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Work: International Trade & Finance, Industrial Organization, Finance, Labor Economics & E-Learning

Employment:

2013-present University of Tokyo, Project Assistant Professor of Economics
2013 University of Tokyo, Assistant Professor of Economics
2012-2013 Pennsylvania State University, Assistant Professor of Economics
2005-2008 Society of Fellows, Harvard University, Junior Fellow
2004-2005 Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, Member

Additional Affiliation:

2015-present Research Associate, CERGE-EI, Prague

Education:

Ph.D., Economics, Harvard University, September 2008 to May 2012
Thesis: “*Essays on trade and imperfectly competitive markets*”
Committee: Gita Gopinath (primary advisor), Pol Antràs, Marc Melitz, Glen Weyl
Ph.D., Physics, Stanford University, September 2000 to January 2004
Thesis: “*Aspects of time-dependent solutions of string theory*”, Advisor: Eva Silverstein
M.Sc., Physics, Charles University, Prague, *summa cum laude*, June 2000
Thesis: “*Current problems in string theory*”, Advisor: Jiří Niederle

Teaching Experience:

2013-2015 *International Finance* (graduate), University of Tokyo
2013-2015 *International Trade* (graduate), University of Tokyo
2014-2015 *Topics in Asset Pricing* (graduate), University of Tokyo
Spring 2013 *Open Economy Macroeconomics & International Finance* (graduate), Penn State
Fall 2012 *Advanced International Trade* (undergraduate), Penn State
Summer 2001 *Mechanics, Heat, and Electricity*, Stanford, T.A. for Gerald Fisher
Spring 2001 *Relativity, Quantum Mechanics, Particle Physics*, Stanford, T.A. for Leonard Susskind
Winter 2001 *Electromagnetism*, Stanford, T.A. for Savas Dimopoulos
Fall 2000 *Optics and Thermodynamics*, Stanford, T.A. for Douglas Osheroff

Grants, Honors, Scholarships, and Fellowships:

2014 Japan Society for the Promotion of Science Grant – 11.88 million yen (\approx US \$115,000)
2013 Japan Science and Technology Agency Grant – 70 million yen (\approx US \$700,000)
2011-2012 Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard University
2005-2008 Junior Fellowship, Society of Fellows, Harvard University
2000-2004 Stanford Graduate Fellowship, Stanford University
1996-2000 Merit Scholarship, Charles University, Prague
1995 Bronze Medal, International Physics Olympiad, Canberra
1995 First Place, National Physics Olympiad, Czech Republic
1995 First Place, Fykos Physics Competition, Czech Republic
1994 Bronze Medal for Theory, International Physics Olympiad, Beijing
1994 One of First Prize Recipients, National Physics Olympiad, Czech Republic
1994 One of First Prize Recipients, National Mathematics Olympiad, Czech Republic

Graduate Student Advising:

- Konstantin Egorov – PhD student at Penn State: dissertation committee member
International Trade, International Finance
- Mina Taniguchi (Mina Sakamoto)– master’s student at the University of Tokyo: master’s thesis advisor
International Trade; now graduate student at Sciences Po, Paris
Thesis: *The effect of an increase in imports from China on regional labor markets in Japan*
<http://ssrn.com/abstract=2531290>
- Olivia Quek – PhD student at the University of Tokyo: dissertation committee member
International Trade
- Frank Chen – master’s student at the University of Tokyo: master’s thesis advisor
Housing Price Dynamics
- Ping Zhang – master’s student at the University of Tokyo: master’s thesis advisor
Asset Pricing
- Xiuyuan Ye – master’s student at the University of Tokyo: master’s thesis evaluation committee member
International Macroeconomics
- Kohei Nagamachi – PhD student at the University of Tokyo, dissertation evaluation committee member
Urban Economics; now associate professor at Kagawa University Graduate School of Management
- Chuyang Wu – master’s student at the University of Tokyo: master’s thesis advisor
- Huan Wang – master’s student at the University of Tokyo: master’s thesis advisor

Presentations:

