

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Ph.D. in Political Science, Graduate School of Political Science, Waseda University, 2010
M.A. in Political Science, Graduate School of Political Science, Waseda University, 2006
B.A. in Policy Studies, Faculty of Policy Studies, Chuo University, 2004

Ph.D. Dissertation

Title (in Japanese): 「参加のメカニズム: 民主主義に適応する市民の動態」
Title (English translation): Mechanisms of Participation: Citizen Adaptation to a Democratic Dilemma.
Institution: Graduate School of Political Science, Waseda University
Degree awarded: Ph.D. in Political Science
Dissertation Committee:

- Chief Examiner (Chair): Professor Masaru Kohno, Waseda University
- Sub-examiner: Professor Aiji Tanaka, Waseda University
- Sub-examiner: Professor Steven R. Reed, Chuo University

Academic Positions

Professor, Faculty of Policy Studies, Chuo University, 2022–present
Associate Professor, Faculty of Policy Studies, Chuo University, 2020–2022
Professor, Faculty of Law, Tokyo Metropolitan University, 2019–2020
Associate Professor, Department of Law, Faculty of Urban Liberal Arts, Tokyo Metropolitan University, 2014–2019
Assistant Professor, Faculty of Political Science and Economics, Waseda University, 2012–2014
Assistant Professor, Faculty of Policy Studies, Chuo University, 2009–2012
Research Fellow (DC2), Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS), 2007–2008

Visiting Position

Visiting Scholar, Edwin O. Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies, Harvard University, 2017–2018

Research Interests

- Political psychology
- Experimental political science
- Survey methodology and public opinion
- Political participation, voting behavior, and preference formation

Awards, Grants, and Fellowships (PI only, selected)

2025–2027, JSPS KAKENHI Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (C), “Exploring the Psychological and Behavioral Foundations of Political Trust Dynamics” (Total: 4.55 million JPY).

2021–2023, JSPS KAKENHI Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (B), “Behavioral Public Administration of Organizations: Comparative Experiments on the Effects of Structure, Tasks, and Members on Performance in Public and Private Sectors” (Total: 12.30 million JPY).

2018–2020, JSPS KAKENHI Grant-in-Aid for Young Scientists, “Formation of Political Values among Learning Citizens: Conditions for Reducing Group Polarization” (Total: 4.16 million JPY).

2018–2019, Nomura Foundation Social Science Grant, “Building Communities that Overcome Natural Disasters: Exploring the Political-Psychological Foundations Linking Citizens and Local Communities” (700,000 JPY).

2011–2013, JSPS KAKENHI Grant-in-Aid for Young Scientists (B), “Designing Political Institutions that Overcome Social Dilemmas” (Total: 4.29 million JPY).

2009–2011, JSPS KAKENHI Grant-in-Aid for Young Scientists (Start-up / Research Activity Start-up), “Mechanisms of Majority Formation and Government Turnover” (Total: 2.47 million JPY).

2007–2008, JSPS Research Fellowship for Young Scientists (DC2), “Mechanism of Adaptive Citizens’ Political Participation: Construction and Verification of an Agent-Based Model” (900,000 JPY).

Professional Memberships and Service

Professional Associations:

- Japanese Political Science Association
- Japanese Society of Social Psychology
- International Society of Political Psychology
- American Political Science Association
- Midwest Political Science Association
- International Political Science Association

External Service:

- Vice President, ICPSR Japan Committee (Domestic Users’ Council), 2016–2018

Publications

Below, works are organized by language of the original publication.

I. Works Written in English

I-1. Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- Yamada, Kyohei, and Kiichiro Arai. 2021. "Do Boundary Consolidations Alter the Relationship between Politicians and Voters? Case of Municipal Mergers in Japan." *Local Government Studies* 47(4): 519–545. doi: [10.1080/03003930.2020.1761335](https://doi.org/10.1080/03003930.2020.1761335)
- Arai, Kiichiro, and Kyohei Yamada. 2016. "Examining the Effect of Providing a Pen on the Response Rate to a Mail Survey." *Behaviormetrika* 43(2): 83–102. doi: [10.2333/bhmk.43.83](https://doi.org/10.2333/bhmk.43.83)
- Arai, Kiichiro, Masaru Kohno, and Shin Toyoda. 2013. "How Did the Japanese Public React to Kim Jong Il's Death?" *International Relations of Asia-Pacific* 13(1): 125–153. doi: [10.1093/irap/lcs012](https://doi.org/10.1093/irap/lcs012)

