Curriculum Vitae
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Academic Employment

Professor, Department of Political Science, University of North Texas, 2025-present.

Professor (Joint Appointment), Faculty of Political Science and Economics, Waseda University, 2026-present.

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of North Texas, 2011-2025.

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of North Texas, 2005-2011.

Education

Michigan State University, Ph.D. in Political Science, 2005.

Michigan State University, M.A. in Political Science, 2001.

University of Tsukuba (Japan), B.A. in International Relations, 1998.

Additional Training

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Summer Institute, Washington University in St. Louis, 2003.

Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research, University of Michigan, 2001 (Game Theory).

Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research, University of Michigan, 2000 (Maximum Likelihood Estimation and Advanced Maximum Likelihood Estimation).

State University of New York at Oswego, 1997-1998 (international exchange student).

Main Research and Teaching Interests

Comparative Politics (Political Institutions, Party Competition, Electoral Politics, Opposition Parties, Strategic Voting, Japanese Politics)

Quantitative Methodology

Publications

- Peer-reviewed journal articles

Ahmed Hamza and Ko Maeda. Forthcoming. "Beyond Binary: A New Measure of Party Ethnicization." *Party Politics*.

Ko Maeda and Michael Strausz. 2025. "Conservative Politics and the Dilemma of Immigration in Japan." *Journal of East Asian Studies* 25(3): 352-367.

Ko Maeda. 2025. "Voter Disengagement and Dissatisfaction Under Japan's Mixed Electoral System." *Public Choice* 204(1-2): 31-50.

Ko Maeda. 2023. "Balance-Minded Voting in Post-2012 Japan: Why the Largest Opposition Party Receives Votes from Non-Supporters." *Asian Survey* 63(6): 934–951.

Ko Maeda. 2023. "Wedge Issue Politics in Japan: Why Not Revising the Constitution is Helping the Pro-Revision Ruling Party." *Journal of East Asian Studies* 23(2): 317-331.

Adam P. Liff and Ko Maeda. 2019. "Electoral Incentives, Policy Compromise, and Coalition Durability: Japan's LDP-Komeito Government in a Mixed Electoral System." *Japanese Journal of Political Science* 20(1): 53-73.

Ko Maeda. 2017. "Explaining the Surges and Declines of the Japanese Communist Party." *Asian Survey* 57(4): 665-689.

Ko Maeda. 2016. "What Motivates Moderation? Policy Shifts of Ruling Parties, Opposition Parties, and Niche Parties." *Representation* 52(2-3): 215-226.

Ko Maeda. 2016. "Voter Turnout and District-Level Competitiveness in Mixed-Member Electoral Systems." *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties* 26(4): 452-469.

Ko Maeda. 2016. "Honeymoon or Consolidation, or Both?: Time Dependence of Democratic Durability." *Democratization* 23(4): 575-591.

Ko Maeda. 2015. "Determinants of Opposition Fragmentation: Parliamentary Rules and Opposition Strategies." *Party Politics* 21(5): 763-774.

Ko Maeda. 2012. "An Irrational Party of Rational Members: The Collision of Legislators' Re-election Quest with Party Success in the Japan Socialist Party." *Comparative Political Studies* 45(3): 341-365.

Ko Maeda. 2010. "Factors behind the Historic Defeat of Japan's Liberal Democratic Party in 2009." *Asian Survey* 50(5): 888-907.

Ko Maeda. 2010. "Two Modes of Democratic Breakdown: A Competing Risks Analysis of Democratic Durability." *Journal of Politics* 72(4): 1129-1143.

Ko Maeda. 2010. "Divided We Fall: Opposition Fragmentation and the Electoral Fortunes of Governing Parties." *British Journal of Political Science* 40(2): 419-434.

Ko Maeda. 2008. "Re-Examining the Contamination Effect of Japan's Mixed Electoral System Using the Treatment-Effects Model." *Electoral Studies* 27(4): 723-731.

Thomas H. Hammond, Kyle I. Jen, and Ko Maeda. 2007. "Learning in Hierarchies: An Empirical Test Using Library Catalogues." *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 19(4): 425-463.

Dennis Patterson and Ko Maeda. 2007. "Prime Ministerial Popularity and the Changing Electoral Fortunes of Japan's Liberal Democratic Party." *Asian Survey* 47(3): 415-433.

Ko Maeda and Misa Nishikawa. 2006. "Duration of Party Control in Parliamentary and Presidential Governments: A Study of 65 Democracies, 1950-1998." *Comparative Political Studies* 39(3): 352-374.

