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## EDUCATION

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### University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan

- Ph. D. Candidate, Department of Political Science

**Dissertation:** “Portfolio Allocation as Leadership Strategy: Bargaining among and within Parties”

**Dissertation Committee:** Arthur Lupia (Chair), William R. Clark, Anna Grzymala-Busse, Orit Kedar, and Daisuke Nakajima (UM Economics)

**Dissertation summary:** This dissertation sheds new light on the way cabinet seats are allocated among and within parties. In many coalition governments, prime ministerial parties receive *fewer* cabinet posts than they should under prevailing theories, even though cabinet ministers exert independent influence over policy outcomes. Moreover, these allocation outcomes vary considerably over time and across countries. By examining coalition governments in Western European countries, I demonstrate that this variation is the result of a strategic choice made by a prime minister, who is concerned about productive policy-making as well as the long-term survival of the government. Since bargaining over cabinet seats also takes place *within* parties, I further extend my theoretical framework to explain allocation outcomes among party factions. Statistical analysis of original data in the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) of Japan shows that substantial variance exists in allocation outcomes because party leaders allocate cabinet posts among factions strategically to prevent defections and challenges from internal rivals.

- M.A. in Political Science, 2005

### University of Tokyo, Tokyo, JAPAN

- Ph.D. student, Graduate School of Law and Politics 1999-2002  
Advisors: Ikuo Kabashima, Takeshi Sasaki
- LL.M. in Politics, 2001
- B. A. in Law and Politics, 1999

## ADDITIONAL TRAINING

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### Summer Institute on Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM)

#### University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan

- Summer Program 2006

### Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)

#### University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan

- Summer Program 2001 and 2003

## SPECIALIZATION AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

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- Parliamentary democracy, coalition formation, legislative institutions
- Political parties, intra-party politics, electoral systems
- Delegation of power, bureaucracy, institutional development
- Japanese politics

## SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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| ➤ <b>Sweetland/Rackham Dissertation Writing Institute Fellowship</b>           | 2009             |
| Sweetland Writing Center, University of Michigan                               |                  |
| ➤ <b>Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship</b>  | 2007-2008        |
| Horace H. Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan                      |                  |
| ➤ <b>Roy Pierce Scholar's Award</b>  | 2007             |
| Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan                          |                  |
| ➤ <b>Thesis Grant</b>  | 2006 and 2007    |
| Department of Political Science, University of Michigan                        |                  |
| ➤ <b>APSA Travel Grant</b>   | 2006             |
| American Political Science Association   |                  |
| ➤ <b>Rackham Discretionary Funds</b>   | 2005             |
| Horace H. Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan                      |                  |
| ➤ <b>Center for Japanese Studies Alumni Award</b>                              | 2003 and 2005    |
| Center for Japanese Studies, University of Michigan                            |                  |
| ➤ <b>Summer Collaboration Fund</b>   | 2004, 2005, 2009 |
| Department of Political Science, University of Michigan                        |                  |
| ➤ <b>Departmental Fellowship</b>   | 2002-2003        |
| Department of Political Science, University of Michigan                        |                  |
| ➤ <b>Fulbright Graduate Study Grant</b> (traveling expenses support)           | 2002 (declined)  |
| The Japan-U.S. Fulbright Program, The Japan-U.S. Educational Commission        |                  |
| ➤ <b>Research Fellowship for Young Scientists</b>                              | 2001-2002        |
| Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, JAPAN (Japanese equivalent of NSF) |                  |

## ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW

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- Yoshikuni Ono. "Coalition Management and the Distribution of Coalition Payoffs: A Logic of Portfolio Allocation."
- Yoshikuni Ono. "Portfolio Allocation as Leadership Strategy: Intra-Party Bargaining in Japan."

## PUBLICATIONS

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- Yoshikuni Ono. 2009. "Spatial Theory and Voting Behavior," in Masahiro Yamada, ed., *Tohyo Kodo Kenkyu no Furont'ia [Frontiers of Voting Behavior Studies]*. Tokyo: Brain-Shuppan.
- Yoshikuni Ono. 2005. Book Review of Ofer Feldman's *The Japanese Political Personality*. *Kokkagakkai Zasshi* 118: 163-5.

- Yoshikuni Ono. 2002. "Nonprofit Organizations and Policy Process: Public Interest Groups and Issue Networks in Japan." *Kokkagakukai Zasshi* 115: 132-92.
- Yoshikuni Ono. 2000. "Legislative Activities of the Members of the Diet," in the Ikuo Kabashima Seminar, ed., *Gendai Nihon no Seijika Zo [Members of the Japanese Diet: An Analysis of Their Political Activities, 1990-1998]*. Tokyo: Bokutakusha.

## PRESENTATIONS

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Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association	2006, 2008
Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association	2006, 2007, 2008
Annual Summer Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology	2008
Political Economy Colloquium, the University of Wisconsin-Madison	2007
World Congress of the International Political Science Association	2006

## MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES/ASSOCIATIONS

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American Political Science Association  
Midwest Political Science Association

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- **Research Assistant** 2006-2007  
Graduate Student Research Assistant, University of Michigan
  - ◆ Assisted Professor Anna Grzymala-Busse in collecting data on oversight institutions.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- **Political Economy of Government Institutions** 2009, Fall  
Graduate Student Instructor, University of Michigan
  - ◆ Assisting Professor George Tsebelis in teaching undergraduate students, including grading essays.
- **Governments and Politics in Western Europe** 2009, Fall  
Graduate Student Instructor, University of Michigan
  - ◆ Assisting Professor George Tsebelis in teaching undergraduate students, including grading assignments and exams.
- **Introduction to American Politics** 2008, Fall  
Graduate Student Instructor, University of Michigan
  - ◆ Taught two 25-student discussion sections for Professor Hanes Walton, Jr. including leading discussions and grading assignments and exams.
- **Introduction to American Politics** 2006, Winter  
Graduate Student Instructor, University of Michigan
  - ◆ Taught two 25-student discussion sections for Professors Arthur Lupia, Vincent Hutchings, and Ken Kollman, including leading discussions and grading assignments and exams.

- **Contemporary Political Issues** 2005, Fall  
Graduate Student Instructor, University of Michigan
  - ◆ Taught two 25-student discussion sections for Professor Lynn Rivers including leading discussions and grading assignments.
- **Government and Politics of Japan** 2004, Winter  
Graduate Student Instructor, University of Michigan
  - ◆ Assisted Professor John Campbell in teaching approximately 80 students, including grading exams.
- **The Use of Social Science Computer Programs (Graduate Course)** 2003 and 2004  
Graduate Student Instructor, University of Michigan
  - ◆ Taught approximately 20 graduate students, including giving lectures, advising students and grading assignments and exams.
- **Computer Lab Consultant** (Department of Political Science) 2003-2005, Winter  
Graduate Student Instructor, University of Michigan
  - ◆ Helped faculty, staff, and graduate students access and work with data sets, learn statistical software commands (such as STATA, R, SPSS and SAS), and solve computer problems.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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- **Journal Referee**  
*Political Research Quarterly* (2)

## DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

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- **Search Committee in Comparative Politics** 2006  
Department of Political Science, University of Michigan

## LANGUAGES

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- Japanese (native speaker)
- Chinese and Cantonese (introductory level)

## REFERENCES

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