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Current position

Dean, Graduate School of Political Science, Waseda University.
Principal Investigator, Dual Positive Peace Science (DPPS) project, Waseda University.
Professor, School of Political Science and Economics, Waseda University.

Areas of specialization

Scientific Study of International Conflict (quantitative method and experiment) • United Nations and Collective Legitimization • Alliance and Coalition • American Foreign and National Security Policy • Diplomacy and Information Transmission

Appointments held

2022.9-present	Dean, Graduate School of Political Science, Waseda University.
2021.4-present	Principal Investigator, Dual Positive Peace Science (DDPS) project, Waseda University.
2018.4-present	Professor (International Relations), School of Political Science and Economics, Waseda University.
2018.4-2023.3	Research Fellow, Graduate School of Law, Kobe University.
2017.1-2023.6	PRIO Global Fellow, Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO).
2020.9-2022.8	Associate Dean, Graduate School of Political Science, Waseda University.
2015.4-2018.3	Professor (International Relations), Graduate School of Law, Kobe University.
2007.7-2015.3	Associate Professor (International Relations), Graduate School of Law, Kobe University.

Education

2007.2	Ph.D. in Advanced Social and International Studies, University of Tokyo, Komaba, Tokyo.
2001.3	MA. in Advanced Social and International Studies, University of Tokyo, Komaba, Tokyo.
1999.3	BA. in Advanced Social and International Studies, University of Tokyo, Komaba, Tokyo.

Visiting experiences

2010-2012	Visiting Scholar at the Department of Political Science, UC San Diego.
2002-2004	Visiting Scholar at the Department of Political Science, University of Michigan.

