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AREAS OF RESEARCH

International Political Economy, Bureaucratic Politics, Foreign Economic Policy,
Qualitative and Quantitative Methods, Japanese Politics, Globalization

APPOINTMENTS

Stanford University, Stanford, California

Shorenstein Fellow in Contemporary Asia, 2021 - 2022

Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center, Freeman Spogli Institute

Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Post-doctoral Fellow, 2020 – 2021

U.S.-Japan Program, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs

EDUCATION

Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey

Ph.D. in Politics, 2020

Committee: Christina Davis (chair), Melissa Lee, Kosuke Imai

Dissertation: “The Bureaucratic Politics of Foreign Economic Policymaking”

Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Pre-doctoral Fellow, 2018 – 2020

Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey

M.A. in Politics, 2016

Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Massachusetts

B.A. in International Relations & Asian Studies, 2013

Magna cum laude, Sarah Williston Scholar

SELECTED RESEARCH

4. Amano et al. “Field Research When There’s Limited Access to the Field: Lessons From Japan” *Forthcoming, PS: Political Science & Politics*
3. Stanescu, Diana. “Restructuring Japan: Administrative Reform and the Quest for Free Trade.” *Harvard Program on U.S.-Japan Relations Occasional Paper Series 2021-13*, 2021.
2. Salganik et al. “Measuring the Predictability of Life Outcomes with a Scientific Mass Collaboration.” *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 2020.
1. Stanescu, Diana, Erik Wang and Soichiro Yamauchi. “Predicting Material Hardship: Using LASSO to Assist Imputation and Select Variables.” *Socius: Sociological Research for a Dynamic World*, September 2019.

WORKING PAPERS

5. Stanescu, Diana. “Agents or Advisers? Bureaucratic Structure and the Politics of Protection.”
4. Davis, Christina, Yon Soo Park and Diana Stanescu. “Foreign Policy or Industrial Policy? The Design of Trade Bureaucracy.”

3. Sayumi Miyano and Diana Stanescu “Do Ties with the Home Government Help Businesses Abroad?: The Effect of Revolving Door Connections on FDI of Japanese Firms.”
2. Incerti, Trevor, Sayumi Miyano, Diana Stanescu and Hikaru Yamagishi. “Amakudata: A dataset of Bureaucratic Revolving Door Hires.”
1. Kennard, Amanda and Diana Stanescu. “Do International Bureaucrats Matter? Evidence and Theory from the IMF.”

DATASETS

3. “The Bureaucratic Structure of Trade Policymaking.” Cross-national time series dataset that codes the bureaucratic structure of all WTO member states over the period 1995 – present.
2. “Comparative Economic Statecraft.” Cross-national time series dataset that codes the lead domestic institution in charge of trade policy portfolio for all WTO member states over the period 1995 – present. (with Christina Davis and Yon Soo Park)
1. “Amakudata: a New Dataset of Revolving Door Hires.” Amakudata uses Japanese government records of civil servant reemployment to create a dataset of personnel movements of civil servants to the private sector over the period 2009 – present. (with Trevor Incerti, Sayumi Miyano, and Hikaru Yamagishi)

HONORS AND AWARDS

8. *East Asian Studies Program Fellowship*. Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Princeton University, 2019 – 2020.
7. *Center for International Security Studies Fellowship*. Research Fellowship, Princeton University, 2018 – 2019.
6. *Bradley Fellowship*. Research Fellowship, Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation, 2015, 2017, & 2018.
5. *The John Fayerweather '43 Graduate Fellowship*. Honorary Fellowship, Princeton University, 2017 – 2018.
4. *Fragile Families Challenge Prize Winner*. Inter-University Social Science Competition, Best Prediction for Material Hardship (with Erik Wang & Soichiro Yamauchi), 2017.
3. *East Asian Studies Program*. Research Grant, Princeton University, 2015.
2. *Institute for International and Regional Studies*. Research Grant, Princeton University, 2015.
1. *Graduate Fellowship*. Princeton University, 2014 – 2019.

INVITED TALKS

6. Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, U.S.-Japan Program, Harvard University, March 2021. “Restructuring Japan: Administrative Reform and the Quest for Free Trade”.
5. GRIPE: Global Research in International Political Economy, February 2021. “Agents or Advisers? Bureaucratic Structure and the Politics of Trade Protection”.
4. Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, U.S.-Japan Program, Harvard University, May 2019. “Bureaucratic Structure and the Politics of Protection: the Case of Japan”.
3. Fragile Families Challenge Scientific Workshop, Special Meeting, Princeton University, November 2017. “Using LASSO to Assist Imputation and Predict Child Well-being” (with Erik Wang & Soichiro Yamauchi).
2. Japan Political Studies Group Round-table: New Voices in Japanese Politics Research, American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, September 2016. “The Bureaucratic Politics of Liberalization: Domestic Institutional Design and the Treaty Implementation Gap”.
1. Yale Project on Japan’s Politics and Diplomacy Conference, Yale University, April 2016. “The Bureaucratic Politics of Trade Agreements: How Bureaucratic Quality Affects Credible Commitment”.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS American Political Science Association (APSA) 2021; 2020; 2019 (2 papers); 2017; 2016
International Political Economy Society (IPES) 2021; 2020 (2 papers)
International Studies Association (ISA) 2020 (cancelled due to COVID)
Society for Political Methodology (PolMeth) 2019 (poster)
Political Economy of International Organizations (PEIO) 2019

TEACHING Princeton University:

- Statistical Programming Camp (Graduate), Winter 2018, Instructor.
- Leaders and the Making of U.S. Foreign Policy (Undergraduate), Spring 2017, Assistant Instructor.
- Introduction to Quantitative Social Sciences (Undergraduate), Fall 2016, Assistant Instructor.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant Professor Christina Davis	September 2014 – August 2020 Harvard University
Research Assistant Professor Melissa Lee	Fall 2019 Princeton University
Research Assistant Professor Keren Yarhi-Milo	Spring 2017 Princeton University

FIELDWORK *Conducted archival research and interviews with Japanese policymakers, academics, and interest group representatives in support of dissertation research, Tokyo, Japan, Summer 2015 – 2018.*

LANGUAGE TRAINING

Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Studies, Japanese Language Summer Program
Summer 2015, Yokohama, Japan; *Advanced level*

Kyoto Consortium for Japanese Studies
Spring 2012, Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan; *Advanced level*

Beijing Language and Culture University, Chinese Language Summer Program
Summer 2011, Beijing, China; *Intermediate level*

SKILLS

Languages: Romanian (native); English (bilingual); Japanese, French (working proficiency); Chinese and Spanish (intermediate level)
Programming: R, Python, STATA, ArcGIS
Quantitative: Regression; causal inference; event studies; text analysis; ML
Qualitative: Extensive fieldwork in Japan; interviews; process tracing; archival research
Grant writing: Won 7+ competitive research grants and fellowships

REFERENCES

Christina Davis (Dissertation committee chair)
Professor of Government & Susan S. and Kenneth L. Wallach Professor
Harvard University, Department of Government & the Radcliffe Institute
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