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## EMPLOYMENT/FELLOWSHIP

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Apr. 2024–	Instructor, Department of International Relations Law, Faculty of Law Seinan Gakuin University
Sep. 2023–	Adjunct Lecturer, Graduate School of Law Hitotsubashi University
Nov. 2023–Mar. 2024	Assistant Researcher, Waseda Institute of Political Economy Waseda University
Nov. 2021–Oct. 2023	Research Associate, Institute for Advanced Social Sciences Waseda University
Apr. 2023–Sep. 2023	Adjunct Lecturer, School of International Politics, Economics and Communication Aoyama Gakuin University
Apr. 2017–Mar. 2020	Research Fellowship for Young Scientists (DC1) Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS)

## EDUCATION

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Mar. 2026 (expected)	Ph.D. of Political Science, Waseda University
Mar. 2017	Master of Political Science, Waseda University
Mar. 2015	Bachelor of Global Political Economy, Waseda University (Minors: Politics, Economics, Peace Studies, International Cooperation)

## RESEARCH INTEREST

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1. UN peacekeeping (effectiveness, deployment, personnel commitments)
2. Peacebuilding (esp. in Western African countries, such as Guinea-Bissau and Liberia)
3. Quantitative analysis of international relations

## PUBLICATIONS/ONGOING PROJECTS

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### Peer-reviewed Articles

1. Asano, Rui. 2023. "Does Peacekeeping by Civilians Work? Reducing Armed Violence without Armed Force." *Japanese Journal of Political Science* 24(3): 289–309. [[Publisher Website for Open Access](#)] [[Dataverse](#)]

### Book Chapters

1. Asano, Rui. "The 2019 National Elections in Guinea-Bissau: A Quantitative Analysis of Religious and Ethnic Voting." In Ricardo Real P. de Sousa, Jens Herpolsheimer, and Jara Cuadrado (Eds.), *Political Instability in Guinea-Bissau* (Chapter 8; pp. 141–163). London and New York: Routledge. [[Publisher Website for Open Access](#)] [[Appendix and Errata](#)]

### Working Papers

1. Asano, Rui, Makito Takei, and Naonari Yajima. "Coups and Contributions to Peacekeeping Reconsidered: A Reanalysis of Kathman and Melin (2017)." (Under review in *International Studies Quarterly*)
2. Tanaka-Sakabe, Yukako, Takashi Nagatsuji, and Rui Asano. "Violent Experiences during Civil Conflicts and the 2017 National Elections in Liberia." (Under review in *Civil War*)

3. Annaka, Susumu, Rui Asano, and Naonari Yajima. "Military Recruitment, Democracy, and International Conflict: Do Political Regime Types Condition the Effect of Conscription?" [[SocArXiv](#)]

## Work in Progress

1. "Self-Sacrifice or Self-Protection? Personnel Commitments and Casualty Sensitivity in UN Peacekeeping Operations."
2. "UN Peacekeeping Location: Hard or Easy Cases?"

## Non-peer Reviewed Publications (in Japanese)

1. Asano, Rui. 2024. "The 2023 Legislative Election in Guinea-Bissau: The Decline of the Party for Social Renewal." *Africa*, 64(2): 52–57. The Africa Society of Japan.
2. Asano, Rui. 2023. "Religious and Ethnic Voting in the 2019 National Elections in Guinea-Bissau: Research through Data Analysis and Interviews (Implementation Report of the Sub-Saharan Africa Scholarship)." *Africa*, 63(2): 74–76. The Africa Society of Japan.
3. Asano Rui, Shusuke Ioku, and Shuhei Kurizaki. 2021. "Quantitative Analysis of Diplomacy: The Decline and Revival of the Diplomatic System." *Methods of International Relations Research: Explanation and Practice*, Suzuki, Motoshi, and Keisuke Iida (ed). [[Publisher](#)]
4. Asano, Rui, and Takashi Nagatsuji. 2021. "Inter-state Relations over Oil and Natural Gas Resources in African Countries: Senegal and Guinea-Bissau." Organization for Regional and Inter-regional Studies, Waseda University (eds). *Waseda Asia Review*, 23: 22–28. Akashi Shoten. [[Publisher](#)]
5. Asano, Rui. 2020. "The 2019 Legislative Election in Guinea-Bissau: Field Report." Organization for Regional and Inter-regional Studies, Waseda University (eds). *Waseda Asia Review*, 22: 27–32. Akashi Shoten. [[Publisher](#)]

