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PROFESSIONAL TRAJECTORY

PRESENT:

Director, Center for Asian Policy Studies, The Brookings Institution (July 2018~). Under the leadership of the Vice President for Foreign Policy, manage the premier center for policy relevant scholarship on East Asia and U.S. policy towards the region. Managerial responsibilities include advice on overall research priorities and dissemination strategies for policy analysis and prescription, fundraising, and administration of the Center.

Knight Chair in Japan Studies, Senior Fellow Foreign Policy Program, The Brookings Institution (August 2012~). Undertake in-depth research on Japanese foreign economic policy, Japanese political economy, U.S.-Japan relations, and the politics of international trade policy in Asia. Write analysis on these subjects in long form (book manuscripts, articles, policy briefs) and short form (opinion pieces, blogposts). Brief senior policymakers and offer expert commentary to the media (print, TV, podcasts). Convene public events and roundtables to advance policy discussions. Hold an active calendar of public speaking across the United States and Asia.

PAST:

Co-Director, Center for East Asian Policy Studies, The Brookings Institution (July 2017-June 2018).

Associate Professor with tenure. School of International Service. American University (September 2008~August 2014).

Assistant Professor. School of International Service. American University (September 2003~August 2008).

Assistant Professor. Department of Politics, Brandeis University (September 1999-August 2003).

Visiting Professor. Center for International Relations. El Colegio de México (September 1997-August 1999).

EDUCATION

Harvard University; Ph.D. Government Department. 1998.

Harvard University, M.A. in Regional Studies-East Asia, 1991.

El Colegio de México, B.A. in International Relations, 1989.

PUBLICATIONS: BOOKS, ARTICLES, CHAPTERS, POLICY BRIEFS, REPORTS

Japan's Quiet Leadership: Reshaping the Indo-Pacific. 2023. Brookings Institution Press.

ネットワークパワー日本の台頭 — 「失われた30 年」論を超えて. 2024.
Japanese edition published by Nikkei Publishing with a new prologue.

➤ *A Foreign Affairs* Best Book of 2024

Dilemmas of a Trading Nation: The United States and Japan in the Evolving Trans-Pacific Order. 2017. Brookings Institution Press.

貿易国家のジレンマ 日本・アメリカとアジア太平洋秩序の構築, 2019.
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➤ Winner of the 2018 Masayoshi Ohira Memorial Prize

Competitive Regionalism: FTA Diffusion in the Pacific Rim. 2009. Co-edited with Saori Katada and Barbara Stallings. Basingstokes: Palgrave Macmillan. International Political Economy Series.

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Cross-Regional Trade Agreements: Understanding Permeated Regionalism in East Asia. 2008. Co-edited with Saori Katada. Berlin: Springer. The Political Economy of Asia-Pacific Series.

Banking on Multinationals: Public Credit and the Export of Japanese Sunset Industries. 2004. Stanford: Stanford University Press.

- “Economic Security and New Industrial Policy,” *Asian Economic Policy Review*, vol. 20, no. 2, 2025. Co-authored with Shiro Armstrong and Shujiro Urata.
- “Heyday of Asian Regionalism? Implications of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership for the United States.” 2025. In *Political Economy of East Asian Integration: The Process of the RCEP negotiations and beyond*, edited by Fusanori Iwasaki, Keita Okawa, and Shujiro Urata. London: Routledge.
- “American Economic Statecraft in the Era of Global Conflict.” Paper presented at the Asian Leadership Conference, Seoul, May 2024.
- “U.S. Export Controls in the Era of Strategic Competition: Implications for South Korea,” In *U.S.-ROK Tech Cooperation*, NBR Special Report #107, March 2024.
- “American Economic Statecraft in the Asian Century.” A Brookings Interview with David Wessel, Akira Igata, Jason Hsu, Sarah Kreps, Myung-hee Yoo, Joshua Meltzer, February 2024.
- “A U.S.-ROK Economic Alliance: Meeting Present and Future Challenges.” Paper presented at the Brookings-KRINS conference, Seoul, January 2023.
- “An American Strategy for the Indo-Pacific in an Age of U.S.-China Competition.” Brookings FP Policy Brief coauthored with Richard Bush, Tanvi Madan, Jonathan Stromseth and Andrew Yeo. November 2022: <https://www.brookings.edu/research/an-american-strategy-for-the-indo-pacific-in-an-age-of-us-china-competition/>.
- “Economic Security: Boon or Bane for the U.S.-Japan Alliance? Paper delivered for the NEXT Alliance Workshop, November 2022: <https://spfusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/NAC-Dr.-Mireya-Solis.pdf>.
- “Heyday of Asian Regionalism? Implications of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership for the United States,” 2022. Discussion Paper, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (August): <https://www.eria.org/publications/heyday-of-asian-regionalism-the-implications-of-the-regional-comprehensive-economic-partnership-for-the-united-states/>.
- “Towards a U.S.-Japan Digital Alliance.” 2021. Working paper for the Sasakawa Foundation project on *Shaping the Pragmatic and Effective Strategy Toward China*. October: <https://www.brookings.edu/research/toward-a-us-japan-digital-alliance/>.
- “The big squeeze: Japanese supply chains and great power competition.” 2021. Chapter published by the Korea Economic Institute: <https://keia.org/publication/the-big-squeeze-japanese-supply-chains-and-great-power-competition/>.
- “Japan’s Democratic Renewal and the Survival of the Liberal Order.” 2021. Policy Brief. Democracy in Asia Project, Foreign Policy, Brookings: <https://www.brookings.edu/articles/japans-democratic-renewal-and-the-survival-of-the-liberal-order/>.
- “Underappreciated Power: Japan after Abe,” *Foreign Affairs*, November-December issue, 2020.
- “Great Power Competition and Asia’s Regional Economic Architecture.” Working paper for Brookings-East Asia Institute project, November, 2020.
- “Rescuing Trade Multilateralism: Japan’s Mission Impossible?” Working Paper for project on Japan’s Leadership Role in the International Liberal Order: Policy Impact and Opportunities for Partners, UBC, July 2020: <https://sppga.ubc.ca/wp->

