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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. in Economics, the University of Tokyo *February 2020*
- M.A. in Economics, the University of Tokyo *March 2016*
- B.A. in International Relations, Tsuda University *March 2014*

ACADEMIC POSITION

- Associate Professor, Faculty of Economics, Chuo University *April 2026 - Current*
- Project Researcher, Center for Real Estate Innovation (CREI), the University of Tokyo *April 2026 - Current*
- Assistant Professor, Faculty of Economics, Chuo University *April 2021 - March 2026*
- Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Rikkyo University *April 2020 - March 2021*
- Part-time Lecturer, Faculty of Economics, Chuo University *April 2020 - March 2021*
- Guest Researcher, *April 2023 - Current*
Center for Research and Education in Program Evaluation (CREPE), *April 2020*
Faculty of Economics, the University of Tokyo
- Project Researcher, *May 2020 - March 2023*
Center for Research and Education in Program Evaluation (CREPE), *April 2019 - March 2020*
Faculty of Economics, the University of Tokyo

RESEARCH FIELDS

Urban Economics, Spatial Economics and Applied Microeconometrics

PUBLICATIONS

■ Refereed-Publications

- Okamoto, Chigusa (2026) “Formation of new start-ups: does business diversity in existing start-ups matter?” *Regional Studies*, 60(1).
- Matsuyama, Hiroyuki, Chigusa Okamoto and Yasuhiro Sato (2025) “Social integration of immigrants in cities: theory and evidence from the European Social Survey,” *The Japanese Economic Review*, 76, 957–986. (Special Issue in Honor of Masahisa Fujita)
- Okamoto, Chigusa and Yasuhiro Sato (2021) “Impacts of high-speed rail construction on land prices in urban agglomerations: Evidence from Kyushu in Japan,” *Journal of Asian Economics*, 76, 101364.
- Okamoto, Chigusa (2019) “The effect of automation levels on US interstate migration,” *The Annals of Regional Science*, 63(3), 519–539.
- Okamoto, Chigusa (2018) “Geographic proximity of collaborations between firms and collaborations between firms and universities,” *Studies in Applied Economics* (In Japanese), 11, 55–71.

■ Unrefereed-Publications

- Okamoto, Chigusa (2022) “Cluster and Co-cluster Analysis of Firms and Universitys Research Activities,” *The Journal of Economics* (In Japanese), 63(3·4), 1–16

WORKING PAPERS

- Kawaguchi, Daiji, Keisuke Kawata and Chigusa Okamoto (2024) “Urban Redevelopment Program and Shopping Externality,” CREPE Discussion Paper No.152 / IZA Discussion Paper Series No.16925.
- Okamoto, Chigusa (2024) “Classification of Japanese Growth-Oriented Startups by Business Sector and Their Location Patterns,” CREI Report No.16 (In Japanese).
- Hasegawa, Daisuke, Chigusa Okamoto, Yuki Akiyama, Yosuke Nagase and Sachio Muto (2023) “Impact of aggregation and diversity of facilities and company locations on start-up locations” CREI Working Paper No.13 (In Japanese).
- Ito, Tadashi, Chigusa Okamoto and Yukiko U. Saito (2020) “Intermediaries in Transaction Networks: Location of Wholesalers’ Headquarters and Other Establishments,” RIETI Discussion Paper Series 20-E-056, Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry.

WORK IN PROGRESS

- Okamoto, Chigusa, “University Knowledge and Local Firm Innovation: Complementary and Substitutive Effects”
- Okamoto, Chigusa, Taisuke Sadayuki and Takeru Sugawara, “Effects of Administrative Interventions on Vacant Houses: Evidence from Kyoto City”
- Okamoto, Chigusa and Tsukasa Matsuura, “Gender-Asymmetric College Expansion and Marriage Market Imbalances in Japan”
- Yoshida, Jiro, Kiyohiko Nishimura, Chigusa Okamoto, Atsushi Yamagishi and Yukie Sakuragawa, “Marginal Rent Index and Japan’s Consumer Price Index”

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

■ 2025

- Annual Meeting of the Applied Regional Science Conference, University of Toyama, November 2025
- 14th European Meeting of the Urban Economics Association, March 2025
- 189th Workshop on Regional Science, Tohoku University, March 2025

