

# YUZURU KUMON

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## EMPLOYMENT

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Lecturer, University of Manchester	September 2024-
Postdoctoral Researcher, Norwegian School of Economics	September 2022-August 2024
Research Visit, Hitotsubashi University	June-August 2022
Postdoctoral Researcher, IAST, Toulouse	September 2020-August 2022
Post-doctoral Researcher, Bocconi University	September 2019- July 2020
Research Visit, Hitotsubashi University	July-August 2019

## EDUCATION

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Ph.D., Economics, University of California, Davis	May 2019
M.A., Economics, University of Tokyo	March 2013
B.A., Economics, Keio University	March 2011

## RESEARCH FIELDS

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Economic History, Development and Growth, Labor Economics

## PUBLICATIONS

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Kumon, Yuzuru “Adoption, Inheritance, and Wealth Inequality in Pre-industrial Japan and Western Europe” *Accepted at Journal of Economic History*

Kumon, Yuzuru and Saleh, Mohamed (2023) “The Middle-Eastern Marriage Pattern? Malthusian Dynamics in Nineteenth-Century Egypt” *Economic History Review* 76 (4), 1231–1258

Kumon, Yuzuru (2022) “Rich Europe, Poor Asia: How Wealth Inequality, Demography, and Crop Risks Explain the Poverty of Pre-industrial East Asia, 1300-1800” (PhD Summary) *Australian Economic History Review*, F62 (2) 161-168

Kumon, Yuzuru (2021) “The Labor Intensive Path: Wages, Incomes and the Work Year in Japan, 1610-1932” *Journal of Economic History*, 82 (2), 368–402

Kumon, Yuzuru (2020) “Rich Europe, Poor Asia: How Wealth Inequality, Demography, and Crop Risks Explain the Poverty of Pre-industrial East Asia, 1300-1800” (PhD Summary) *Journal of Economic History*, 80 (2), 589–592

## WORKING PAPERS

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Kumon, Yuzuru “How Landownership Equality Created a Low Wage Society: Pre-industrial Japan, 1600-1870” *R&R at AEJ Applied*

Kumon, Yuzuru and Sakai, Kazuho “Women’s Wages and Empowerment” *Submitted*

Kumon, Yuzuru “Wealth Inequality in Pre-industrial Rural England” IAST Working Paper 124

Kumon, Yuzuru and Igarashi, Erika “The Gender Divisions of Labor and Structural Transformation: Industrializing Japan”

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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Kumon, Yuzuru “The Benefit of Shocks: Risk and Living Standards in pre-industrial Japan”

Kumon, Yuzuru, Saleh, Mohamed and Puschmann, Paul “Household Structure in Nineteenth-Century Egypt”

Kumon, Yuzuru, Sakai, Kazuho and Takashima, Masanori “Who Owned Land in Feudal Japan?”

Kumon, Yuzuru and Sakai, Kazuho “Prostitution in Tokugawa Japan”

## PRESENTATIONS

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**2024:** EHA Annual Meeting, UC Davis Alumni Conference, Aarhus University, Workshop in Economic History Uppsala, 13th Annual Workshop of Growth, History, and Development

**2023:** Farewell to All UC Conference at UC Davis, UC Irvine, Economic History Society, Norwegian Games Conference, University of Southern Denmark.

**2022:** ESHD 2022; IAST Tuesday Lunch Seminar; Peking University; Hitotsubashi University; Aix-Marseille Universit

**2021:** Zurich FRESH conference; LSE Asia Economic History; EHS Annual Conference; Hitotsubashi University; Summer Meeting for Young Economists; Meeting in Economic History, Agen

**2020:** Utrecht University; Annual Meeting of the Danish Society for Economic and Social History; University of Tokyo; Economic History Association Conference; Queen’s University Belfast, Cambridge University, Economic History Society Online Session

**2019:** Economic History Association, Dissertation Session; Pacific Conference for Development Economics (PACDEV), University of Southern California; The Annual Cliometrics Conference, Paper Session; Bocconi University; University of Southern Denmark; University of Groningen; Waseda University; Keio University; Kobe University; Osaka Univeristy; Hitotsubashi Univeristy; European Historical Economics Society conference (EHES), Paris; Trinity College Dublin; London School of Economics

**2018:** Graduate Student Session, Cliometrics Conference; Economic History Seminar, University of Tokyo; Economic Development Workshop, Hitotsubashi; All UC Graduate Student Workshop; LSE Graduate Student Seminar; Warwick Economic History Workshop; Oxford Graduate Student Seminar; Economic History Seminar, UC Davis

**2017:** New Frontiers in Asian Economic History, Association for Asian Studies; Family and Living Standards in Tokugawa Japan, Hitotsubashi University; Poster Session, Economic History Association

**2016** One Hundred Flowers, All UC Economic History Conference

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**Bocconi University**

Spring 2020

*Instructor*

- Economic History: Globalization, Divergence, and Inequality in Historical Perspective

**University of California, Davis**

Fall 2014 - Present

*Teaching Assistant*

- Undergraduate Courses: Economic History, Game Theory, Intermediate Econometrics, Intermediate Microeconomics
- Graduate Courses: Cross Section Econometrics, Econometric Foundations, Microeconomics  
*Average Evaluation Score: 4.4/5 (16 total courses)*

## HONORS, GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS

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<i>Asia-Pacific Prize</i> for best dissertation in Asia-Pacific economic history The Economic History Society of Australia and New Zealand	2022
<i>Alexander Gerschenkron Prize</i> for the best dissertation in non-US or Canadian Economic History, Economic History Association	2019
<i>Sokoloff Fellowship</i> (\$15,000), Economic History Association	2018-2019
<i>Economics Department Research Support Award</i> (\$1,500), UC Davis	2018-2019
<i>Graduate Student Fellowship</i> (\$3750), All-UC Group in Economic History	2017-2018
<i>Dissertation Improvement Support Award</i> (\$500), UC Davis	2017-2018
<i>Non-Resident Tuition Fellowship</i> , UC Davis	Fall 2016
<i>Long Term Foreign Studies Award</i> , Japan Student Services Organization	2013-2016

## LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

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English (native), Japanese (native), German (A2), French (A2), Norwegian (A1)