- Other academic publications

Ko Maeda. Forthcoming. "The 2026 Election Results: Takaichi's Landslide." in Kenneth M. McElwain, Robert J. Pekkanen, and Daniel M. Smith (eds.) *Japan Decides 2026: The Japanese General Election*. Palgrave Macmillan.

Ko Maeda. 2025. "Japan: Weak Opposition in a Dominant Party System" in Francesco Cavatorta, Eoin O'Malley, and Alex Baturo (eds.) *Handbook on Opposition Politics*. Edward Elgar Books.

Ko Maeda. 2025. "The 2024 Election Results: A Political Earthquake." in Kenneth M. McElwain, Robert J. Pekkanen, and Daniel M. Smith (eds.) *Japan Decides 2024: The Japanese General Election*. Palgrave Macmillan.

Ko Maeda. 2023. "Political Parties in East Asia." in Neil Carter, Dan Keith, Gyda Sindre, and Sofia Vasilopoulou (eds.) *Routledge Handbook of Political Parties*. Routledge.

Ko Maeda. 2022. "The 2021 Election Results: Continuity and Change." in Robert J. Pekkanen, Steven R. Reed, and Daniel M. Smith (eds.) *Japan Decides 2021: The Japanese General Election*. Palgrave Macmillan.

Ko Maeda. 2018. "The JCP: A Perpetual Spoiler?" in Robert J. Pekkanen, Steven R. Reed, Ethan Scheiner, and Daniel M. Smith (eds.) *Japan Decides 2017: The Japanese General Election*. Palgrave Macmillan.

Ko Maeda. 2009. "Has the Electoral System Reform Made Japanese Elections Party-Centered?" in Steven R. Reed, Kay Shimizu, and Kenneth Mori McElwain (eds.) *Political Change in Japan: Electoral Behavior, Party Realignment, and the Koizumi Reforms*. The Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center.

Ko Maeda. 2006. "The General Election in Japan, September 2005." *Electoral Studies* 25(3): 621-27 (in the "Notes on Recent Elections" section).

Ko Maeda. 2004. "Amerika: 'butaniku kubari' to giin no saisen tsuikyu [The United States: 'Pork Distribution' and Politicians' Reelection Quest]." In Takeshi Kohno and Masahiro Iwasaki (eds.) *Rieki yudo seiji: kokusai hikaku to mekanizumu [Pork Barrel Politics: Cross-National Comparison and the Mechanism].* Tokyo: Ashi Shobo.

- Outreach publications and blog posts

Ko Maeda. 2024. "Political earthquake throws Japan's politics into uncharted territory." East Asia Forum. November 1. Available at `https://eastasiaforum.org/2024/11/01/political-earthquake-throws-japans-politics-into-uncharted-territory/`.

Ko Maeda. 2024. "A Former Prime Minister Leads the Largest Opposition, Yet Faces the Same Dilemma." Japan Political Pulse, Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA. October 4. Available at `https://spfusa.org/publications/a-former-prime-minister-leads-the-largest-opposition-yet-faces-the-same-dilemma/`.

Ko Maeda. 2023. "Opposition Infightings Continue to Help Kishida." Japan Political Pulse, Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA. September 22. Available at `https://spfusa.org/publications/opposition-infightings-continue-to-help-kishida/`.

Ko Maeda. 2022. "Akai shu tekisasu ni ihen ari?" (in Japanese) *Newsweek-Japan.* November 15.

Ko Maeda. 2022. "The Continuing Predicament of Japan's Opposition." Japan Political Pulse, Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA. January 13. Available at `https://spfusa.org/publications/the-continuing-predicament-of-japans-opposition/`.

Ko Maeda. 2019. "What will the Japanese upper house elections mean for Abe?" East Asia Forum. July 10. Available at `https://www.eastasiaforum.org/2019/07/10/what-will-the-japanese-upper-house-elections-mean-for-abe/`.

Ko Maeda. 2019. "Jikou renritsu no mekanizumu to komeito no eikyoryoku no gensen." (in Japanese) *Komei.* July. pp.18-23.

Ko Maeda. 2019. "Sekaiteki nimo mezurashii jikou renritsu chouki seiken wo bunseki suru." (in Japanese) *Daisanbunmei.* No.715. pp.23-25.

Adam P. Liff and Ko Maeda. 2018. "Why Shinzo Abe faces an uphill battle to revise Japan's constitution." Monkey Cage (Washington Post). Available at `https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2018/12/12/why-shinzo-abe-faces-an-uphill-battle-to-revise-japans-constitution/`.

Ko Maeda. 2018. "Ikkyo tajaku no seiji wo dou miruka" (in Japanese) SYNODOS.

