

Japan Economic Seminar

A Center on Japanese Economy and Business (CJEB) Annual Event

Thursday, February 20, 2020, 1:00 – 6:00 pm

Feldberg Space (1st Floor), Warren Hall, Columbia Business School

Agenda (As of 2/19/2020)

1:00 – 1:05

Introduction

Takatoshi Ito, Professor, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University; Director, Program on Public Pension and Sovereign Funds, CJEB

Session 1: “Meritocracy and Its Discontent: Long-run Effects of Repeated School Admission Reforms”

Moderator: **Takatoshi Ito**, Columbia University

1:05 – 1:35

Presenter: **Yusuke Narita**, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics & Cowles Foundation Yale University; Visiting Assistant Professor, Stanford University

Coauthor(s): **Mari Tanaka; Chiaki Moriguchi**

1:35 – 1:55

Discussants: **Yeon-Koo Che**, Columbia University; **Charles Horioka**, Kobe University

1:55 – 2:10

Floor discussion

Session 2: “Do Trade-originated Income Shocks Mobilize Higher Backlash Against Free Trade?”

Moderator: **Tokuo Iwaisako**, Professor, Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University

2:10 – 2:40

Presenter: **Megumi Naoi**, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of California, San Diego

2:40 – 3:00

Discussants: **Shujiro Urata**, Waseda University; **Shigeo Hirano**, Columbia University

3:00 – 3:15

Floor discussion

3:15 – 3:45

Coffee break

Session 3: “Spatially Uneven Pace of Deindustrialization within A Country”

Moderator: **Tokuo Iwaisako**, Hitotsubashi University

3:45 – 4:15 Presenter: **Kozo Kiyota**, Professor of Economics, Keio Economic Observatory,
Keio University; Visiting Colleague, Department of Economics, University of Hawaii,
Manoa

4:15 – 4:35 Discussants: **Justin Pierce**, Federal Reserve Board; **Peter Schott**, Yale School of Management

4:35 – 4:50 Floor discussion

Session 4: “Low Rates and Bank Loan Supply: Theory and Evidence from Japan”

Moderator: **Takatoshi Ito**, Columbia University

4:50 – 5:20 Presenter: **Cynthia Balloch**, Assistant Professor of Finance, London School of Economics and
Political Science

Coauthor(s): **Yann Koby**

5:20 – 5:40 Discussants: **Kimie Harada**, Chuo University; **Etsuro Shioji**, Hitotsubashi University

5:40 – 5:55 Floor discussion

5:55 – 6:00 **Conclusion**

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Advance registration is required at <https://www8.qsb.columbia.edu/cjeb/upcomingevents>.

Brief Bios

Cynthia Mei Balloch is an Assistant Professor of Finance at the London School of Economics and Political Science. Her research focuses on the role of financial institutions in the macroeconomy, with a particular focus on macroeconomic policy, market-based alternatives to traditional banks, and sovereign and corporate lending markets. Cynthia received her Ph.D. in Economics from Columbia University, and previously worked at JP Morgan and the International Finance Corporation, both in Hong Kong. She earned her B.Sc., cum laude, from Harvard College, and a Master's in Public Administration in International Development from Harvard Kennedy School.

Yeon-Koo Che is the Kelvin J. Lancaster Professor of Economic Theory at Columbia University. He received a PhD in Economics from Stanford University in 1991. He had taught at the University of Wisconsin before joining Columbia University as Professor of Economics in 2005. His research focuses on auction theory, mechanism design, and market design, contract theory and law and economics. He is a Fellow of Econometric Society (elected 2009) and a Fellow of Economic Theory (elected 2014) for the Society of Advancement of Economic Theory. He is a member of the Asian Regional Council of the Econometric Society (elected 2016) and a member of the Council of the Game Theory Society (elected 2017). He served as Executive Director of the Program for Economic Research (2015-18). He was editor of the Journal of Industrial Economics, associate editor of Econometrica, and is currently serving as advisory editor of Games and Economic Behavior. He was the inaugural recipient in 2008 of the Cho Rakkyo Prize, awarded to the best Korean economist, and the KAEA-MK Prize in 2009. He has given several keynote addresses, including the Jacob Marschak Lecture at the Econometric Society meeting in Sydney (2016), as well as for the Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society (2018) and for the Latin American Meeting of the Econometric Society (2018). He has been awarded multiple National Science Foundation grants and has served as a member of its panel.

Kimie Harada is a professor at Chuo University. She obtained her Ph.D. from Graduate School of Economics, the University of Tokyo. Dr. Harada's professional career includes membership in numerous government committees. She currently serves as a member of the Financial Services Agency's Financial System Council, a member of the Fiscal Investment and Loan Program Subcommittee of the Ministry of Finance's Fiscal System Council, a member of the Ministry of Finance's Council on Customs, Tariff, Foreign Exchange and Other Transactions. Additionally, she is a board member of the non-profit organization, Financial Instruments Mediation Assistance Center. Dr. Harada has been published in academic journals such as Journal of Money, Credit and Banking, and Journal of the Japanese and International Economies. She was a visiting scholar at Australian National University and a visiting professor at Hitotsubashi University and is a member of the editorial board of Japan's Securities Analysts Journal. She holds a Wine Expert appellation qualification of the Japan Sommelier Association and conducts research centering on the financial field, and wine economics as well.