I-2. Book Chapters

- Arai, Kiichiro, and Miwa Nakajo. 2018. "Survey of Candidates' Policy Preferences." In R. J. Pekkanen, S. R. Reed, E. Scheiner, and D. M. Smith (eds.), *Japan Decides 2017*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, Chapter 9, pp. 149–164. doi: [10.1007/978-3-319-76475-7_9](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-76475-7_9)
- Arai, Kiichiro, and Norihiro Mimura. 2016. "What Can We Learn from 'Response Time'?" In Masaru Kohno and Yoshitaka Nishizawa (eds.), *Electoral Survey Methodology: Insight from Japan on Using Computer-Assisted Personal Interviews*. Routledge, Chapter 6, pp. 86–108. doi: [10.4324/9781315624211](https://doi.org/10.4324/9781315624211)
- Arai, Kiichiro. 2010. "Jump on the Bandwagon: Evidence from Survey Experiments." In *Introducing the Faculty of Policy Studies: Integrating Policy and Culture*. Chuo University, pp. 311–320.

I-3. Conference Presentations (Selected)

- Asako, Yasushi, Kiichiro Arai, Airo Hino, and So Morikawa. 2023. "A Little Knowledge Can Lead to Polarization: The Consequence of Misunderstanding Payoff Structure." Autumn Meeting of the Japanese Economic Association.
- Asako, Yasushi, Airo Hino, Kiichiro Arai, and So Morikawa. 2022. "How Polarization Can Be Reduced: Implications from Laboratory Experiments." Spring Meeting of the Japanese Economic Association.
- Asako, Y., A. Hino, K. Arai, and S. Morikawa. "Reducing Polarization by Observing Others' Actions: Laboratory Experiments." 80th Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference.
- Kawai, Koichi, So Morikawa, Kiichiro Arai, and Yutaka Onishi. 2021. "Do Flat Organizations Work Differently from Hierarchical Ones? Evidence from Laboratory Experiments on Public Sector Organizational Reforms in Japan." 26th World Congress of the International Political Science Association.

- Arai, Kiichiro. 2019. "How to Make Hawkish Voters: The Japanese Case." 2019 Annual Meeting and Exhibition of the American Political Science Association.
- Nakajo, Miwa, Yoshiharu Kobayashi, and Kiichiro Arai. 2019. "Voters' Preferences over Local Leaders after Natural Disasters." 2019 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago.
- Arai, Kiichiro. 2018. "Did They Cheat on Candidates Surveys?" Harvard Symposium on Japanese Politics, Harvard University.
- Yamada, Kyohei, and Kiichiro Arai. 2017. "Do Boundary Consolidations Alter the Relationship between Politicians and Voters? Evidence from Municipal Mergers in Japan." 2017 MPSA Annual Conference.
- Yamada, Kyohei, and Kiichiro Arai. 2016. "Do Boundary Consolidations Alter the Relationship between Politicians and Voters? Evidence from a List Experiment in Japan." 2016 MPSA Annual Conference.
- Izumikawa, Yasuhiro, and Kiichiro Arai. 2013. "How Pacifist Are They Really? Experimental Studies of the Japanese Public's Attitude toward Use of Force Concerning the Sino-Japanese Territorial Dispute." 2013 APSA Annual Meeting & Exhibition, Chicago.
- Murakami, Go, Kiichiro Arai, and Masaru Kohno. 2012. "Jump on the Bandwagon, If It Has a Momentum: A Momentum Effect in Voting Behavior." 2012 MPSA Annual Conference.
- Arai, Kiichiro, Norihiro Mimura, and Go Murakami. 2009. "Switching Voters' Identities: Effect of Conflict between a Party and Social Identity on Voting." 2009 Canadian Political Science Association Annual Conference.
- Arai, Kiichiro, and Go Murakami. 2008. "Switching Voters' Identities: The Effect of Conflict between Party Identification and Social Identity on Political Behavior." GLOPE–TCER Joint Junior Workshop on Political Economy.
- Arai, Kiichiro. 2007. "Mechanism of Habitual Voting: Simulation Model of Voter's Turnout." GLOPE–CREED Workshop New Directions in Political-Economic Behavioral Research: Experiments, Social Research, Simulation; and New Directions of Global Political Economy 125th Anniversary Symposium of Waseda University—21COE-GLOPE.
- Arai, Kiichiro, and Masaru Kohno. 2007. "At the Nexus of Competition and Representation: Exploring Interaction between Elites' Outside Lobbying and Voters' Sense of Efficacy in Japan." Modeling Power Relationships in Japanese Democracy, University of British Columbia; and the International Workshop on Policy Network, Maiko Villa Kobe.