Ko Maeda. 2018. "How Shinzo Abe's Success Can Undermine His Party's Dominance in Japanese Politics." in *Policy Guidance from U.S.-Japan Network for the Future Cohort IV* . The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation. Available at `https://mansfieldfdn.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Pages-from-2018-Policy-Guidance-FINAL_2.pdf`.

Ko Maeda. 2018. "The Enigma of Shinzo Abe's Long Tenure and How His Success Can Undermine His Party's Dominant Position." in Arthur Alexander (ed.) *Expert Voices on Japan: Security, Economic, Social, and Foreign Policy Recommendations.* The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation. Available at `https://mansfieldfdn.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Expert_Voices-FINAL.pdf`.

Work in Progress

"Partisan Bias and Rural Bias Before and After Japan's 2022 Redistricting."

"Citizens' Satisfaction with Democracy When a Dominant Party Loses and Wins Again."

"Durability of Ruling Parties in Parliamentary Democracies."

Invited Talks

Academia Sinica, July 2026.

Kobe University, February 2026.

University of Toronto, November 2025.

Waseda University, June 2025.

Yokohama City University, May 2025.

University of Washington, February 2025.

Japanese Politics Online Seminar Series (JPOSS), November 2024.

Japan Zoominar @ UC San Diego, October 2024.

Foreign Correspondents' Club of China, September 2024.

The Institute of Energy Economics, Japan, July 2024.

University of Tokyo, May 2023.

The National Consortium for Teaching about Asia, April 2023.

International University of Japan, March 2023.

The Institute of Energy Economics, Japan, November 2022.

The National Consortium for Teaching about Asia, March 2022.

Indiana University, February 2022.

Harvard University Program on U.S.-Japan Relations, November 2021.

The National Consortium for Teaching about Asia, October 2021.

Korea University, June 2018.

University of Tsukuba, June 2017.

University of Tokyo, June 2016.

Meijo University, July 2013.

University of Tsukuba, July 2013.

Kyoto University, June 2013.

Midwestern State University, October 2011.

Kwansei Gakuin University, July 2011.

Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, July 2009.

Kobe University, December 2008.

Waseda University, December 2008.

University of Tsukuba, December 2008.

The National Consortium for Teaching about Asia, June 2007.

Recent Conference Participation

Panel Chair and discussant, "Elections and Political Economy in Contemporary Japan." The American Political Science Association Conference, Vancouver, September 2025.

"Durability of Ruling Parties in Parliamentary Democracies." The American Political Science Association Conference, Vancouver, September 2025.

Panel Chair, "Public Attitudes toward Democratic Principles, Reforms, and Backsliding." The American Political Science Association Conference, Philadelphia, September 2024.

"Citizens' Satisfaction with Democracy When a Dominant Party Loses and Wins Again." The American Political Science Association Conference, Philadelphia, September 2024.

"Conservative Politics and the Dilemma of Immigration in Japan." The Southern Political Science Association Conference, New Orleans, January 2024. With Michael Strausz.

"Partisan Bias and Rural Bias Before and After Japan's 2022 Redistricting." The American Political Science Association Conference, Los Angeles, September 2023.

"A Wedge Issue That Divides Japan's Opposition." The American Political Science Association Conference, Montreal, September 2022.

"A Wedge Issue That Divides Japan's Opposition." The Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, April 2022.

Roundtable panelist, "Japan's 2021 Election Retrospective." The Association of Asian Studies Conference, Honolulu, March 2022.

"Policy Balancing Voting in a One-Party Dominant System." The American Political Science Association Conference, Seattle, September 2021.

Awards, Grants, and Fellowships

Award for Outstanding Service to the Department. Department of Political Science, University of North Texas. 2024.

Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching. Department of Political Science, University of North Texas. 2019.

Research visit to the Republic of Korea (Seoul), funded by the Korea Foundation. 2018.

Research visit to Japan (Tokyo and Kumamoto), funded by the Japan Foundation. 2017.

The Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership. Funded $387. 2016.

Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation "US-Japan Network for the Future" Program, Cohort IV member (2016-2018).

Provost Supplemental Travel Awards, University of North Texas. Funded. 2012.

Provost Supplemental Travel Awards, University of North Texas. Funded. 2010.

Co-Principal Investigator, Higher Education for Development/USAID Assessment of the USAID Political Parties Strengthening Programs ($685,000). Not Funded. 2009.

Faculty Research Grant, University of North Texas. Funded $5,000. 2008-09.

Provost Supplemental Travel Awards, University of North Texas. Funded. 2008.

Provost Supplemental Travel Awards, University of North Texas. Funded. 2007.

Research Initiation Grant, University of North Texas. Not Funded. March 2007.