- 2012 Boston University, Stanford Graduate School of Business, University of Tokyo, Pennsylvania State University, University of British Columbia, National University of Singapore, University of Rochester, Pennsylvania State University’s New Faces in International Economics Conference, Bates White’s 9th Annual Antitrust Conference, Yale University
- 2013 AEA Meeting in San Diego: “Demand Systems and Imperfect Competition” Session, SED Meeting in Seoul: “Topics in International Trade I” Session, Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society in Singapore: “Topics in International Trade I” Hitotsubashi University, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, Hitotsubashi Conference on International Trade and FDI
- 2014 University of Chicago, Asian Development Bank Institute, University of Tokyo, Tohoku University, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, University of Tokyo, Hitotsubashi University, Kyoto University, Nagoya University, OEIO Tokyo Conference, National University of Singapore, Institute of Developing Economies - IDE-JETRO, University of Tokyo, Japanese Economic Association Meeting in Fukuoka, Tsinghua University, Center for Market Studies & Spatial Economics - HSE, CERGE-EI - Charles University
- 2015 Australasian Trade Workshop, Sydney, Japan Society for International Economics Kanto Meeting, Japanese Economic Association Meeting, Niigata, CWSS Complex Systems Workshop, Prague, Society for Economic Dynamics Meeting, Warsaw, Industrial Organization Conference at the University of Tokyo, Summer Workshop on Economic Theory, Sapporo, Keio University (October 8), Japanese Economic Association Meeting, Tokyo (October 10-11), Chinese University of Hong Kong (October 29), North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association International, Portland (November 11-14)
- 2016 OEIO Tokyo Conference (March 22-23)

Short Term Visits:

- 2014 Feb/Mar Visiting Fellow, Becker Friedman Institute, University of Chicago, USA
- 2014 Aug Visitor, Microsoft Research New England, Cambridge, MA, USA
- 2014 Sep Development fieldwork site near Los Baños, Philippines
- 2014 Dec/Jan CERGE-EI, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic
- 2015 Mar Visitor, Microsoft Research New England, Cambridge, MA, USA

Conference Discussions:

- 2013 Loualiche: “*Asset Pricing with Entry and Imperfect Competition*,”
Market Frictions Conference, Tokyo
- 2014 Allen and Arkolakis: “*Trade and the Topography of the Spatial Economy*,”
AEA Meeting, Philadelphia (later published in Quarterly Journal of Economics, 2014)
- 2015 Faucegli, Lassmann, Shingal, and Wermelinger: “*Backward Participation in Global Value Chains and Exchange Rate Driven Adjustments of Swiss Exports*,”
Australasian Trade Workshop, Sydney

Special Lectures:

- 2014 *Exchange Rate Pass-Through*, University of Chicago, Booth School of Business
- 2015 *Japan & the International Economy*, for students visiting from Sungkyunkwan University

Referee:

African Review of Economics and Finance, Economic Journal, Economics Letters, Japanese Economic Review, Journal of Economic Theory, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of International Economics, Journal of Mathematical Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, National Tax Journal, Operations Research, Quarterly Journal of Economics, RAND Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Singapore Economic Review

Professional Memberships:

American Economic Association, Econometric Society, Japanese Economic Association, Japan Society of International Economics, Philippine eLearning Society, Society for Economic Measurement

Languages and Skills:

English (fluent), Czech (native), Japanese (basic), Slovak (passive), Polish (passive)
C/C++, Java, SQL, MATLAB, Mathematica, Stata, GAUSS

Personal:

Czech citizen, born 2/26/1977, married to Mika Iga, three children

Most Recent Working Papers:

A Tractable Approach to Pass-Through Patterns; with Glen Weyl
<http://ssrn.com/abstract=2194855>

Cities as Solitons: Analytic Solutions to Models of Agglomeration and Related Numerical Approaches
<http://ssrn.com/abstract=2630599>

Publications:

Pass-Through as an Economic Tool: Principles of Incidence under Imperfect Competition; with Glen Weyl
Journal of Political Economy, 2013, 121 (3): 528-583; <http://www.jstor.org/stable/10.1086/670401>

D-Sitter Space: Causal Structure, Thermodynamics, and Entropy, with Eva Silverstein
Journal of High Energy Physics 2004.12 (2004): 061

On Smooth Time-Dependent Orbifolds and Null Singularities, with John McGreevy
Journal of High Energy Physics 2003.06 (2003): 042

Clean Time-Dependent String Backgrounds from Bubble Baths
with Ofer Aharony, Gary Horowitz and Eva Silverstein
Journal of High Energy Physics 2002.07 (2002): 007

Higher-Dimensional Quantum Hall Effect in String Theory
Journal of High Energy Physics 2002.05 (2002): 037

Deconstructing Noncommutativity with a Giant Fuzzy Moose, with Allan Adams
Journal of High Energy Physics 2002.04 (2002): 006

Casimir Effect Between World-Branes in Heterotic M-Theory, with Petr Hořava
Nuclear Physics B 580.1 (2000): 243-263