II. Works Originally Written in Japanese

II-1. Book (Monograph)

- Arai, Kiichiro. 2014. *Mechanisms of Participation: Citizen Adaptation to a Democratic Dilemma*. (Sanka no Mekanizumu: Minshushugi ni Tekio suru Shimin no Dotai) (in Japanese). Tokyo: Bokutakusha. ISBN-13 : 978-4833224680.

II-2. Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles and Research Papers

- Yokoyama, Tomoya, and Kiichiro Arai. 2024. Effects of Political Factors on Non-Political Decision-Making in Everyday Life: A Conjoint Analysis of Conversation Partner Choice (Nichijō Seikatsu de no Hi-Seijiteki Ishikettei ni Ataeru Seijiteki Yōin no Kōka: Kaiwa Aite no Sentaku ni Kansuru Conjoint Bunseki) (in Japanese). *Nomos* 54: 69–87.
- Arai, Kiichiro. 2022. The Shrinkage of the “Night-Time Economy” in Data: Effects of the State of Emergency and Priority Preventive Measures (Dēta de Miru ‘Yoru no Machi’ no Shukugen: Kinkyū Jitai Sengen to Man’en Bōshi-tō Jūten Sochi ga Ataeta Eikyō to wa) (in Japanese). *VOICE* 531: 156–165.
- Arai, Kiichiro. 2021. Measuring “Public Opinion” (“Min’i’ no Hakari-kata”) (in Japanese). *Chuo Review* 316, 73(2): 12–16.
- Kohno, Masaru, and Kiichiro Arai. 2019. Competition and Representation: Resonance between Two Democracies (Kyōsō to Daihyō: Futatsu no Minshushugi no Kyōshin) (in Japanese). *Senkyo Kenkyu* [The Japanese Journal of Electoral Studies] 35(2): 5–18.
- Arai, Kiichiro. 2014. The Baseline of Public Opinion: Measuring Agenda-Setting Effects of Newspaper Coverage (Min’i no Bēsorain: Shinbun Hōdō ni yoru Gidai Settei Kōka no Sokutei) (in Japanese). *Annals of Japanese Political Science* 2014, Issue I: 105–123.
- Arai, Kiichiro, and Yasuhiro Izumikawa. 2014. How Supportive Are Japanese Citizens of the Use of Force? A Choice Experiment Using a Senkaku Islands Contingency Simulation (Nihonjin wa Dono-teido Buryoku Kōshi ni Maemuki na no ka?: Senkaku Shotō Yūji Simulation o Mochiita Sentaku Jikken) (in Japanese). *Leviathan* 54: 28–47.
- Imai, Ryosuke, and Kiichiro Arai. 2013. Performance Evaluation and Voting under Divided Government (“‘Nejire’ Jōkyōka ni okeru Gyōseki Hyōka to Tōhyō Kōdō”) (in Japanese). *Senkyo Kenkyu* [The Japanese Journal of Electoral Studies] 29(1): 87–101.
- Yamazaki, Arata, and Kiichiro Arai. 2011. Political Sophistication and Attitude Stability (Seijiteki Senren-sei to Taido no Antei-sei) (in Japanese). *Senkyo Kenkyu* [The Japanese Journal of Electoral Studies] 27(1): 120–134.
- Arai, Kiichiro, Go Murakami, and Masaru Kohno. 2011. Comparing Economics and Politics by Experiments: On the Rationality of “Jumping on the Bandwagon” (Jikken de Kuraberu Keizai to Seiji: ‘Kachi-uma ni Noru’ Gōrisei o Megutte) (in Japanese). *Keizai Seminar* 661: 55–61.
- Arai, Kiichiro. 2009. Adaptive or Rational?: Testing Two Models of Voter Turnout (Adaptive or Rational?: 2-tsu no Tōhyō Sanka Moderu no Kenshō) (in Japanese). *Sogo Seisaku Kenkyu* [Policy Studies Review], Special 15th Anniversary Issue, Faculty of Policy Studies, Chuo University: 295–307.
- Arai, Kiichiro. 2008. Simulation Research in Political Science (Seijigaku ni okeru Simulation Kenkyu) (in Japanese). *Waseda Journal of Political Science and Public Law* 88: 11–21.
- Arai, Kiichiro. 2006. Mechanisms of Political Participation Based on Participation Experience and Evaluation (Sanka Keiken to Sono Hyōka ni motozuku Shimin no Seiji Sanka Mekanizumu) (in Japanese). *Japanese Journal of Electoral Studies* 6: 2–24.