Publications

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2025 Onderco, Michal, and Atsushi Tago. "Friends as Neighbors? Geographic Closeness Improves Support to Other Governments." *Conflict Management and Peace Science*. Online First.
- 2024 Horiuchi, Yusaku, and Atsushi Tago. "U.S. Military Should Not Be in My Backyard: Conjoint Experiments in Japan." *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. 68(9), 1798-1824.
- 2024 Kohama, Shoko, Kai Quek, and Atsushi Tago. "Managing the Costs of Backing Down: A "Mirror Experiment" on Reputations and Audience Costs in a Real-World Conflict." *The Journal of Politics*. 86(1): 388-393.
- 2023 Cheng, Yipeng, Ryoma Eguchi, Haruki Nakagawa, Tatsuru Shibata, and Atsushi Tago. "Another Test of Nuclear Taboo: An Experimental Study in Japan." *International Area Studies Review*. Online First.
- 2023 Masumura, Yuji, and Atsushi Tago. "Micro-foundations of the Quest for Status: Testing Self-Status Perception and the Multilateral Use of Force." *Foreign Policy Analysis*. Volume 19, Issue 4, orado27.
- 2023 Ohtsubo, Yosuke, Toshiyuki Himichi, Kazunori Inamasu, Shoko Kohama, Nobuhiro Mifune, and Atsushi Tago, "Do reconciliation events serve as a conciliatory signal?" *European Journal of Social Psychology*. 1-17.
- 2023 Nishimura, Yui, and Atsushi Tago. "Are Shared Values Valuable?: Liberal Democracy and Human Rights for AUKUS and Its Future Membership." *International Journal*. 78(3): 394-416.
- 2023 Inamasu, Kazunori, Shoko Kohama, Nobuhiro Mifune, Yohsuke Ohtsubo, and Atsushi Tago. "The Association between Ideology and Resistance to Governmental Apology Depends on Political Knowledge." *Japanese Journal of Political Science*. 24: 348-367.
- 2023 Matsumura, Naoko, Atsushi Tago, and Joseph Grieco. "External Threats and Public Opinion: The East Asian Security Environment and Japanese Views on the Nuclear Option." *Journal of East Asian Studies*. 23(1): 23-44.
- 2023 Kohama, Shoko, Toshiyuki Himichi, Kazunori Inamasu, Nobuhiro Mifune, Yohsuke Ohtsubo, and Atsushi Tago. "Crafting international apologies that work: A conjoint analysis approach" *Conflict Management and Peace Science*. 40(4): 419-440.
- 2023 Asano, Taka-aki, Atsushi Tago, and Seiki Tanaka. "The Role of Public Broadcasting in Media Bias: Do People React Differently to Pro-government Bias in Public and Private Media?" *Political Behaviour*. 45: 1219-1240.
- 2023 Hikotani, Takako, Yusaku Horiuchi, and Atsushi Tago. "Revisiting Negative Externalities of U.S. Military Bases: The Case of Okinawa" *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific*. 3(2) 325-349.
- 2022 Watanabe, Kohei, Segev, Elad, Atsushi Tago. "Discursive diversion: Manipulation of nuclear threats by the conservative leaders in Japan and Israel" *International Communication Gazette*. 84(7-8): 721-748.
- 2022 Segev, Elad, Atsushi Tago, and Kohei Watanabe. "Can Leaders Divert from Political Scandals?: Cross-National Experiments of Diversionary Action in Israel and Japan" *International Interactions*. 48(5): 1056-1069.
- 2022 Fang, Songying, Daina Chiba, Xiaojun Li, and Atsushi Tago. "Belief in Territorial Indivisibility and Public Preferences for Dispute Resolution" *Political Science Research and Methods*. 10(4): 759-775.
- 2021 Eck, Kristine, Sophia Hatz, Charles Crabtree, and Atsushi Tago. "Evade and Deceive? Citizen Responses to Surveillance." *The Journal of Politics*. 83(4): 1545-1558.
- 2021 Ohtsubo, Yosuke, Kazunori Inamasu, Shoko Kohama, Nobuhiro Mifune, and Atsushi Tago "Resistance to the six elements of political apologies: Who opposes which elements?" *Peace and Conflict: Journal of Peace Psychology*. 27(3): 449-458.
- 2020 Asaba, Yuki, Kyu S. Hahn, Seulgi Jang, Tetsuro Kobayashi, and Atsushi Tago "38 Seconds above the 38th Parallel: How short video-clips produced by the US military can promote alignment despite antagonism between Japan and Korea," *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific*. 20(2): 253-273.

