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## Academic Appointments

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| 2022–     | <b>The University of Osaka</b> , Graduate School of Law and Politics<br>Associate Professor                           |
| 2021–2022 | <b>Keio University</b> , Faculty of Law<br>Post-Doctoral Research Fellow                                              |
| 2020–2021 | <b>Tokai University</b> , School of Humanities and Culture, Department of International Studies<br>Part-Time Lecturer |

## Education

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| 2016–2021 | <b>The University of Tokyo</b> , Graduate School for Law and Politics<br>Ph.D. in Law             |
| 2017–2018 | <b>University of California, Berkeley</b><br>Visiting Research Student                            |
| 2016–2017 | <b>Saint Petersburg State University</b> , Faculty of Political Science<br>Exchange Student       |
| 2014–2016 | <b>The University of Tokyo</b> , Graduate School for Law and Politics<br>M.A. in Law, Distinction |
| 2009–2014 | <b>The University of Tokyo</b> , Faculty of Law<br>B.A. in Law, Graduated with honors             |

## Research Interests

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Comparative Politics; Comparative Political Economy; Democratization; Authoritarian Regimes; Ethnicity; Post-Soviet Politics; Machine Politics; Russia; Ukraine.

## Peer-Reviewed Articles

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- 7 Torikai, Masatomo, and Evgenia Olimpieva. “Cadre Control and Coercion: How Centralized Appointments of Subnational Officials Intensify Judicial Repression.” *Comparative Politics*, Accepted.
- 6 Torikai, Masatomo. 2026. “Surviving Political Disruption: Renomination Patterns of Former Party of Regions Deputies in Post-Euromaidan Ukraine.” *Electoral Studies*, 102, 103113: 1–16.
- 5 Aburamoto, Mari, and Masatomo Torikai. “Legitimacy and Control: The Strategic Use of Minor Opposition Parties in Authoritarian Elections.” *Comparative Politics*, Fast Track.
- 4 Torikai, Masatomo. 2023. “Integrating Governor Posts Into the Federal Bureaucratic Structure: Resignation and Post-Tenure Careers of Governors in Russia.” *Europe-Asia Studies* 75(10): 1651–1676.
- 3 Torikai, Masatomo. 2023. “Growing Localization and Fragmentation of Patronal Politics: Ukrainian Local Elections since 2010.” *Eurasian Geography and Economics* 64(3): 296–321.

- 2 Torikai, Masatomo. 2022. "Remnants of the Ancien Régime: Renomination and Re-election of Former Members of A Demised Ruling Party in Ukraine." *Democratization* 29(7): 1249–1267.
- 1 Torikai, Masatomo. 2019. "Electoral Logic of Governor Rotations in Ukraine: Rulers Authority, Party Strength, and Regional Polarization." *Post-Soviet Affairs* 35(3): 258–276.

## Works in Progress

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- 3 "Diversionary Propaganda: The Instrumental Use of Fascism Framing against Ukraine in Russian Media." (with Masaaki Higashijima, Tomoki Kaneko, and Keichi Kubo)
- 2 "Subnational Cadre Rotations for Centralization: Different Appointment Patterns of Outsider and Local Governors in Russia." Under review.
- 1 "Why Do Pro-Russian Parties Flourish? Contextualizing the Rise of Ilan Șor's Parties in Moldova." Under review.

## Other Publications

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- 6 「アウトサイダーの増加とそのペナルティ: ロシアの知事人事の変化とその選挙動員への影響, 1991–2019 年」 [Proliferation of Outsiders and Its Penalty: Transformation of the Governor Deployments in Russia and Its Effect on Electoral Mobilization, 1991–2019]. 『ロシア・東欧研究』 (Russia and East European Studies), no. 49, 2021, pp. 144–166 (in Japanese).
- 5 Местное самоуправление в Новосибирской области: сравнительный анализ (1991–2020 гг.) // Актуальные проблемы исторических исследований: взгляд молодых ученых: сборник материалов Международной молодежной научной школы-конференции / редкол.: Т. И. Морозова (отв. ред.), И. С. Чернова (отв. секр.) [и др.]; Ин-т истории СО РАН. 2020. С. 230–236 (in Russian).
- 4 「跋扈するクラン政治から垂直的権力の形成へ: ダゲスタンの共和国政府・市郡政府の関係の変遷」 [From Rampant Clan Politics to Consolidation of Power Vertical: Transformation of the Relationship between Regional and Municipal Governments in Dagestan]. 『ロシア・東欧研究』 (Russia and East European Studies), no. 47, 2019, pp. 98–116 (in Japanese).
- 3 「すべてのウクライナ人はオレンジだったのか: 2004 年ウクライナ大統領選における政治マシーンと東西亀裂」 [All Ukrainians Were Orange? Political Machine and East-West Division in the 2004 Ukrainian Presidential Elections]. 『スラヴ研究』 (Slavic Studies), no. 65, 2018, pp. 1–38 (in Japanese).
- 2 "Governors Change, Mayors Change? Different Relationship between Municipal and Regional Governments in Tatarstan and Bashkortostan." In *Материалы докладов XII международной молодежной научной конференции «Тинчуринские чтения»*, no. 3, Kazan, 2018, pp. 86–89.
- 1 "Electoral Political Machine in Tatarstan." In *Материалы докладов XII международной молодежной научной конференции «Тинчуринские чтения»*, no. 3, Kazan, 2017, pp. 124–125.