II-3. Book Chapters (Japanese)

- Arai, Kiichiro. 2025. Political Participation of Non-Partisans (Mutōha-sō no Seiji Sanka) (in Japanese). In Takeshi Mifune (ed.), Seiji Kūkan ni okeru Sho-Mondai: Yūkensha, Seisaku, Tōhyō [Issues in Political Space: Voters, Policy, and Voting]. Chuo University Press, Chapter 1, pp. 1–27.
- Arai, Kiichiro. 2019. Who Participates in Politics, and Why?: Voting Behavior and Political Participation (Dare ga, Naze, Seiji ni Sanka suru no ka?: Tōhyō Kōdō to Seiji Sanka) (in Japanese). In Eijiro Fukui (ed.), Kiso Seminar Seijigaku [Introductory Seminar in Political Science]. Sekai Shiso-sha, Chapter 7, pp. 82–92.
- Arai, Kiichiro. 2017. The Location and Function of Snack Bars: “Nighttime Public Sphere” vs. “Daytime Public Sphere” (Sunakku no Richi to Kinō: ‘Yoru no Kōkyōken’ vs. ‘Hiru no Kōkyōken’) (in Japanese). In Koichi Taniguchi (ed.), Nihon no Yoru no Kōkyōken: Sunakku Kenkyū Josetsu [Japan’s Nighttime Public Sphere: Introduction to Snack-Bar Studies]. Hakusuisha, Chapter 8, pp. 163–179.
- Murakami, Go, Kiichiro Arai, and Masaru Kohno. 2016. Survey Experiments on Majority Formation (Tāsūha Keisei ni Kansuru Chōsa Jikken) (in Japanese). In Yoichi Hizen (ed.), Experimental Political Science. Keiso Shobo, Chapter 4, pp. 69–90.
- Yamada, Kyohei, and Kiichiro Arai. 2016. Effects of Social Pressure on Voter Turnout: A Field Experiment in Japan (Shakaiteki Atsuryoku ga Tōhyō Sanka ni Ataeru Kōka: Nihon ni okeru Fīrudo Jikken) (in Japanese). In Yoichi Hizen (ed.), Experimental Political Science. Keiso Shobo, Chapter 5, pp. 91–114.
- Arai, Kiichiro. 2013. Mechanisms of Voter Turnout: Simulation and Empirical Analysis of a Reinforcement-Learning Model (Yūkensha no Tōhyō Sanka Mekanizumu: Kyōka Gakushū Moderu no Simulation to Jisshō) (in Japanese). In Aiji Tanaka (superv.) and Masaru Kohno (ed.), Atarashii Seiji Keizaigaku no Taidō [The Rise of a New Political Economy]. Keiso Shobo, Chapter 5, pp. 139–171.
- Arai, Kiichiro, Koichi Kuriyama, and Yoshitaka Nishizawa. 2013. Programming: Development of the WCASI System and Construction of Survey Interfaces (Programming: WCASI Shisutemu no Kaihatsu to Chōsa Gamen no Sakusei) (in Japanese). In Airo Hino and Aiji Tanaka (eds.), New Horizons of Public Opinion Surveys: CASI Methodology. Keiso Shobo, Chapter 4, pp. 69–91.
- Mimura, Norihiro, and Kiichiro Arai. 2013. Response Time: What We Learn by Observing Surveys (Response Time: Chōsa o Kansatsu shite Wakaru Koto) (in Japanese). In Airo Hino and Aiji Tanaka (eds.), New Horizons of Public Opinion Surveys: CASI Methodology. Keiso Shobo, Chapter 12, pp. 251–265.

