
Spring 2019	Global Issues (U, in Japanese)
Spring 2018, 2020	History of International Relations (U, in Japanese)

Kwansei Gakuin University

Spring 2022–2024	Global Governance (U, in English)
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Hitotsubashi University

- Fall 2017 New Approach to IR and Law (G, in English)
- Spring 2017 GLP (Global Leaders Program) Core Seminar (U, in English)
- Spring 2017 Global Governance Workshop (G, Co-teaching, in Japanese)
- Spring 2016, 2017 Introduction to International Relations (U, in Japanese)
- Spring 2016, 2017 International Organizations (U, in English)

Hosei University

- Fall 2017 International Relations B (U, in Japanese)
- Fall 2017 Politics B (U, in Japanese)
- Spring 2017 International Relations A (U, in Japanese)
- Spring 2017 Politics A (U, in Japanese)