- 2019 Gleditsch, Kristian S., Atsushi Tago, and Seiki Tanaka "Spurred by Threats or Afraid of War? A Survey Experiment on Costs of Conflict in Support for Military Action," *Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy*. 25(2). <https://doi.org/10.1515/peps-2018-0023>
- 2019 Matsumura, Naoko, and Atsushi Tago "Negative Surprise in the UN Security Council Authorization," *Journal of Peace Research*. 56(3): 395-409.
- 2019 Mifune, Nobuhiro, Kazunori Inamasu, Shoko Kohama, Yosuke Ohtsubo, and Atsushi Tago "Social dominance orientation as an obstacle to intergroup apology," *PLOS ONE*. 14(1): e0211379.
- 2017 Böhmelt, Tobias, Ulrich Pilster, and Atsushi Tago "Naval Forces and Civil-Military Relations," *Journal of Global Security Studies*. 2(4): 346-363.
- 2017 Kohama, Shoko, Kazunori Inamasu, and Atsushi Tago "To Denounce, or Not To Denounce: Survey Experiment on Diplomatic Quarrels," *Political Communications*. 34(2): 243-260.
- 2017 Tanaka, Seiki, Atsushi Tago, and Kristian S. Gleditsch "Seeing the Lexus for the Olive Trees? Public Opinion, Economic Interdependence, and Interstate Conflict," *International Interactions*. 43(3): 375-396.
- 2016 Pilster, Ulrich, Tobias Böhmelt, and Atsushi Tago "The Differentiation of Security Forces and the Onset of Genocidal Violence," *Armed Forces & Society*. 42(1): 26-50.
- 2015 Pilster, Ulrich, Tobias Böhmelt, and Atsushi Tago "Political Leadership Changes and the Withdrawal from Military Coalition Operations, 1946-2001," *International Studies Perspectives*. 16(4): 463-483.
- 2015 Tago, Atsushi, and Maki Ikeda "An 'A' for Effort: Experimental Evidence on UN Security Council Engagement and Support for US Military Action in Japan," *British Journal of Political Science*. 45(2): 391-410
- 2015 Vucetic, Srdjan, and Atsushi Tago "Why Buy American?: The International Politics of Fighter Jet Transfers," *Canadian Journal of Political Science*. 48(1): 125-146.
- 2014 Tago, Atsushi "Too Many Problems at Home to Help You: Domestic Disincentives for Military Coalition Participation," *International Area Studies Review*. 14(3): 262-278
- 2014 Ikeda, Maki, and Atsushi Tago "Winning over Foreign Domestic Support for Use of Force: Power of Diplomatic and Operational Multilateralism," *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific*. 14(2): 303-324.
- 2013 Tago, Atsushi, and Srdjan Vucetic "The 'Only Choice': Canadian and Japanese F-35 Decisions Compared," *International Journal*. 68: 131-149.
- 2013 Tago, Atsushi "Why Do States Publicly Invoke the Right of Self-Defense during Wars?: Legal-, Diplomatic- and Aid-Politics to Motivate States to Respect International Law," *Conflict Management and Peace Science*. 30(2): 161-177.
- 2010 Wayman, Frank, and Atsushi Tago "Explaining the Onset of Mass Killing, 1949-87," *Journal of Peace Research*. 47(1): 3-13.
- 2009 Tago, Atsushi "When Are Democratic Friends Unreliable?: The Unilateral Withdrawal of Troops from the Coalition of the Willing," *Journal of Peace Research*. 46(2): 219-234.
- 2008 Tago, Atsushi "Is There an Aid-for-Participation-Deal?: US Economic and Military Aid Policy to Coalition Forces (Non)Participants," *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific*. 8(3): 3799-398.
- 2007 Tago, Atsushi "Why Do States Join US-led Military Coalitions?: The Compulsion of the Coalition's Missions and Legitimacy," *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific*. 7(2): 379-398.
- 2005 Tago, Atsushi "Determinants of Multilateralism in US Use of Force: State of Economy, Election Cycle, and Divided Government," *Journal of Peace Research*. 42(5): 585-604.

BOOKS

- 2025 *Introduction to International Relations* Singapore: Springer-Nature. (Translated from Japanese).
- 2024 *Kokusai kankeiron* [International Relations] Tokyo: Keiso Shobo. (In Japanese).
- 2020 *Senso towa Nanika* [What is a war?] Tokyo: Chuko Shinsho. (In Japanese).
- 2015 *Seijigaku no Daiippo* [Introduction to Political Science] Tokyo: Yuhikaku. (In Japanese, with Suna-

hara Yosuke and Hieda Takeshi).

2010 [Buryoku Koshi no Seijigaku](#) [Domestic and International Politics over a Choice of Unilateral and Multilateral U.S. Use of Force] Tokyo: Chikura Shobo. (In Japanese).

BOOK CHAPTERS

2021 [“South Korea-Japan FCR crisis and public opinion: Gathering survey data in real-time crisis development”](#) in: Kobayashi, Tetsuro and Atsushi Tago (eds), *Japanese Public Sentiment on South Korea: Popular Opinion and International Relations*, London: Routledge, pp. 18-31 (with Shohei Doi, Kazunori Inamasu, and Shoko Kohama).

2021 [“When will Japan’s apology lead to reconciliation with South Korea?”](#) in: Kobayashi, Tetsuro and Atsushi Tago (eds), *Japanese Public Sentiment on South Korea: Popular Opinion and International Relations*, London: Routledge, pp. 32-52 (with Tetsuro Kobayashi, Kyu S. Hahn, and Yuki Asaba).