## Conference Presentations

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| Nov. 2024 | Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Boston. |
| Dec. 2022 | East Asian Conference on Slavic Eurasian Studies, online.            |

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| Nov. 2022 | Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Chicago. |
| May 2021  | Association for the Study of Nationalities, online.                   |
| Jul. 2019 | East Asian Conference of Slavic and Eurasian Studies, Tokyo.          |
| Nov. 2017 | Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, Chicago.  |
| Apr. 2016 | Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago.                       |
| Jan. 2016 | Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico.        |

## Invited Talks

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| Nov. 2020 | Academic Seminar of Department of Political Science and International Relations, Higher School of Economics in Saint-Petersburg, online. |
| Mar. 2019 | International Workshop, “Political and Economic Elites in Russia and Ukraine,” Keio University, Tokyo.                                   |
| Mar. 2018 | Workshop, “Russia’s 2018 Presidential Elections through the Regional Lenses,” King’s College London.                                     |
| Jun. 2017 | Todai PolSci Lunch Meeting, Tokyo.                                                                                                       |
| Apr. 2017 | Open Seminar, Center for Comparative History and Political Studies, Perm, Russia.                                                        |
| Jun. 2016 | Todai PolSci Lunch Meeting, Tokyo.                                                                                                       |

## Grants and Fellowships

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| 2023–2027 | Research Grant, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science.                                                                                                     |
| 2022–2025 | Research Grant, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science; with Kimitaka Matsuzato, Masaaki Higashijima, Atsushi Ogushi, Yu Tachibana, and Takayuki Yoshimura. |
| 2021–2025 | Research Grant, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science; with Masaaki Higashijima, Ryo Nakai, Yuki Yanai, and Yuki Shiraito.                                 |
| 2021–2022 | Research Grant, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science.                                                                                                     |
| 2020–2021 | Sasakawa Scientific Research Grant, The Japan Science Society.                                                                                                  |
| 2019–2020 | Research Grant, K. Matsushita Foundation.                                                                                                                       |
| 2019      | Nakamura-Suzukawa Research Grant, Slavic-Eurasian Research Center, Hokkaido University.                                                                         |
| 2019      | Overseas Research Grant, Murata Science and Education Foundation.                                                                                               |
| 2017–2019 | Research Grant, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science.                                                                                                     |
| 2016–2017 | Fellowship for Young Researchers, Japan Russia Youth Exchange Center.                                                                                           |

## Selected Fieldwork and Service

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| Aug.–Sep. 2024 | Field research in Moldova: Chişinău, Bălţi, and Comrat.                                  |
| Jul.–Aug. 2019 | Field research in Russia: Novosibirsk.                                                   |
| Sep.–Dec. 2018 | Field research in Russia: Tambov and Kemerovo.                                           |
| Feb.–Jun. 2017 | Field research in Russia: Tatarstan, Bashkortostan, Chuvashia, and Dagestan.             |
| Jun.–Jul. 2015 | Field research for master’s thesis in Ukraine: Kyiv, Kherson, and Dnipropetrovsk.        |
| 2017, 2019     | Discussant, chair, and volunteer staff roles at Slavic and Eurasian studies conferences. |

## Reviewer

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Problems of Post-Communism; Post-Soviet Affairs; Comparative Political Studies.

## Languages and Technical Skills

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**Languages:** Japanese (native); English and Russian (fluent); Ukrainian, Polish, Romanian, and Serbo-Croatian (basic).

**Technical skills:** R, Python,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , Quarto.