

## Masakazu Hojo

Associate Professor, Faculty of Economics, Niigata University

Email: hojo@econ.niigata-u.ac.jp

Phone: +81-25-262-6284

Web: [www.econ.niigata-u.ac.jp/~hojo](http://www.econ.niigata-u.ac.jp/~hojo)

## Fields of Interest

Labor Economics; Education Economics

## Teaching Experience

- Labor Economics, Introductory Statistics, Graduate Labor Economics (Niigata University, 2005 – present)
- Mathematics for Economics (Ritsumeikan University, 2005)
- Introductory Economics (Senri Kinran University, 2004)

## Selected Publications

- “Class-size effects in Japanese schools: A spline regression approach,” *Economics Letters*, Volume 120, Issue 3, 2013, pages 583 – 587.
- “What factors determine student performance in East Asia? New evidence from TIMSS 2007,” (co-authored with T. Oshio) *Asian Economic Journal*, Volume 26, Number 4, 2012, pages 333 – 357.
- “Determinants of Academic Performance in Japan: An Economic Perspective,” *The Japanese Economy*, Volume 39, Number 3, 2012, pages 3 – 29. (originally published in *The Japanese Journal of Labour Studies*, Number 614)
- “Shared Literacy and Employment in the Non-farm Sector,” *Applied Economics*, Volume 44, Issue 10, 2012, pages 1209 – 1217.
- “Inequality in Japanese Education: Estimation Using the Gini Education Coefficient,” *The Japanese Economy*, Volume 36, Number 3, 2009, pages 3 – 27. (originally published in *JCER Economic Journal*, Number 59)
- “An Indirect Effect of Education on Growth,” *Economics Letters*, Volume 80, Number 1, 2003, pages 31 – 34.

## Working Papers

- “Education Production Function and Class-Size Effects in Japanese Public Schools,” Global COE Hi-Stat Discussion Paper Series No. 194, 2011, Hitotsubashi University.
- “Gender difference in mathematics achievement: A Comparison of the United States and Japan,” KIER Discussion Paper Series No.1301, April 2013, Kyoto Institute of Economic Research, Kyoto University.

## Memberships

- Japanese Economic Association (2001 – present)
- The Japan Society of Educational Sociology (2009 – present)
- East Asian Economic Association (2010 – present)

## Professional Talks: Peer-Reviewed Conference

- 2014, June, Japanese Economic Association, Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan.
- 2012, October, East Asian Economic Association, Singapore.
- 2010, October, East Asian Economic Association, Ewha Womans University, Seoul, Korea.

- 2010, June, Japanese Economic Association, Chiba University, Chiba, Japan.
- 2004, September, Japanese Economic Association, Okayama University, Okayama, Japan.
- 2003, June, Japanese Economic Association, Oita University, Oita, Japan.
- 2002, October, Japanese Economic Association, Hiroshima University, Hiroshima, Japan.
- 2001, October, Japanese Economic Association, Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo, Japan.

### **Professional Talks: Invited Seminars**

- 2014, January, Tokyo Labor Economics Workshop, Tokyo University, Tokyo, Japan.
- 2013, December, Education Economics Conference, Keio University, Tokyo, Japan.
- 2013, September, Labor Economics Conference, Nihon University, Tokyo, Japan.
- 2012, December, Education Economics Conference, Keio University, Tokyo, Japan.
- 2012, September, Education Policy Seminar, GRIPS, Tokyo, Japan.
- 2012, March, Kansai Labor Economics Workshop, Osaka, Japan.
- 2011, June, Tokyo Labor Economics Workshop, Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo, Japan.
- 2009, June, Kansai Labor Economics Workshop, Osaka, Japan.
- 2009, June, Public Economics Seminar, Keio University, Tokyo, Japan.
- 2008, October, Osaka University, Osaka, Japan.
- 2007, November, Meisei University, Tokyo, Japan.
- 2006, October, Osaka University, Osaka, Japan.
- 2004, February, IPP seminar, Osaka University, Osaka, Japan.

### **Invited Discussions**

- 2014, June, Japanese Economic Association, Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan.
- 2012, October, East Asian Economic Association, Singapore.
- 2012, October, Japanese Economic Association, Kyushu Sangyo University, Japan.
- 2011, September, Tozai Conference, Hyogo, Japan.
- 2010, October, East Asian Economic Association, Ewha Womans University, Seoul, Korea.

### **Research Grants**

- 2016 – 2018, Grant-in-Aid for the JSPS, Category B (*Kakenhi*), Co-Investigator.
- 2016 – 2018, Grant-in-Aid for the JSPS (No.16K03697), Category C (*Kakenhi*), Principal Investigator.
- 2013 – 2015, Grant-in-Aid for the JSPS (No.25780185) for Young Scientist (*Kakenhi*), Principal Investigator.
- 2012 – 2014, Grant-in-Aid for the JSPS (No.24243041), Category A (*Kakenhi*), Co-Investigator.
- 2008 – 2011, Grant-in-Aid for the JSPS (No.20223003), Category S (*Kakenhi*), Co-Investigator (*Renkei Kenkyusha*).
- 2007 – 2009, Grant-in-Aid for the JSPS (No.19730168) for Young Scientist (*Kakenhi*), Principal Investigator.
- 2005 – 2008, Grant-in-Aid for the JSPS (No.17203021), Category A (*Kakenhi*), Co-Investigator.

## Education

*Ph.D. in International Public Policy*, March 2005, Osaka University

- Dissertation Title: “Essays on the Role of Education in Economic Development”
- Reading Committee: Akira Kohsaka (Advisor), Miki Kohara, and Tsunehiro Otsuki

*M.A. in International Public Policy*, March 2001, Osaka University

*B.A. in Economics*, March 1999, Kobe University

## Refereeing

Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis, Applied Economics, Asian Economic Journal, Japanese Economic Review, Journal of Macro Economics, Economic Analysis (*Keizai Bunseki*), The Japanese Journal of Labour Studies (*Nihon Roudou Kenkyuu Zasshi*), JCER Economic Journal (*Nihon Keizai Kenkyuu*), Journal of Behavioral Economics and Finance (*Koudou Keizaigaku*).

## Citizenship

Japanese

April 8, 2016