2021 [“The News Coverage of Threats: Iranian Nuclear Programs in Israeli Press”](#) in: Elad Segev (ed), *Semantic Network Analysis in Social Sciences*, London: Routledge, pp. 32-53 (with Noa A. Hatzir, Elad Segev, and Kohei Watanabe).

2018 [“Public Opinion and Foreign Policy: The Effect of Information Stimulus on Levels of Support for Foreign Aid and Coalition Withdrawal”](#) in: Tadokoro M., Egashira S., Yamamoto K. (eds), *Emerging Risks in a World of Heterogeneity. Evolutionary Economics and Social Complexity Science*, Vol 10. Singapore: Springer, pp. 135-155 (with Yoshitaka Komiya and Mari Miyagawa).

2017 [“Information Sharing in Early Stage International Disputes: How China and Japan Communicate”](#) in M. Suzuki, A. Okada (eds.), *Games of Conflict and Cooperation in Asia*, New York: Springer, pp. 57-82 (with Shoko Kohama and Kazunori Inamasu).

2017 [“Politics Over the Claim of Individual Self-Defense at Wars: Aid Conditionality and Reciprocity in Asian Regional Conflict”](#) in M. Suzuki, A. Okada (eds.), *Games of Conflict and Cooperation in Asia*, New York: Springer, pp. 115-134.

ENCYCLOPEDIA/HANDBOOK ARTICLES

2023 [“Public Diplomacy and Foreign Policy”](#) in J. Kaarbo and C. Theis (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Foreign Policy Analysis*, New York: Oxford University Press.

2018 [“Public Diplomacy and Foreign Policy”](#) in C. Thies (ed.), *Oxford Encyclopedia of Foreign Policy Analysis*, New York: Oxford University Press.

2018 [“Multilateralism, Bilateralism and Unilateralism in Foreign Policy”](#) in C. Thies (ed.), *Oxford Encyclopedia of Foreign Policy Analysis*, New York: Oxford University Press.

BOOK REVIEW

2022 [Book Notes on Moyn, Samuel \(2021\) Humane: How the United States Abandoned Peace and Reinvented War](#). New York: Farrar, Straus Giroux. 416 pp. ISBN: 978-0-374-17370-8. Published online January 7.

PROFESSIONAL BLOG POSTS

2022 [“The Role of Public Broadcasting in Media Bias: Do People React Differently to Pro-Government Bias in Public and Private Media?”](#) Political Behavior blog series. February 9 (with Asano, Taka-aki and Seiki Tanaka).

2017 [“The U.S. military made a short video to improve relations between Japan and South Korea. It could actually work.”](#) Washington Post Monkey Cage. March 13 (with Yuki Asaba and Tetsuro Kobayashi).

2016 [“Why Putin and Obama use fighting words when they don’t want to fight.”](#) Washington Post Monkey Cage. September 26 (with Shoko Kohama and Kazunori Inamasu).

2016	“Obama’s visit to Hiroshima is viewed as “a sort of” apology by the people of Japan.” London School of Economics (LSE) USAPP. May 25 (with Kazunori Inamasu).
2015	“An ‘A’ for effort: Experimental evidence on UN Security Council engagement and support for US military action.” The Plot (Official blog for the European Political Science Association). June 19.
2015	“Ignore the vetoes, and forget about Coalitions of the Willing: How the U.S. can achieve higher levels of foreign public support for its military operations.” London School of Economics (LSE) USAPP. March 25.

