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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, University of Maryland at College Park, expected May 2022
M.A. Economics, University of Tokyo, Japan, 2016
B.A. International Relations, University of Tsukuba, Japan, 2014

FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION

Primary: Development economics
Secondary: Political economy, Behavioral economics, Labor economics

DISSERTATION

Essays on Racial and Gender Discrimination in Developing Countries

Committee: Prof. Sebastian Galiani (Chair), Prof. Serguey Braguinsky, Prof. Ethan Kaplan

JOB MARKET PAPER

“Building the ‘Rainbow Nation’ through Mass Media: Television, Cultural Diversity, and National Unity in Post-Apartheid South Africa”

Balancing cultural diversity and national unity creates political challenges. Television broadcasts in South Africa promote both cultural diversity and national unity. I investigate the effects of television broadcasts on two outcomes—language choices in elementary schools, which are associated with cultural identities, and voting shares of political parties that espouse opposite views on national unity. I digitize locations and features of television transmitters, leverage topographical variations that determine television broadcast coverage, and, using a difference-in-differences approach, estimate the effects of broadcasts on the two outcomes listed above. I find that the exposure to television broadcasts increases the use of native languages in schools, which contributes to cultural diversity but also to voting shares for the political parties that promote national unity.

OTHER RESEARCH PAPERS

“Risks on Others,” 2021, under review, with Takaaki Hamada

“Radio, Racism and Ethnocentrism during and after Apartheid,” 2021, working paper

“Labor Market Evolution in an Emerging Industry: Japanese Cotton Spinning Industry before 1900”, work in progress, with Serguey Braguinsky

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, Economic Development (undergraduate), University of Maryland, Summer 2020
Teaching Assistant, Microeconomic Analysis (graduate), University of Maryland, Fall 2021
Teaching Assistant, Energy: Crisis or Breakthrough (undergraduate), University of Maryland, Spring 2020 and Spring 2021
Teaching Assistant, The Economics and Politics of Inequality (undergraduate), University of Maryland, Fall 2019 and Fall 2020
Teaching Assistant, American Economic History before the Civil War (undergraduate), University of Maryland, Spring 2019

RESEARCH AND RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Prof. Serguey Braguinsky, University of Maryland, Spring 2017–Fall 2019
Graduate Assistant, Department of Economics, University of Maryland, Fall 2016
Research Assistant, Prof. Yasuyuki Sawada, University of Tokyo, 2015-2016

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Invited Participant, 7th Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings on Economic Sciences, 2022 (scheduled)
Murata Science Foundation, research grant, 2020 (Co-PI: Shunsuke Tsuda, Brown University)
Nancy S. and Edward F. Ebert Graduate Award in Free Enterprise, Robert H. Smith Business School, University of Maryland, 2019
Dean's Research Initiative, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, University of Maryland, 2018
Allan G. Gruchy Fellowship, Department of Economics, University of Maryland, 2018
PINE Foundation, scholarship, 2017
Japan Student Service Organization (JASSO) scholarship for study abroad, 2016-2022
Research Fellow, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (DC1), 2016

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

2021: Washington Area Development Economics Symposium at Georgetown University, Development Economics Students Workshop at Kobe University, Happy Hour Seminar, Stellenbosch University,
2019: Kyoto University, Kobe University, Nagoya City University, 2016: Economic Science Association World Conference, Japan Economic Association Spring Conference, Toyo University

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee for *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*; discussant for Japan Economic Association Spring Conference

LANGUAGES

Japanese (native), English (fluent)

COMPUTATIONAL SKILLS

Stata, z-Tree, oTree, Python, GIS (QGIS and ArcGIS), R

REFERENCES

Prof. Sebastian Galiani	University of Maryland	sgaliani@umd.edu	(301) 405-3518
Prof. Seguey Braguinsky	University of Maryland	sbrag@umd.edu	(301) 405-9712
Prof. Ethan Kaplan	University of Maryland	edkaplan@umd.edu	(301) 405-3501