Shigeo Hirano is Professor and Director of Graduate Studies in the Political Science Department at Columbia University. His research focuses on elections and representation. He has been published in leading political science journals and co-authored with James M. Snyder, Jr. the book “Primary Elections in the United States.” He is also currently an associate editor of the Quarterly Journal of Political Science. He received an A.B. in Government and Economics and a Ph.D. in Political Economy and Government from Harvard University. In the past, he has been on the faculty at NYU and has held visiting positions at MIT, Princeton, the University of Tokyo and Yale.

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Takatoshi Ito is the director of Program on Public Pension and Sovereign Funds and associate director of research at CJEB. He is also a professor at the School of International and Public Affairs of Columbia University. He has taught extensively both in the United States and Japan since finishing his PhD in economics at Harvard University in 1979. He taught as assistant and tenured associate professor (1979-1988) at the University of Minnesota, as associate and full professor at Hitotsubashi University (1988-2002), as professor at the Graduate School of Economics at the University of Tokyo (2004-2014) and dean of the Graduate School of Public Policy at the University of Tokyo (2012-2014) before assuming his current position in 2015. He held visiting professor positions at Harvard University, Stanford University, and Columbia Business School, and was Tun Ismail Ali Chair Professor at the University of Malaya. He has held distinguished academic and research appointments such as president of the Japanese Economic Association in 2004-2005, fellow of the Econometric Society since 1992, research associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research since 1985, faculty fellow at the Centre for Economic Policy Research in London since 2006, research associate of the Tokyo Center for Economic Research since 1990, and faculty fellow of the Research Institute of Economy, Trade, and Industry since 2004. He was editor-in-chief of the Journal of the Japanese and International Economies, and is coeditor of the Asian Economic Policy Review. In an unusual move for a Japanese academic, Ito was appointed senior advisor in the Research Department at the International Monetary Fund (1994-1997), deputy vice minister for International Affairs at the Ministry of Finance of Japan (1999-2001). He also served as a member of the Prime Minister’s Council on Economic and Fiscal Policy (2006-2008).

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Megumi Naoi is an Associate Professor of Political Science at University of California, San Diego. Her research interests bridge the fields of international and comparative political economy with a particular interest in the politics of trade and redistribution. Her regional expertise is East Asia, particularly Japan. She is the author of "Building Legislative Coalitions for Free Trade in Asia" (Cambridge University Press, 2015), which received honorable mention for the 2016 William Riker Award for the best book on political economy published in the past three years by the American Political Science Association. Her other works have appeared in *American Journal of Political Science*, *Annual Review of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *International Organization*, *International Studies Quarterly* and others. She is a current recipient of the Center for Global Partnership/Japan Foundation's Intellectual Exchange Grant on Domestic Politics of Free Trade Agreements. She serves as an editorial board member of *International Organization* and a steering committee member of the International Political Economy Society. She received her PhD from Columbia University and her MA and BA from Keio University in Political Science.

Yusuke Narita is an Assistant Professor at Yale University and a Visiting Assistant Professor at Stanford University. His research involves studying education and labor policy topics using a variety of methods such as causal inference, machine learning, economic theory, and structural econometric modeling. His work has been published in journals including *Econometrica*, *AAAI* (Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence), and *American Economic Review*. He obtained a Ph.D. from MIT. He is also a Visiting Fellow of the Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry in Japan, and a technical advisor to several Japanese corporations, such as CyberAgent, ZOZO, and Yahoo! Japan.

Justin Pierce is a Principal Economist at the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System in Washington, D.C. His research focuses on the implications of changes in international trade policy for individuals, firms, and regions. His recent work examines the effects of the 2018-2019 tariff actions and the granting of Permanent Normal Trade Relations to China on the U.S. manufacturing sector. His research has been published in academic journals including *American Economic Review*, the *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, and the *Journal of International Economics*, and it has been covered by *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, and *The Economist*.

Peter K. Schott is the Juan Trippe Professor of Economics at the Yale School of Management, Research Associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research and Special-Sworn-Status researcher at the US Census Bureau. His research focuses on how countries, firms and workers react to globalization. Recent papers examine the decline of US manufacturing employment, the rise of service employment among US manufacturing firms, misallocation of export licenses by the Chinese government during the global Multifiber Arrangement, and techniques for comparing export quality across countries. His research is discussed in a variety of academic and popular press outlets, including top economics journals and the *New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, the *New Yorker*, the *Economist* and the *Harvard Business Review*. Before joining Yale's faculty, he worked as a commercial banker for Sumitomo Trust & Banking Co., Ltd. in New York and Los Angeles. He received a Bachelor of Science in finance from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania in 1990, a Master's Degree in political science from UCLA in 1995, and a Ph.D. in business economics from UCLA in 1999.

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