■ 2024

- 18th North American Meeting of the Urban Economics Association, September 2024
- The 4th Entrepreneurship Research Workshop, Premier Hotel-CABIN PRESIDENT-Hakodate, September 2024
- Sustainable Infrastructure Research Workshop, Chuo University, June 2024
- CREI International Forum, University of Tokyo, March 2024
- The Japanese Association of Real Estate Financial Engineering, Chuo University, February 2024

■ 2023

- Annual Meeting of the Applied Regional Science Conference, Osaka University, December 2023
- Urban Economics Workshop, University of Tokyo, November 2023
- Public Workshop of Institute of Business Research, Chuo University, October 2023
- Economic Society Workshop (*Keizai Gakkai Kenkyu Kai*), Osaka Metropolitan University, September 2023
- 2023 Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society, NTU Singapore, July 2023
- Kansai Labor Research Association (*Kansai Rodo Kenkyukai*), APIR, April 2023

- Environment and Technology Workshop, Hitotsubashi University, April 2023
- 2021
 - Annual Meeting of the Applied Regional Science Conference, Kanazawa University, November 2021
 - TCJS Early-Career Scholar Forum, the University of Tokyo, September 2021
 - Applied Economics Workshop, Keio University, July 2021
 - Rokko Forum, Kobe University, May 2021
- 2019
 - Annual Meeting of the Applied Regional Science Conference, Saga University, November 2019
 - Policy Modeling Workshop, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, July 2019
 - Urban Economics Workshop, Kyoto University, January 2019
- 2018
 - Annual Meeting of the Applied Regional Science Conference, Nanzan University, December 2018
 - 65th Annual North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association International, Hyatt Regency Hotel San Antonio, November 2018
 - Autumn Meeting of the Japanese Economic Association (poster), Gakushuin University, September 2018
 - IDE School on Urban and Regional Economics in Developing Countries for Young Economists, IDE-JETRO, May 2018
 - Mastering Metrics: Empirical Strategies for Policy Analysis, the University of Tokyo, May 2018
 - Urban Economics Workshop, the University of Tokyo, April 2018
 - Gendai Keizaigaku Kenkyukai, Tohoku University, March 2018
 - Regional Science Seminar, Kagawa University, February 2018
- 2017
 - The 7th Asian Seminar in Regional Science, National Taiwan University, September 2017
 - Urban Economics Workshop, the University of Tokyo, July 2017
 - Spring Meeting of the Japanese Economic Association, Ritsumeikan University, June 2017
 - Urban Economics Workshop, Kyoto University, June 2017
 - Innovation and Policy Research Workshop, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, March 2017
 - Study Group on Spatial Economics, Kyushu Sangyo University, March 2017
 - Chiiki Kagaku Workshop, Tohoku University, January 2017
- 2016
 - Annual Meeting of the Applied Regional Science Conference, Kobe University, November 2016
 - Autumn Meeting of the Japanese Economic Association, Waseda University, September 2016
 - Urban Economics Workshop, the University of Tokyo, June 2016
 - Microeconomics Workshop, the University of Tokyo, January 2016

AWARDS AND GRANTS (PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR)

- Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (B),
 “Economic Analysis of Vacant House Policies
 by Local Governments: From Prevention to Regeneration”
 Japan Society for the Promotion of Science

April 2026 - March 2031

- Grant-in-Aid for Research Activity Startup, *September 2020 - March 2022*
 “Knowledge Spillovers to Regional Economies
 through Industry-University Collaboration”
 Japan Society for the Promotion of Science
- Encouragement Prize (Young Scholar Award) 2017, *June 2018*
 Japan Association for Applied Economics
- CREPE Advanced Evidence Based Policy Making Capability *May 2017 - March 2018*
 Development Program (Receipt of stipend)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Government Committee Membership
 - Member, Committee on Innovation Creation in Cities,
 Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism *FY2025*
 - Member, Committee on Survey on Radio Wave Usage,
 Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications *FY2022 - FY2025*
- Conference Organization
 - Program Committee, 37th Annual Meeting of the Applied Regional Science Conference *2024*
 - Program Committee, 34th Annual Meeting of the Applied Regional Science Conference *2020*
- Referee experience
 - Papers in Regional Science
 - Regional Studies
 - Journal of Regional Science
 - Journal of Asian Economics
 - The Annals of Regional Science
 - Japan & The World Economy
 - Sustainability
 - Transportation Research Interdisciplinary Perspectives
 - Journal of the Japan Society for Intellectual Production (in Japanese)
 - Studies in Applied Economics (in Japanese)
 - The Journal of Science Policy and Research Management (in Japanese)