Grants

2024-2026	Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, Grant-in-Aid for Challenging Research (Pioneering).
2022-2023	Nomura Foundation, Grant for Social Science Research.
2022-2023	Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, Grant-in-Aid for Challenging Research (Exploratory).
2022-2026	Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, Kiban-A Grant.
2018-2023	Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, Fund for the Promotion of Joint International Research (Fostering Joint International Research (B)) (a project with Joseph Grieco, Shoko Kohama, Naoko Matsumura and Kai Quek)
2018	Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, Joint Research Seminars with UK Scholars - Funding for Joint Seminars in Waseda and Essex in FY2018 (a project with Daina Chiba)
2018	Egusa Foundation for International Cooperation in the Social Sciences, Workshop Awards.
2017-2022	Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, Grant-in-Aid for Challenging Research (Pioneering).
2017-2022	Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, Kiban-A Grant.
2017-2018	The Murata Science Foundation, Research Grant Program.
2015	Egusa Foundation for International Cooperation in the Social Sciences, Workshop Awards.
2015	The Daiwa Anglo-Japanese Foundation, Daiwa Foundation Awards.
2014-2017	Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, Topic Setting Program to Advance Cutting-Edge Humanity and Social Sciences Research.
2014-2015	The Asahi Glass Foundation, Research Grant Program.
2013-2014	Suntory Foundation, Grant for International and Interdisciplinary Research Collaboration.
2013-2015	Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, Grant-in-Aid for Challenging Exploratory Research.
2013	Nomura Foundation, Grant for Social Science International Meeting.
2012-2013	Suntory Foundation, Grant for International and Interdisciplinary Research Collaboration.
2012-2015	Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, Wakate-A Grant.
2011	Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, Joint Research Seminars with UK Scholars - Funding for Joint Seminars in Kobe and Essex in FY2011 (a project with Kristian S. Gleditsch)
2010-2012	Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, Grant for Studying Abroad.
2008	Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, Invitation Fellowship.
2008-2011	Programs for Research in Japan (to invite Gerald Schneider)
2008-2011	Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, Wakate-B Grant.
2008-2009	Foundation for the Fusion of Science and Technology (FOST), Research Funding.
2004-2007	Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, Grant for Graduate Students (PD).
2001-2004	Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, Grant for Graduate Students (DC1).

Awards

2025	The Commendation for Science and Technology by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (Awards for Science and Technology: Research Category).
2025	Sakuradakai Prize (Incentive Award), for publication of Kokusaikankeiron (Keiso Shobo).
2019	Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, JSPS Prize (Expansion of the Research Frontiers of the Scientific Study of World Politics from the Perspectives of Non-hegemonic States).

2019 Waseda University, Research Award (High-Impact Publication).
 2013 Murao Scholarship Foundation, Academic Prize (for the research on multilateral US use of force).

Invited Talks

2025 Japan Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (JSIAM), Mathematical Politics Group (April)
 2024 Kitakyushu University (May)
 2023 Tel Aviv University (June), University of Macau (Nov.)
 2022 University of Copenhagen (Jul.)
 2020 Yale University (Jan.)
 2019 Uppsala University (Jun.), University of Hong Kong (Nov.)
 2017 Hong Kong City University (Jan.), Duke University (Mar.)
 2016 Keio University (Oct.), Seoul National University (Dec.)
 2014 Kochi University of Technology (Aug.)
 2012 ETH Zurich (Mar.)

Conferences (presentations/posters)

2025 ISA (Mar.)
 2024 Pacific International Politics Conference (Jul.); APSA (Sept.)
 2023 Pacific International Politics Conference (Jul.); APSA (Sept.)
 2022 ISA (Apr.); MPSA (Apr.); APSA (Sept.)
 2021 ISA (Apr.); MPSA (Apr.)
 2018 ISA (Apr.); Pacific International Politics Conference (Jul.)
 2017 ISA International (Jun.); Pacific International Politics Conference (Jul.)
 2016 EPSA (Jun.)
 2015 APSA (Sep.); Conflict Research Society (Sep.)
 2014 ISA (Mar.)
 2013 ISA (Apr.); EPSA (Jun.); Conflict Research Society (Sep.)
 2012 ISA (Apr.)
 2011 ISA (Mar.); EPSA (Jun.); Peace Science Society (Oct.)
 2010 ISA (Mar.); APSA (Aug.)
 2009 Peace Science Society (Nov.)
 2008 APSA (Aug.)
 2007 MPSA (Apr.)
 2006 ISA (Mar.); MPSA (Apr.)
 2005 ISA (Mar.); APSA (Sep.)
 2004 ISA (Mar.); MPSA (Apr.); Peace Science Society (Nov.)
 2003 Peace Science Society (Nov.)
 2002 ISA-South/ISSS/ISAC (Oct.)