II-4. Conference Presentations (Selected, Japanese)

- Iwabuchi, Isao, and Kiichiro Arai. 2024. Effects of Political Knowledge and Partisanship on Conspiratorial Thinking (Seiji Chishiki to Tōhasei ga Inbōron-teki Shikō ni Oyobosu Kōka) (in Japanese). Paper presented at the 65th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society of Social Psychology.
- Yokoyama, Tomoya, and Kiichiro Arai. 2023. Effects of Political Preferences on the Choice of Conversation Partners: Evidence from a Conjoint Experiment on Everyday

Decision-Making (Kaiwa Aite no Sentaku ni Ataeru Seijiteki Senkō no Kōka: Nichijō Seikatsu de no Ishikettei o Taishō to shita Conjoint Jikken ni yoru Kenshō) (in Japanese). 64th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society of Social Psychology.

- Arai, Kiichiro. 2020. Is Optimal Assignment Possible?: Personality and Performance (Saiteki Haichi wa Kanō ka?: Pāsonariti to Pāfōmansu) (in Japanese). Annual Meeting of the Japanese Political Science Association (online).
- Arai, Kiichiro, Yoshiharu Kobayashi, and Miwa Nakajo. 2018. How Natural Disasters Change Relationships between Voters and Politicians (Shizen Saigai ga Motarasu Yūkensha–Seijika Kankei no Henka) (in Japanese). Annual Meeting of the Japanese Political Science Association, Kansai University.
- Arai, Kiichiro. 2018. Can We Measure Politicians' Preferences? (Seijika no Senkō wa Haka reru ka?) (in Japanese). 46th Annual Meeting of the Behaviormetric Society of Japan, Keio University.
- Arai, Kiichiro, Miwa Nakajo, Yoshiharu Kobayashi, and Park Jee-Kwang. 2016. How Natural Disasters Transform Citizens and Local Communities (Shizen Saigai ga Motarasu Shimin to Chiiki Shakai no Hen'yō) (in Japanese). 44th Annual Meeting of the Behaviormetric Society of Japan, Sapporo Gakuin University.
- Imai, Ryosuke, Kiichiro Arai, and Airo Hino. 2014. Changes in Party Systems and Policy Cleavages (Seitō Shisutemu no Hen'yō to Seisaku Tairitsu-jiku no Henka) (in Japanese). Annual Meeting of the Japanese Political Science Association.
- Arai, Kiichiro. 2010. Types of Issues and Issue Voting: Patterns of Voting Behavior Generated by Perceptions of Political Cleavages (Shōten no Shurui to Shōten Tōhyō: Tairitsu-jiku no Ninchi ga Umidasu Tōhyō Kōdō no Pattan) (in Japanese). Annual Meeting of the Japanese Election Studies Association.
- Arai, Kiichiro, and Arata Yamazaki. 2009. Rethinking Political Awareness (Seijiteki Chikaku (Political Awareness) no Saikō) (in Japanese). Annual Meeting of the Japanese Political Science Association.
- Arai, Kiichiro. 2008. Election Analysis and Multi-Agent Simulation Models (Senkyō Bunseki to Maruchi Ejento Simulation Moderu) (in Japanese). Annual Meeting of the Japanese Political Science Association.
- Arai, Kiichiro, and Go Murakami. 2008. Two Faces of Voters, "Employee" and "Partisan": How Conflicts between Multiple Social Identities Affect Political Behavior (Yūkensha no Futatsu no Kao, 'Kaishain' to 'Tōhajin': Fukusū no Kizoku Ishiki-kan no Kattō ga Motarasu Seiji Kōdō e no Eikyō) (in Japanese). Annual Meeting of the Japanese Election Studies Association.
- Arai, Kiichiro, Go Murakami, and Norihiro Mimura. 2007. Two Faces of Voters: Employees and Partisans (Yūkensha no Futatsu no Kao: Kaishain to Tōhajin) (in Japanese). 11th Experimental Social Science Conference.
- Arai, Kiichiro. 2007. Mechanisms of Adaptive Citizens' Political Participation (Tekiyō-teki na Shimin no Seiji Sanka Mekanizumu) (in Japanese). Annual Meeting of the Japanese Election Studies Association.

