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**EDUCATION**

**London School of Economics** 09/2022 – 09/2026

PhD Economic History

* **UK Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) Studentship**
* Research Question: **How was Foreign Knowledge and Technology Indigenised in Japan’s Rubber Industry between 1909 and 1963?**
* Supervisors: Prof. Janet Hunter & Dr Gerben Bakker
* Graduate Teaching Assistant Training Course 2022/23
* Approaches to Economic History seminar and weekly graduate & departmental seminars
* Auditing masters courses East Asia in the Age of Imperialism, Quantitative Analysis in Economic History II, and Long-Run Analysis of Firms and Industries
* Taking Japanese Proficiency course at SOAS and Russian: Level One at LSE Language Centre

**Graduate School of Economics, Kyoto University** 04/2018 – 05/2019

Japanese Government (MEXT) Research Student

* **2018 MEXT Postgraduate Scholarship Programme** (Embassy recommendation)
* Research Project: Indigenising Dunlop: The Rubber Industry in Interwar Japan
* April-August 2018: MEXT Intensive Japanese Language Programme (Intermediate I)
* Completed Intermediate II Japanese and Advanced level Japanese language courses. Also attended graduate courses including Firms and Industrial Organization in Japan; International Business and Nation States; and Industries and Global Competition

**London School of Economics** 09/2016 – 09/2017

M.Sc. Economic History (Research)

* **Distinction**
* **Great Britain Sasakawa Foundation Postgraduate Studentship**
* Research Dissertation: The *Yokohama-New York Nexus: Re-evaluating Japanese Raw Silk Exports, 1890-1929* (two units: grades 77 & 83)
* Extended dissertation programme with taught courses Historical Analysis of Economic Change (72); Research Design and Quantitative Methods in Economic History (72); Pre-Modern Paths of Growth 1000-1800 (68); and Economic Development of East and Southeast Asia (75)

**University of Manchester** 09/2013 – 06/2016

B.A. (Hons) Modern History with Economics

* High 2.1 (grade average 69.5), Shuttleworth History Prize for Level 1
* Thesis: Factor-Biased Growth: Cotton Spinning Technology in Georgian Manchester & Meiji Osaka

**EMPLOYMENT**

**Capital Economics, Singapore** 05/2019 – 06/2022

Japan Economist

* One of two economists responsible for forecasting and writing high-quality research on the Japanese economy at one of the world’s leading macroeconomic research companies
* On the Japan Service we typically sent 3-4 reports to clients every week which ranged from rapid responses to monthly data releases to in-depth “think” pieces digging into issues that will affect the Japanese economy for decades to come
* My publications included deep-dives into the regional banking system, the economic policy agendas of PM Suga and PM Kishida, Japan’s carbon neutral 2050 target, and into the financial imbalances that have built up between the corporate and public sector
* Regularly quoted by media such as The Financial Times, Nikkei, Bloomberg, and the BBC. I also conducted live interviews on TV stations such as CNBC and Channel News Asia.
* Based in head office in London for my first six months, after which I was based in the Singapore office (with periods working from the UK during COVID)

**Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto** 02/2019

Research Assistant to Dr Sumiyo Nishizaki, Assistant Professor

**Bestinver Asset Management, Madrid** 09/2017 –01/2018

Intern, Japanese Equities

* Buy-side Japan research working directly with senior analysts and fund managers in Madrid and London
* Focused on Industrials and TMT sectors. Undertook quantitative and qualitative analysis of Japanese companies including Mitsubishi Heavy, SMC, Tadano, Kawasaki Heavy, Nippon Ceramic, Panasonic, M3, and Toho.
* Also wrote a substantial report on Japanese corporate governance and screened 70 Japanese industrials on corporate governance indicators such as composition of the board of directors, strength of keiretsu linkages, and targeted dividend payout ratio

**GlaxoSmithKline Thailand (Myanmar branch)** 08/2012

Work Experience at Yangon office

* Worked with GSK Myanmar team, focusing on the distribution of medicine across Myanmar through GSK’s partnership with the Burmese government and NGOs
* Attended internal meetings and meetings with NGOs, local hospitals and schools in the Yangon and Mandalay regions, giving me practical experience of business in a developing country

**ADDITIONAL TRAINING**

**Waseda University, Tokyo** 06/2016 – 07/2016

Comprehensive Japanese Short-Term 2

* Intensively studied Japanese for three weeks and achieved a GPA of 4.0 across all assessments

**Peking University, Beijing** 07/2015 – 08/2015

LSE-Peking University Summer School

* The *Global Economy: Rethinking World Leadership and the Great Shift East*
* Focused on China’s economic development in the context of the global economy’s changing centre of gravity. Achieved first class grade overall.

**LANGUAGES**

* English (mother tongue)
* Japanese (advanced knowledge)
  + Ready to take Japanese Language Proficiency Test N1 (native level Japanese)
* French (basic knowledge)

**IT SKILLS**

* Proficient in all major Microsoft Office programmes, including Excel, Word, Powerpoint
* Can conduct statistical analysis using the statistical software package STATA, including multiple regression analysis utilising panel data and instrumental variables

**INTERESTS**

* History and culture of East Asia, USSR; and of large cities such as London, Tokyo, Istanbul
* Music across many genres (favourites include alternative rock, post-punk, krautrock, jazz, dub)
* Wide range of film, comedy, literature, and sport
* Regularly play football and cycle. I am also an Arsenal season ticket holder.