## PRESENTATIONS

### Conferences

*\*who talked about coauthored papers*

1. Tanaka-Sakabe, Yukako, Takashi Nagatsuji\*, and Rui Asano. 2021. "Violent Experience during Civil Conflicts and the 2017 National Elections in Liberia." The 58th Conference of the Japan Association for African Studies (online).
2. Asano, Rui. 2019. "Accountability and Casualty Sensitivity in UN Peacekeeping." The 2019 Annual Convention of the Japan Association of International Relations (Niigata, Japan; in Japanese).
3. Asano, Rui\*, Kiyotaka Yasui, and Munenori Kita. 2018. "A Domestic Explanation for UN Peacekeeping Operations: Burden-sharing and Public Opinion." The 89th Annual Conference of the Southern Political Science Association (New Orleans, US).
4. Asano, Rui. 2017. "Endogenous Peace by Peacekeepers? UN Peacekeeping Operations and Conflict Relapses." The 2017 Annual Conference of the Pacific International Politics Conference (Seoul, Korea).
5. Asano, Rui. 2017. "Endogenous Peace by Peacekeepers? UN Peacekeeping Operations and Conflict Relapse." The 7th Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association (Milan, Italy).
6. Asano, Rui. 2017. "Endogenous Peace by Peacekeepers? UN Peacekeeping Operations and Conflict Relapses." The 75th Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, US).
7. Asano, Rui. 2017. "Endogenous Peace by Peacekeepers? The United Nations Peacekeeping Operations and Conflict Relapses." The 58th Annual Convention of the International Studies Association (Baltimore, US).

### Seminars, Workshops, and Symposiums

1. Asano, Rui, Makito Takei\*, and Naonari Yajima. "Coups and Contributions to Peacekeeping Reconsidered: A Reanalysis of Kathman and Melin (2017)." 3<sup>rd</sup> Conferencia Anual de Ciencia Política del Tecnológico de Monterrey (Mexico City, Mexico).

2. Asano, Rui. 2023. "The 2019 Legislative Election in Guinea-Bissau: Was Religion A Factor?" Experimental Political Science Workshop: The Frontier of Conflict and Peace Research (Tokyo, Japan; in Japanese).
3. Asano, Rui. 2022. "The 2019 Legislative Election in Guinea-Bissau: Was Religion A Factor?" International Seminar on the (In)stability in Guinea-Bissau (online).
4. Asano, Rui, Shusuke Ioku, and Shuhei Kurizaki\*. 2021. "Quantitative Analysis of Diplomacy: The Decline and Revival of the Diplomatic System." Seminar on Methods of International Relations Research (online; in Japanese).
5. Asano, Rui. 2021. "UN Peacekeeping Deployment and Placement." The 2nd Meeting of the UTokyo x Waseda Political Science Colloquium (online; in Japanese).
6. Tanaka-Sakabe, Yukako\*, Takashi Nagatsuji, and Rui Asano\*. 2020. "Unforgettable Violent Events and the 2017 Elections in Liberia." Hitotsubashi University Workshop on Democracy, Network and Conflict (Tokyo, Japan).
7. Asano, Rui. 2020. "Location and Effectiveness of UN Peacekeeping Missions in Sudan." The 5th Waseda ORIS International Symposium for Junior Researchers "Public Response to Government Policy and International Interventions" (Tokyo, Japan).
8. Tanaka-Sakabe, Yukako, Takashi Nagatsuji\*, and Rui Asano. 2019. "Unforgettable Violent Events and the 2017 Elections in Liberia." Waseda University and Aoyama Gakuin University Joint Workshop "Innovation in Peacebuilding Research: Perspectives from Africa and Asia" (Tokyo, Japan).
9. Asano, Rui. 2019. "Accountable for What? Democratic Aversion to Casualties in UN Peacekeeping." The 2019 Summer Meeting of the Japanese Society for Quantitative Political Science (Tokyo, Japan; in Japanese).
10. Asano, Rui\*, and Kiyotaka Yasui. 2018. "Accountable but Irresponsible? Democratic Aversion to Casualties in UN Peacekeeping." PKO Research Workshop at Waseda University "Deployment and Personnel Contribution in Peacekeeping Operations: Historical Changes and Aspects" (Tokyo, Japan; in Japanese).
11. Asano, Rui. 2017. "Empirical Analysis on Peacekeeping Operations and Conflict Relapses." The 2nd Waseda ORIS International Symposium for Junior Researchers "New Perspectives on Political Dialogues and Conflicts" (Tokyo, Japan; in Japanese).

