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EMPLOYMENT

Research Fellow, Institute for Advanced Study, Toulouse	September 2020- Post-doctoral
Researcher, Bocconi University	September 2019- July 2020
Post-doctoral Researcher, Hitotsubashi University	July-August 2019

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, University of California, Davis	May 2019
M.A., Economics, University of Tokyo	March 2013
B.A., Economics, Keio University	March 2011

RESEARCH FIELDS

Development and Growth, Labor Economics, Economic History

PUBLICATIONS

Kumon, Yuzuru (2020) “Rich Europe, Poor Asia: How Wealth Inequality, Demography, and Crop Risks Explain the Poverty of Pre-industrial East Asia, 1300-1800” (PhD Summary) *Journal of Economic History*, 80 (2), 589–592

WORKING PAPERS

Job Market Paper

The Deep Roots of Inequality

Other Papers

The Labor Intensive Path: Wages, Incomes and the Work Year in Japan, 1610-1932

How Equality Created Poverty: Japanese Wealth Distributions and Living Standards 1600-1870

WORK IN PROGRESS

The Benefit of Shocks: Risk and Living Standards in pre-industrial Japan

PRESENTATIONS

2020: Queen’s University Belfast, Cambridge University, Economic History Society Online new Researchers Session

2019: Economic History Association, Dissertation Session; Pacific Conference for Development Economics (PACDEV), University of Southern California; The Annual Cliometrics Conference, Paper Session; Bocconi University; University of Southern Denmark; University of Groningen; Waseda University; Keio University; Kobe University; Osaka University; Hitotsubashi University; European Historical Economics Society conference (EHES), Paris; Trinity College Dublin; London School of Economics

2018: Graduate Student Session, Cliometrics Conference; Economic History Seminar, University of Tokyo; Economic Development Workshop, Hitotsubashi; All UC Graduate Student Workshop; LSE Graduate Student Seminar; Warwick Economic History Workshop; Oxford Graduate Student Seminar; Economic History Seminar, UC Davis

2017: New Frontiers in Asian Economic History, Association for Asian Studies; Family and Living Standards in Tokugawa Japan, Hitotsubashi University; Poster Session, Economic History Association

2016 One Hundred Flowers, All UC Economic History Conference

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Bocconi University Spring 2020
Instructor

- Economic History: Globalization, Divergence, and Inequality in Historical Perspective

University of California, Davis Fall 2014 - Present
Teaching Assistant

- Undergraduate Courses: Economic History, Game Theory, Intermediate Econometrics, Intermediate Microeconomics
- Graduate Courses: Cross Section Econometrics, Econometric Foundations, Microeconomics
Average Evaluation Score: 4.4/5 (16 total courses)

HONORS, GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS

Alexander Gerschenkron Prize for the best dissertation in non-US or Canadian Economic History, Economic History Association 2019

Sokoloff Fellowship (\$15,000), Economic History Association 2018-2019

Economics Department Research Support Award (\$1,500), UC Davis 2018-2019

Graduate Student Fellowship (\$3750), All-UC Group in Economic History 2017-2018

Dissertation Improvement Support Award (\$500), UC Davis 2017-2018

Non-Resident Tuition Fellowship, UC Davis Fall 2016

Long Term Foreign Studies Award, Japan Student Services Organization 2013-2016

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

English (native), Japanese (native), German (Basic)