

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London

BA (Hons.) Japanese October 2008 – September 2012

Graduated with First Class degree; School Prize for Undergraduate Dissertation 2012.

Waseda University Graduate School of Political Science

MA Political Science September 2013 – September 2015

MEXT Embassy Recommendation scholarship student; recipient of Dean's Academic Prize 2015.

Waseda University Graduate School of Political Science

Ph.D Political Science September 2015 – October 2021

MEXT Embassy Recommendation scholarship student (to September 2018).

Employment History

Programmer (Perl), Webtrade Ltd. (Dublin, Ireland) Jul 1999 – Dec 1999

Programmer (Java), Assyst GmbH (Dublin, Ireland) Jan 2000 – Nov 2000

Staff Writer, Highbury House Communications (London, UK) Jan 2001 – Apr 2002

Editor, GamesIndustry.biz, Gamer Network Ltd. (Brighton, UK) May 2002 – Jun 2007

Retained Writer, The Times, News International Ltd. (London, UK) Jul 2008 – Oct 2012

Research Associate, Waseda Institute of Political Economy (Tokyo, Japan)

April 2019 - March 2022

Visiting Professor, University of Milan, School of Political & Social Sciences (Milan, Italy)

February 2020 - November 2022

Assistant Professor (non-Tenure Track), Waseda Institute for Advanced Study (Tokyo, Japan)

April 2022 - Present

Research Articles

- Fahey RA (2023), 世論調査に見る日本人の陰謀論支持 [*Support for Conspiracy Theories among Japanese Citizens as seen in Public Opinion Surveys*]. **中央公論 [Chuo Koron]** Vol. 127 No. 12: 62-69
- Hino A, Ogawa H, Fahey RA, and Liu L (2023), *Japan: Political Developments and Data in 2022*. **European Journal of Political Research Political Data Yearbook**.
- Hino A, Ogawa H, Fahey RA, and Liu L (2022), *Japan: Political Developments and Data in 2021*. **European Journal of Political Research Political Data Yearbook**.
- Jungkunz S, Fahey RA, Hino A (2021), *How populist attitude scales fail to capture support for populists in power*, **PLOS One** 16 (12): e0261658.
- Fahey RA (2021), 日本におけるポピュリズムと陰謀論の信念 [*Populism and Conspiracy Belief in Japan*], **日本世論調査協会報「よろん」 [Japanese Association for Public Opinion Research]** 127: 11-21
- Fahey RA, Hino A (2020), *COVID-19, digital privacy, and the social limits on data-focused public health responses*, **International Journal of Information Management** 55: 102181
- Fahey RA, Boo J, Ueda M (2020), *Covariance in diurnal patterns of suicide-related expressions on Twitter and recorded suicide deaths*, **Social Science & Medicine** 253: 112960
- Fahey RA (2020), 図書紹介：ダニエル・リフほか著『内容分析の進め方—メディア・メッセージを読み解く—』 (*Book Review: Daniel Liff et al., 'Analyzing Media Messages: Using Quantitative Content Analysis in Research'*), **日本世論調査協会報「よろん」 [Japanese Association for Public Opinion Research]** 126: 52-54
- Hino A, Fahey RA (2019), *Representing the Twittersphere: Archiving a representative sample of Twitter data under resource constraints*, **International Journal of Information Management** 48: 175-184
- Fahey RA (2019), *SNSデータから「有権者の本音」を推論できるか？ 2017年総選挙を事例に* [*Can we estimate the 'true feelings' of voters from social media data?*]

A case study of the 2017 general election], 日本世論調査協会報「よろん」

[**Japanese Association for Public Opinion Research**] 123: 65-70

- Fahey RA, Matsubayashi T, Ueda M (2018), *Tracking the Werther Effect on social media: emotional responses to prominent suicide deaths on Twitter and subsequent increases in suicide*, **Social Science & Medicine** 219: 19-29

Book Chapters

- Fahey RA (2023), *Social Media in the 2021 Election Campaign*, in Pekkanen RJ, Reed SR, Smith DM (eds), **Japan Decides 2021**: pp. 183-199
- Fahey RA, Camatarri S (2021), *From Filter Bubble to Social Divide: Social Polarisation in Europe and Japan*, in Foret F, Hino A (eds), **Value Politics in Japan and Europe**: pp. 79-102
- Fahey RA, Hino A, Pekkanen RJ (2021), *Populism in Japan*, in Pekkanen RJ, Pekkanen SM (eds), **The Oxford Handbook of Japanese Politics**
- Curini L, Fahey RA (2020), *Sentiment Analysis and Social Media*, in Curini L, Franzese R (eds), **The Sage Handbook of Research Methods in Political Science and International Relations**, pp. 534-551

Conference Presentations

- Fahey RA (2023), *Structure and Identity in an Online Conspiracy Theory Community: Real-time conspiracy narrative formation in Japan following the assassination of Abe Shinzō*, **Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting** [Chicago IL, USA]
- Fahey RA (2022), 日本のSNSにおける政治的分極化と『フェイク・ニュース』を流布する傾向 (*Political polarisation and the tendency to spread 'fake news' on Japanese social media platforms*), **2022年度日本政治学会研究大会 (Japanese Political Science Association 2022 Conference)** [Kyoto, Japan] [in Japanese]
- Fahey RA (2022), *Tracing the spread of conspiracy theories and fake news over social media platforms in Japan*, **Socioeconomic Networks and Network Science Workshop 2022** [Online]