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

### JSPS KAKENHI

*\*as principal investigator of research grants*

1. Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (B) (24K00214). Trust Building in Post-Conflict State and Society: Ex-Combatants, Community and Elites Relationships. Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (2024–2027, 17.55 million JPY; with Yukako Tanaka-Sakabe and Takashi Nagatsuji). [KAKEN]
2. \*Grant-in-Aid for Research Activity Start-up (22K20120). Delving into UN Peacekeeping Operations: An Analysis on the Implementation of Specific Tasks. Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (2022–2025, 2.2 million JPY). [KAKEN]
3. \*Grant-in-Aid for JSPS Fellows (17J04618). 'Endogenous Peace' by Peacekeepers: Research on Motivation for Civil War Participation and Protection of War Recurrence. Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (2017–2020, 2.8 million JPY). [KAKEN]

### Research Grants from Private Organizations

1. \*Sub-Saharan Africa Scholarship. Demographic Research on Ethnic Voting and the Governance in Guinea-Bissau. The Africa Society of Japan (2022–2023, 600,000 JPY). [Funder]
2. Grant for Survey and Research Projects on Developing Countries. Empirical Research on Peacekeeping Operations and Domestic Political Situations. Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation Foundation for International Cooperation (2017–2018, 1 million JPY; with Kiyotaka Yasui, Yukako Tanaka-Sakabe, and Munenori Kita).

## Intramural Funding

1. \*Waseda University Grant for Special Research Projects, Research Base Creation (2023C-195). Elucidating the Details of Tasks in UN Peacekeeping (2023–2024, 300,000 JPY).
2. \*Waseda University Grant for Special Research Projects, Research Base Creation (2022C-196). Empirical Research on Effectiveness and Deployment Patterns of UN Peacekeeping Operations (2022–2023, 300,000 JPY).
3. \*Waseda University Grant for Special Research Projects, Early Career Researchers (2022E-028). Empirical Research on the Effectiveness of UN Peacekeeping Operations (2022–2023, 200,000 JPY).

## Other Grants (for summer/winter courses)

1. Participation Grant for the Australian National University (ANU) Online Summer School in Political Analysis. Center for Positive/Empirical Analysis of Political Economy, Top Global University Project, Waseda University (2021, \$600). [[Course report \(in Japanese\)](#)]
2. Participation Grant for the Essex Summer School. Center for Positive/Empirical Analysis of Political Economy, Top Global University Project, Waseda University (2020, £1,000).
3. Travel Grant for the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program. Center for Positive/Empirical Analysis of Political Economy, Top Global University Project, Waseda University (2017, flight fees).
4. Participation Grant for the ICPSR Summer Program. ICPSR Japanese National Membership (2017, 100,000 JPY).

## Scholarships

1. COVID-19 Student Emergency Assistance Fund. Waseda University (2020).
2. Scholarship for JSPS Fellows. Waseda University (2017, 2018, 2019).
3. Azusa Ono Memorial Scholarship. Waseda University (2013, 2016).
4. Waseda University 125th Year Anniversary Scholarship. Waseda University (2012).
5. Scholarship Student. Saitama Maritime Education Foundation (2011–2015).