II-5. Other Publications (Newspaper Columns, etc., Japanese)

- Arai, Kiichiro. 2025. Yomiuri Shimbun House of Councillors Election Candidate Survey (Yomiuri Shimbun Sangiin-sen Rikkōhoshā Ankēto) (in Japanese). Yomiuri Shimbun, Morning Edition, 11 June, p. 7.
- Arai, Kiichiro. 2024. Yomiuri Shimbun House of Representatives Election Election Candidate Survey (Yomiuri Shimbun Shūin-sen Rikkōhoshā Ankēto) (in Japanese). Yomiuri Shimbun, Morning Edition, 23 October, p. 11.
- Arai, Kiichiro. 2022. Yomiuri Shimbun House of Councillors Election Candidate Survey (Yomiuri Shimbun Sangiin-sen Rikkōhoshā Ankēto) (in Japanese). Yomiuri Shimbun, Morning Edition, 30 June, p. 7.
- Kume, Ikuo, and Kiichiro Arai. 2021. Yomiuri Shimbun House of Representatives Election Candidate Survey (Yomiuri Shimbun Shūin-sen Rikkōhoshā Ankēto) (in Japanese). Yomiuri Shimbun, Morning Edition, 28 October, p. 24.
- Kume, Ikuo, and Kiichiro Arai. 2019. Yomiuri Shimbun House of Councillors Election Candidate Survey (Yomiuri Shimbun Sangiin-sen Rikkōhoshā Ankēto) (in Japanese). Yomiuri Shimbun, Morning Edition, 13 July.
- Kume, Ikuo, and Kiichiro Arai. 2017. Yomiuri Shimbun House of Representatives Election Candidate Survey (Yomiuri Shimbun Shūin-sen Rikkōhoshā Ankēto) (in Japanese). Yomiuri Shimbun, Morning Edition, 14 October.
- Kume, Ikuo, and Kiichiro Arai. 2016. Yomiuri Shimbun House of Councillors Election Winners Survey (Yomiuri Shimbun Sangiin-sen Tōsensha Ankēto) (in Japanese). Yomiuri Shimbun, Morning Edition, 13 July.
- Kume, Ikuo, and Kiichiro Arai. 2016. Yomiuri Shimbun House of Councillors Election Candidate Survey (Yomiuri Shimbun Sangiin-sen Rikkōhoshā Ankēto) (in Japanese). Yomiuri Shimbun, Morning Edition, 2 July.
- Kume, Ikuo, and Kiichiro Arai. 2014. Yomiuri Shimbun House of Representatives Election Candidate Survey (Yomiuri Shimbun Shūin-sen Rikkōhoshā Ankēto) (in Japanese). Yomiuri Shimbun, Morning Edition, 6 December.
- Arai, Kiichiro. 2012. Policy Orientations of Winning Candidates (Tōsensha no Seisaku Shikō) (in Japanese). Yomiuri Shimbun, Morning Edition, 18 December.
- Kume, Ikuo, and Kiichiro Arai. 2012. Yomiuri Shimbun House of Representatives Election Candidate Survey (Yomiuri Shimbun Shūin-sen Rikkōhoshā Ankēto) (in Japanese). Yomiuri Shimbun, Morning Edition, 3 December.