



# LUNCH SEMINAR

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## "Political impacts on intergovernmental fiscal transfers in Japan"

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### Summary

This talk is based on some of my recent papers, which statistically estimate political impacts on inter-governmental fiscal transfers in Japan. The first paper (AJPS 2003) shows that the electoral reform of 1994 resulted in an unprecedented degree of equalization in legislative representation (*teisū zesei*), which resulted in an equalization of total transfers per person. The second paper (under review) shows that contrary to a widely shared belief, under the old electoral system for Lower House elections (i.e., the SNTV system) the governing coalition manipulated the budget allocation in favor of the opposition – empirical evidence for the distributive consequences of politics of collusion (*kokutai seiji*) in Japan. The third working paper estimates the impacts of political participation on per capita total transfers.

### Biography

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