- Fahey RA (2020), 日本におけるポピュリズムと陰謀論の信念 (*Populism and Conspiracy Belief in Japan*), 世論調査協会研究大会 (**Japanese Association for Public Opinion Research Annual Conference**) [Online] [in Japanese]
- Hino A, Fahey RA, Camatarri S, Jungkunz S (2020), *Belief in Conspiracy Theories and Socio-Political Identity in Japan*, **APSA General Meeting 2020** [Online]
- Fahey RA, Camatarri S (2020), *From Filter Bubble to Social Cleavage: Online Polarisation Across Nations*, **APSA General Meeting 2020** [Online]
- Fahey RA, Hino A, Jungkunz S (2019), *Populism and Political Trust in Europe and Japan*, **3rd EU-Japan Conference: Democracy at the Crossroads: Populism and its Consequences on Political Trust** [Brussels, Belgium]
- Fahey RA, Hino A, Jungkunz S (2019), *Populist Attitudes and Party Preferences in Japan*, **Northeast Workshop on Japanese Politics** [Dartmouth NH, USA]
- Fahey RA, *Measuring Societal Polarisation in Multiple Dimensions using Social Media Data*, **Values in European and Japanese Politics Conference** [Brussels, Belgium]
- Fahey RA, Ueda M (2019), *Online Discussion of Suicide and its Real-World Effects*, **Society as Data Symposium** [Tokyo, Japan]
- Fahey RA (2018), *Estimating the True Beliefs of Voters from Social Media Data: A Case Study of the 2017 Japanese Election*, 世論調査協会研究大会 (**Japanese Association for Public Opinion Research Annual Conference**) [Tokyo, Japan]
- Fahey RA (2018), *Exploring Support for Japan's New Opposition Parties with Twitter Data*, **APSA General Meeting 2018** [Boston MA, USA]
- Fahey RA (2018), *Populist Sentiment in Japan's 2017 General Election: Evidence from Social Media*, **ECPR General Meeting 2018** [Hamburg, Germany]

Theses

- Doctoral Dissertation (2021): *Party Control and its Effects on Factions, Media and Citizens: The Case of Japan's Liberal Democratic Party under the Second Abe Administration*, Waseda University Graduate School of Political Science, Tokyo, Japan

- Masters Dissertation (2015): *Patterns of Twitter Adoption and Usage in Japanese Local Election Campaigns*, Waseda University Graduate School of Political Science, Tokyo, Japan
- Undergraduate Dissertation (2012): *Breaking the Silence: The Emerging Debate on Capital Punishment in Japan*, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS, University of London) School of Languages and Cultures

Funding Grants (Primary Investigator)

- *A Cross-National Study of Conspiracy Theory Beliefs and their Influence on Political Behaviour*. Grant-in-Aid for Early-Career Scientists, **Japan Society for the Promotion of Science**, Apr 2021 - Mar 2024
- *A New Approach to Measuring Political and Social Polarisation in Developed Nations*. Grant-in-Aid for Research Activity Start-up, **Japan Society for the Promotion of Science**, Aug 2019 - Mar 2021

Funding Grants (Co-Investigator)

- *Media and Suicide*. Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (B), **Japan Society for the Promotion of Science**, Apr 2020 - Mar 2024
- *The Japanese Database of Populism Studies: New Insights and Contributions*. Fund for the Promotion of Joint International Research (Fostering Joint International Research (B)), **Japan Society for the Promotion of Science**, Oct 2020 - Mar 2025
- *Estimation of individuals at high risk of suicide using natural language processing and application of the results to a social networking consultation project*. Grant-in-Aid for Challenging Research (Exploratory), **Japan Society for the Promotion of Science**, Jul 2021 - Mar 2023
- *The Paradox of Mainstreamed Populists: Enriching the Elite Concept and Renewed Measurements of Populism*. Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (B), **Japan Society for the Promotion of Science**, Apr 2022 - Mar 2026

Courses Taught

- *Political Text Analysis.*
Waseda University, School of Political Science & Economics, Apr 2023 - Present
- *Quantitative Political Analysis*
Waseda University, School of Political Science & Economics, Sep 2023 - Present
- *Big Data Analytics: Social Network Analysis*
University of Milan, Department of Social & Political Sciences, Mar 2021 - Nov 22
- *Data Access & Regulation: Data Management*
University of Milan, Department of Social & Political Sciences, Feb 2020 - Nov 22

Research Software

- PyiSA: A Python Implementation of the iSA(X) Aggregate Text Analysis Algorithm, <https://github.com/robfahey/PyiSA>
- ja_tokeniser: A MeCab-based Japanese Language Tokeniser Optimised for Twitter Data, https://github.com/robfahey/ja_tokeniser

Other Activities

- I am a co-founder and director of **Tokyo Review**, a non-profit founded in 2018 which publishes the work of researchers working on political, social, and economic issues in Japan. With the assistance of a ¥6m grant from the Asia-Pacific Initiative (a think-tank organisation led by Dr. Yoichi Funabashi), we have published more than 300 articles by more than 60 researchers. I have also personally written several articles on Japanese political issues for Tokyo Review; a full list of my published articles is available online at https://www.tokyoreview.net/author/tokyoreview_mrkv83/
- At the Waseda Institute for Advanced Study, I served from 2022-2023 as a member of the editorial committee of the **WIAS Bulletin**, a cross-disciplinary peer-reviewed journal published annually by the Institute. From 2023 onwards, I took on the role of **Chief Secretary (Social Sciences)**, in which I acted as the representative of the Institute's social science researchers in proposing and organizing networking events and academic workshops.