Small Grant Award, University of North Texas. Funded $125. March 2007.

Junior Faculty Summer Research Fellowship, University of North Texas. Not Funded. November 2006.

Junior Faculty Summer Research Fellowship, University of North Texas. Funded $5,000. Summer 2006.

Provost Supplemental Travel Awards, University of North Texas. Funded. 2006.

Faculty Research Grant, University of North Texas. Funded $1,100. Summer 2006.

Teaching Experience

University of North Texas

- U.S. Political Behavior and Policy
- U.S. and Texas Constitutions and Institutions
- Comparative Political Institutions (graduate)
- Quantitative Political Research Methods (graduate)
- Governments and Politics around the World (formerly known as "Comparative Politics")
- Political Science Research Methods
- Japanese Politics
- Asian Politics

Yokohama City University

- American Politics

Waseda University

- Party Politics in Japan
- American Politics

International University of Japan

- American Politics

Niigata University

- American Politics

Michigan State University

- Politics of Asia
- Introduction to Comparative Politics

Professional Service and Activities

Editor, *Japanese Journal of Political Science.* 2018-present.

Associate Editor, *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties.* 2021-2024.

Section Chair, Comparative Political Behavior and Electoral Systems section, Southern Political Science Association conference, January 2024.

Editorial Board Member, *Asian Survey.* 2024-present.

Council Member, APSA section on Representation and Electoral Systems, 2018-2020.

Member, Nominating Committee for Section Officers, APSA section on Representation and Electoral Systems, 2018.

Member, George H. Hallett Award Committee, APSA section on Representation and Electoral Systems, 2017.

Invited Discussant, SMU Sun & Star Symposium, "Are Reforms Dead in Japan? The Legacy of Prime Minister Koizumi." Southern Methodist University, November 7-8, 2012.

Referee: National Science Foundation, *Journal of Politics*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of East Asian Studies*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Electoral Studies*, *Japanese Journal of Electoral Studies*, *Party Politics*, *Japanese Political Science Review*, *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties*, *Social Science Japan Journal*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *European Journal of Political Research*, *European Political Science Review*, *West European Politics*, *Acta Politica*, *Democratization*, *Religion and Politics*, *International Area Studies Review*, *Asian Journal of Comparative Politics*, *Asian Survey*, *Research and Politics*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, *Humanities and Social Sciences Communications*, and *Japanese Journal of Political Science*.

University Service Activities

- University of North Texas

University Faculty Grievance Committee. Fall 2023-Summer 2026 (Committee Chair from Fall 2025 to Summer 2026).

- College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

Grievance Committee. Fall 2024.

Graduate Curriculum Committee. Fall 2024.

Faculty Council. Fall 2018.

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee. Fall 2014-Spring 2017.

- Department of Political Science

Graduate Placement Coordinator. Fall 2019-December 2022; June 2023-present.

Chair, Personnel Affairs Committee. Fall 2025-Spring 2026.

Chair, Faculty Awards Committee. Fall 2018-Spring 2019.

Chair, Library Committee. Fall 2015-Spring 2018; Fall 2023-Spring 2024; Fall 2025-Spring 2026.

Chair, Undergraduate Studies Committee. Fall 2011-Spring 2014.

Chair, Comparative Politics Search Committee. 2023.

Executive Committee. Fall 2007-Spring 2008; Fall 2016-Spring 2018; Fall 2024-present.

Personnel Affairs Committee. Fall 2016-Spring 2018; Fall 2023.

Undergraduate Studies Committee. Fall 2005-Spring 2007; Fall 2011-Fall 2014; Fall 2018.

Graduate Studies Committee. Fall 2007-Spring 2010; Fall 2015-Spring 2016; Fall 2019-Fall 2022; Fall 2023-present.

Faculty Awards Committee. Fall 2011-Spring 2012; Fall 2013-Spring 2014. Fall 2024-present.

Student Grants & Awards Committee. Fall 2019-present.

Martin Colloquium. Fall 2005-Spring 2006.

Ad Hoc Space Committee. Fall 2010-Spring 2011.

Ad Hoc Spring Banquet Committee. Fall 2010-Spring 2011, Fall 2012-Spring 2013.

Comparative Politics Subfield Comprehensive Exam Committee. 2005-present.

Methodology Subfield Comprehensive Exam Committee. 2005-2016.

Racial and Ethnic Politics Search Committee. 2008, 2015.

Comparative Politics / International Relations Search Committee. 2007.

Comparative Politics Search Committee. 2005, 2006, 2011, 2022, 2023.

Methodology Search Committee. 2005, 2006.

References

Available upon request