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- “China, Japan and the Art of Economic Statecraft.” Policy brief Global China Project, February 2020: <https://www.brookings.edu/research/china-japan-and-the-art-of-economic-statecraft/>
- “Follower no More? Japan’s leadership role as a champion of the liberal trading order.” In *Japan and the Liberal International Order*, edited by Yoichi Funabashi and John Ikenberry. Brookings Press (2020).
- “U.S.-Japan Relations in the Era of Trump: Navigating the Turbulence of ‘America First.’” Guest Opinion. *México y la Cuenca del Pacífico* September-October 2019).
- “Japan’s Consolidated Democracy in an era of populist turbulence.” 2019. Policy Brief, Democracy and Disorder Project, Foreign Policy, Brookings: <https://www.brookings.edu/research/japans-consolidated-democracy-in-an-era-of-populist-turbulence/>
- “Abenomics and Japan’s Trade Policy in a New Era.” 2018. Co-authored with Shujiro Urata. *Asian Economic Policy Review*. January.
- “From APEC to the Mega Regionals: Evolution of the Asia-Pacific Trade Architecture.” 2017. Co-authored with Jeffrey Wilson. *The Pacific Review*. 30th anniversary edition.
- “Trans-Pacific Partnership: The politics of openness and leadership in Asia Pacific.” 2016. Brookings Order from Chaos, Asia Working Group paper.
- “The high stakes of TPP ratifications: Implications for Asia-Pacific and beyond.” 2016. *Japan Spotlight*. March/April.
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- “Japan’s Foreign Economic Policies: Trends, Drivers, Implications.” 2014. In *Oxford Handbook of the International Relations of Asia*, edited by John Ravenhill, Rosemary Foot and Saadia Pekkanen.
- “The Life-cycle of International Regimes: Temporality and Exclusive Forms of Cooperation.” 2014. Co-authored with Llewelyn Hughes and Jeffrey Lantis. *Journal of International Organization Studies*, vol. 5, no. 2: 85-115.
- “South Korea’s Fateful Decision on the TPP.” 2013. Brookings Foreign Policy Paper Series, no. 31 (September), 21 pp.
- エンドゲーム：TPP交渉妥結に向けた米国の課題” [Endgame: Challenges for the United States in Finalizing the TPP Negotiations]. 2013. 国際問題 [International Affairs], no. 622 (June): 29-40.
- “End of Dysfunctional Politics, New Era for Economic Reform in Japan.” 2013. RIETI Perspectives from the World, no. 32, (August). Available at: http://www.rieti.go.jp/en/special/p_a_w/032.html.
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- アジア・太平洋地域統合のアメリカンモデル: 定着できるか [The American Model of Asia-Pacific Integration: Can It Take Root?]. 2012 In *Henko suru Ajia to Nichibei Kankei* [A Changing Asia and U.S.-Japan Relations], edited by Takashi Yoshino, Yasuhiro Arikawa, Shujiro Urata, Shotaro Yachi, and Shunji Yanai. Tokyo: Toyo Keizai.
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- “The winds of change in Japanese trade policy: Textile multinationals and the battle over domestic market protection.” 2005. Co-authored with Saadia Pekkanen *Advanced International Management*, vol. 17.