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Seinan Gakuin University

1. Quantitative Analysis in Political Science (2025–; in Japanese) [[Syllabus](#)]
2. Seminar I/II (2025–; in Japanese) [[Syllabus I](#)] [[Syllabus II](#)]
3. Introduction Seminar (2024–; in Japanese) [[Syllabus](#)]
4. English Reading Seminar I/II (2024–; in Japanese) [[Syllabus](#)]
5. International Cooperation (2024–; in Japanese) [[Syllabus](#)]
6. Political Theory (2024; in Japanese) [[Syllabus](#)]
7. Comparative Politics (2024; in Japanese) [[Syllabus](#)]

### Other Universities

1. Quantitative Analysis in International Relations I/II. Hitotsubashi University (Fall/Winter 2023–; in Japanese). [[Syllabus I](#)] [[Syllabus II](#)]
2. Introduction to Data Analysis. Aoyama Gakuin University (Spring 2023; in Japanese). [[Syllabus](#)]

3. International Politics (a lecture about collective security and peacekeeping for each semester) (Spring 2016, 2020, 2021; in Japanese).

## ASSISTANCE EXPERIENCE

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### Teaching Assistance at Waseda University (in Japanese)

1. Seminar on Economy and Business (2019, 2020)
2. Introduction to Political Analysis (2018)
3. Reading Seminar in Comparative Politics (2017)
4. Research Methods in Political Science (Formal Models) (2016, 2017, 2019)
5. International Politics (2015, 2016, 2020, 2021)

### Research Assistance

1. Kuniaki Nemoto, Musashi University (2018–2019)
2. Kiyotaka Yasui, Waseda University (2017–2019)
3. Yukako Tanaka-Sakabe, Waseda University (2017)
4. Shuhei Kurizaki, Waseda University (2015–2017, 2020–2021)

## ADDITIONAL TRAINING

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### Summer/Winter Courses

1. ANU Summer School
  - Political Text Analysis (online, 2021)
2. ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research (Ann Arbor, US, 2017)
  - Empirical Modeling of Social Science Theory: Advanced Topics
  - Maximum Likelihood Estimation II
3. Essex Summer School
  - Spatial Econometrics (online, 2020)
  - Multilevel Modeling/Hierarchical Models (Tokyo, Japan, 2017)
  - Maximum Likelihood Estimation (Tokyo, Japan, 2016)

### Others

1. Quantitative Social Science at the University of Tokyo (Tokyo, Japan, 2018)
2. Mastering 'Metrics: Empirical Strategies for Policy Analysis at the University of Tokyo (Tokyo, Japan, 2018)
3. Introduction to Causal Inference at Keio University (Tokyo, Japan, 2016)
4. Advanced Research Methods and Statistical Techniques in Political Science at Waseda University (Tokyo, Japan, 2016)

## FIELD EXPERIENCE

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1. Guinea-Bissau: 2018–2020, 2023, 2025 (about four months in total)
2. Liberia: 2019, 2025 (about three weeks in total)

3. Senegal: 2018–2019 (about three weeks in total)
4. Washington DC, US: 2017 (one week; KAKEHASHI Project) [[Project report](#)]

## SKILLS

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- Softwares:  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , R/RStudio, Stata
- Languages: Japanese (native), English (intermediate)

## ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

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### Professional Memberships

1. Japan Association for African Studies (2021–)
2. Japan Association of International Relations (2019–)
3. Japanese Political Science Association (2017–)

### Professional Service

1. Discussant at the Annual Convention of the Japan Association of International Relations (2021)
2. Vice President (in Kanto Region) of the Section for Graduate Students and Early-career Researchers, Japan Association of International Relations (2019–2020)

### Others

1. Mock lecture in the open campus at Seinan Gakuin University (Fukuoka, Japan; 2024)
2. Host a film screening of “Unite for Bissau (Nô Kumpu Guiné): agroecology and feminism in Guinea-Bissau,” directed by Iara Lee (Tokyo, Japan; 2024)
3. Invited talk at Waseda University, about life after master’s degree (Tokyo, Japan; 2023)
4. Invited talk at Discover Africa #10, about my research trip in Liberia (online; 2021)
5. Invited talk at Waseda University, about teaching assistance (online; 2020)
6. Host a film screening of “Burkinabè Rising: The Art of Resistance in Burkina Faso,” directed by Iara Lee (Tokyo, Japan; 2020)
7. Invited talk at Aoyama Gakuin University, about research (2019)
8. Interview by Hoshino Gakuen and publication of the interview in the magazine STELLA (2018)
9. Assistance for the seminar by Kenneth Schultz at Waseda University (2016)

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