Teaching (selected)

2024-present International Relations (Hokkaido, undergraduate in Japanese).
 2018-present Introduction to International Relations (Waseda, undergraduate in Japanese and in English).
 2018-present Freshman Seminar (Waseda, undergraduate).
 2018-present Quantitative method of Political Science and Economics (Waseda, undergraduate).
 2018-present Political Science Experiment (Waseda, graduate).
 2018-present International Politics (Waseda, graduate).

2018-present	Advanced quantitative method (Waseda, graduate).
2018-present	Thesis seminars (Waseda, graduate).
2015-2017	3rd and 4th Year Student Seminar (Kobe, Undergraduate).
2015-2017	Experimental Research for Political Science (Kobe, Graduate).
2014	2nd Year Student Seminar (Kobe, Undergraduate).
2014-2020	Security and Cooperation (Fujitsu JAITS GLIK: Global Leaders for Innovation and Knowledge).
2013-2016	International Conflict (Kwansei Gakuin, Undergraduate).
2013-2016	International Security (Doshisha, Undergraduate).
2012-2017	1st Year Student Seminar (Kobe, Undergraduate).
2012-2017	Advanced Statistics for Political Science (Kobe, Graduate).
2007-2016	Foreign Policy Analysis (Kobe, Undergraduate).

Service to the profession

Article Manuscript Review Services

American Journal of Political Science.

American Political Science Review.

British Journal of Political Science.

Cambridge Journal of International Affairs.

Contemporary Politics.

Conflict Management and Peace Science.

Election Studies.

European Union Politics.

Foreign Policy Analysis.

International Area Studies Review.

International Interactions.

International Journal of Public Opinion Research.

International Peacekeeping.

International Relations.

International Relations of the Asia-Pacific.

International Security.

International Studies Quarterly.

Japanese Journal of Political Science.

Journal of Conflict Resolution.

Journal of East Asian Studies.

Journal of Peace Research.

Journal of Politics.

Media, War & Conflict.

Pacific Forum.

Research & Politics.

Review of International Organizations.

Social Science Japan Journal.

Editor and Board Member Services

2024-present	Editor in Chief, <i>International Relations of the Asia-Pacific.</i>
2021-present	Member of the Editorial Board, <i>Journal of East Asian Studies.</i>
2019-present	Member of the Editorial Board, <i>Conflict Management and Peace Science.</i>
2018-present	Member of the Editorial Board, <i>International Interactions.</i>
2016-present	Member of the Editorial Board, <i>Foreign Policy Analysis.</i>
2014-present	Member of the External Advisory Board, <i>Michael Nicholson Centre for Conflict and Cooperation,</i>

2012-present	<i>Department of Government, University of Essex.</i> Member of the Board of Editors, <i>International Area Studies Review</i> .
2012-2022	Member of the Editorial Board, <i>Political Science Research and Methods</i> .
2015-2018	Senior Editor, <i>Oxford Encyclopedia of Foreign Policy Analysis</i> .
2014-2017	Vice Editor-in-Chief, <i>International Relations of the Asia-Pacific</i> .
2009-2017	Associate Editor, <i>International Relations of the Asia-Pacific</i> .

Memberships

American Political Science Association
European Political Science Association
International Studies Association (sections: Scientific Study of International Processes, Member of
ISA Long Range Planning Committee, 2021-22)
Japanese Association of International Relations
Midwest Political Science Association
Peace Science Society (International).