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EDUCATION

Brown University Providence, RI, USA
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Hitotsubashi University Tokyo, Japan
M.A. Economics 2015

Kyushu University Fukuoka, Japan
B.A. Economics 2013

TEACHING AND RESEARCH FIELDS

Comparative Development, Economic History, Development Economics, and Political Economy

JOB MARKET PAPER

French with *Guillaume Blanc*

Abstract

This paper studies nation-building in a fragmented society. We document the adoption of a common language and the construction of a national identity and ideology in France. Using a natural experiment and drawing on a novel dataset on the languages spoken across municipalities on the eve of the twentieth century, we establish that state intervention in the provision of education brought homogenization. To understand why nation-building was successful, we study heterogeneity and find that elites and the demand for education were instrumental in driving homogenization. Additionally, we explore persistent impacts on identity and ideology in the twentieth century, documenting increased participation in the French Resistance and reduced collaboration with the Nazis, alongside an increase in votes supporting political centralization.

WORKING PAPERS

The Golden City on the Edge: Economic Geography and Jihad over Centuries

with *Shunsuke Tsuda*

Cambodian Refugees

with *Katsuo Kogure*

SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

Colonial Ties and Catholic Leaders in Africa

BOOK CHAPTERS

- [State-sponsored education and French identity \(with Guillaume Blanc\)](#) Nation Building: Big Lessons from Successes and Failures, edited by Dominic Rohner Ekaterina Zhuravskaya, CEPR Press, London

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND OTHER EMPLOYMENT

Brown University, Economics Department
Research Assistant for Stelios Michalopoulos

Providence, RI
May 2017 – Jan 2019

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Hayami Award April 2022
- Bravo Research Award (USD 4800) February 2021
- Bravo Research Award (USD 1000) December 2020
- Graduate School 2020 Summer Fellowships (USD 2000) Summer 2020
- Conference Travel Award (USD 650) June 2019
- Refugee Studies Junior Scholar Awards (JPY 240000), Shinnyo-en (Shinnyo Educational Trust) July 2017
- Scholarship for Students Studying Abroad. Japan Student Services Organization Aug 2016-May 2019

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

2023: The HSI2023-9th Hitotsubashi Summer Institute

2022: The 4th JADE Conference, Royal Economic Society, IRES Graduate Workshop

2021: Cultural Evolution Society, North American Econometric Society, Australian Econometric Society, Asian Econometric Society

2020: Kobe Development Economics and Economics History Seminar (Kobe University)

2019: Growth Lab Seminar (Brown University), Pacific Conference for Development Economics (University of Southern California)

2015: Empirical Moral and Science Workshop (Osaka Prefecture University)

TEACHING

Teaching Assistant at Brown University

- Applied Economics Analysis (Graduate) Spring 2022, Spring 2021, Spring 2020

Teaching Assistant at Hitotsubashi University

- Basic Macroeconomics (Undergraduate) Summer 2016
- Introductory Macroeconomics (Undergraduate) Summer 2015

OTHER

- **Languages.** Japanese (native) and English (fluent)