- “From Iron Doors to Paper Screens: The Japanese State and Multinational Investment.” 2005. In *Japan and China in the World Economy*, edited by Saadia Pekkanen and Kellee Tsai. London and New York: Routledge.
- “Japan’s new regionalism: The politics of free trade talks with Mexico.” 2003. *Journal of East Asian Studies* 3, no. 3 (November-December): 377-404.
- “The Politics of Self-Restraint: FDI Subsidies and Japanese Mercantilism.” 2003. *The World Economy*, vol. 26, no. 2, (February): 153-180.
- “The myth of the *keiretsu* network: Japanese electronics in North America.” 2003. *Business and Politics* vol. 5, no. 3: 303-333.
- “Adjustment through Globalization: The Role of State FDI Finance.” 2003. In *Japan’s Managed Globalization in the 21st Century*, edited by Ulrike Schaede and William Grimes. Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe
- “La economía política de los bloques regionales” [The political economy of regional blocs]. 2001. *Foro Internacional*, no. 2 (164), April-June.
- “El éxodo de grupos empresariales: redes japonesas de suministro de partes en Estados Unidos y México.” 2000. *México, Estados Unidos, Canada, 1997-98*, edited by Bernardo Mabire. México: El Colegio de México.
- “Japón, 1998.” 1999. *Anuario Asia Pacífico*. México: El Colegio de México.
- “Sharing the Spoils of Economic Integration? Japanese Direct Investment in North America.” 1996. In *Regionalization in the World Economy: NAFTA, the Americas and Asia Pacific*, edited by Van R. Whiting Jr. Delhi: Macmillan India.
- “Mexico and Japan,” 1995. In *Charting the Mexican Labyrinth*, edited by Keith P. McGuinness. El Cajon: HPH Partners.
- “La inversión japonesa directa en México y Canada: compartimos los efectos negativos de la integración económica?”. 1995. *Mexico, Estados Unidos, Canada, 1993-1994*, edited by Gustavo Vega Canovas. México: El Colegio de México.

AWARDS, GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS

- Japan Foundation Indo-Pacific Fellowship (2024-2025).
- Smith Richardson grant for book project “East Asian Economic Security: Implications for American Statecraft” (November 2023-October 2025).
- Smith Richardson grant for book project “Immune to populism? Understanding Japan’s Past and Future Trajectory” (October 2017-September 2019).
- Fellowship for Advanced Social Science Research on Japan. National Endowment for the Humanities and Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission. September 2010-August 2011.
- U.S.-Japan Network for the Future. Mansfield Foundation and the Center for Global Partnership. January 2010-June 2011.
- Intellectual exchange grant as Principal Investigator from the Center for Global Partnership for Competitive Regionalism Project, 2007.
- Grant from the Japan-United States Friendship Commission for Competitive Regionalism Project, 2007.
- Grant from the Center for International Studies at USC for Competitive Regionalism Project, 2007.

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Research grant from the Center for International Studies at USC for East Asian Cross-Regionalism Project, 2005.
Abe Fellowship. Social Science Research Council and Center for Global Partnership. June 2005-May 2006.
Young Scholar Award. Granted by the Association of Japanese Business Studies (AJBS). June 2002.
U.S.-Japan Relations Program. Harvard University. Advanced Research Fellowship. September 2000-May 2001.
Edwin O. Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies. Harvard University. Supplementary Dissertation Grant. 1997-98.
Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies, UCSD. Researcher in Residence Fellowship. September 1996-June 1997.
United Nations University/Institute of Advanced Studies. Ph.D. Fellowship. January-August, 1996.
Mexican Government. CONACYT Scholarship. National Council on Science and Technology. Ph.D. Fellowship. August 1991-September 1995.
Fulbright Scholarship. 1989-1991.
Ford Foundation Award. 1989-1991.
Joseph Fletcher Award. Master's Thesis. Regional Studies-East Asia Committee. Harvard University. June 1991.
Japan Airlines-Japan Foundation. Japanese Speech Contest. First place. Mexico City. August 1991.
Japan Airlines-Japan Foundation. Japanese Speech Contest. First place. Mexico City. August 1988

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Selected appearances:

Acceptance speech for the Masayoshi Ohira Memorial Prize, Tokyo, June 12, 2018: <https://www.brookings.edu/on-the-record/acceptance-speech-of-the-ohira-masayoshi-memorial-prize/>

Abe Fellowship 25th Anniversary Program, panelist, Tokyo, November 2016.

Speech at Josai University, Saitama Prefecture, Japan on the occasion of the World Assembly for Women, September 16, 2014: <https://www.brookings.edu/on-the-record/empowering-women-in-japanese-society/>

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