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Current Positions

Associate Professor (Tenured)
Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Hiroshima University

Visiting Research Professor
Murphy Institute, Tulane University, 2026-27
(On sabbatical leave from Hiroshima University)

Associate Editor
Economia LACEA Journal

Previous Appointments

2026 (March)	Visiting Scholar, Ostrom Workshop, Indiana University
2023-25	Assistant Professor (Tenure track), Hiroshima University
2022-24	Research Fellow, Network for Education and Research on Peace and Sustainability
2016-23	Lecturer (Term contract), Hiroshima University

Research Interests

Game Theory: repeated games, international agreements, peace and conflict
Causal Inference: public policy, behavioral change, policy impact

Education

2016	Ph.D. in Economics, Yale University
2009	M.A. in Economics, Pontificia Universidade Catolica do Rio de Janeiro
2005	B.A. in Economics, Universidad Catolica Boliviana

Publications

Caro-Burnett, Johann, Sebastian Galiani, and Gustavo Torrens (2026). "The Elusive Quest for Disarmed Peace: Contest Games and International Relations". *Economic Theory* 82 (10).

Caro-Burnett, Johann and Eric Weese (2023). "UN Security Council Elections as an Incentive for Compliance". *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 67 (10).

Caro-Burnett, Johann (2022). "Optimal Voting Rules for International Organizations, with an Application to the United Nations". *Journal of Public Economic Theory* 26.

Caro-Burnett, Johann and Shinji Kaneko (2022). "Is Society Ready for AI Ethical Decision Making? Lessons from a Study on Autonomous Cars". *Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics* 98, p. 101881.

Bilotkach, Volodymyr, Johann Caro-Burnett, Ghulam Dastgir Khan, Benny Lala Sembiring, and Yuichiro Yoshida (2021). "Measuring the Impact of ASEAN Open Skies on International Air Traffic Movements from and to Southeast Asian Cities". *Transport Policy* 110, pp. 368-378.

Khan, Ghulam Dastgir, Yuichiro Yoshida, Mari Katayanagi, Nematullah Hotak, and Johann Caro-Burnett (2021). "Mining-Induced Displacement and Resettlement in Afghanistan's Aynak Mining Community: Exploring the Right to Fair Compensation". *Resources Policy* 74, p. 102285.

Published prior to Ph.D. conferral in 2016

Caro-Burnett, Johann and Vinicius Carrasco (2011). "Coordination and the Provision of Incentives to a Common Regulated Firm". *International Journal of Industrial Organization* 29.5, pp. 606-627.

Working Papers

Ayala, Rómulo J. and Johann Caro-Burnett (2026). "The Economic Returns to Restoring State Control: Informal Enterprise and Security Policy in El Salvador". SSRN WP 7691958.

Caro-Burnett, Johann (2026a). "Delegation and Oversight: The Design of AI Products". MIMEO.

Caro-Burnett, Johann (2026b). "Strategic Undercutting in First-Price Procurement". MIMEO.

Caro-Burnett, Johann (2026c). "Toggling the Defiers to Relax Monotonicity: The Difference-in-Instrumental-Variables Estimand". SSRN WP 6222379; arXiv WP 2602.12504 ($\star$).

Galiani, Sebastian, Johann Caro-Burnett, and Gustavo Torrens (2026). "The Geopolitical Trap: How Great Power Rivalry Protects Rising Powers". SSRN WP 7533758; NBER WP 35862.

Caro-Burnett, Johann and Eric Weese (2026). "Climate Policy on the Electoral Calendar: The Timing and Content of Legislation". SSRN WP 4093731.

Caro-Burnett, Johann (2026d). "Fertility, Divorce, and School-Entry Cutoffs: Identification from Ordered Instruments under Opposing Responses". MIMEO ($\star$).

Sakib, Nazmus and Johann Caro-Burnett (2026). "Measuring Hidden Food-Safety Attitudes in Informal Markets: Evidence from Street Food Vendors in Bangladesh". MIMEO.

Caro-Burnett, Johann and Usai M. Marma (2026). "Reducing Cheating in College Examinations: Experimental Evidence from Bangladesh". MIMEO.

Khatiwada, Shreechandra and Johann Caro-Burnett (2026). "Insufficient Rest in Physically Demanding Jobs: Evidence from a List Experiment in Nepal". MIMEO.

Caro-Burnett, Johann, Sebastian Galiani, and Gustavo Torrens (2026). "Rising Power and Hegemonic Control". MIMEO.

Caro-Burnett, Johann and Sabyasachi Das (2025). "The Effect of Income on School Choice: Evidence from Bolivia's Universal Pension Plan". MIMEO.

Caro-Burnett, Johann (2025). "Electoral Competition with Hidden Motivations: When Nice Guys Finish Last". MIMEO.

($\star\star$) Revise and Resubmit; ($\star$) Under review.

Grants

2024 Kakenhi Grant 24K16364 (PI: Caro-Burnett). Topic: Demographics and technological change.

2022 Kakenhi Grant 22K01533 (PI: Weese). Topic: Empirical analysis of conflict.

2015 J-Pal Urban Services Initiative Grant (PI: Mobarak). Topic: Sanitation.

Teaching

2025 Public Economics; Macroeconomics; Evidence-Based Decision-Making
2024 Public Economics; Macroeconomics; Evidence-Based Decision-Making; Causal Inference/ Econometrics; Game Theory
2023 Public Economics; Macroeconomics; Applied Economics Seminar
2022 Public Economics; Game Theory (graduate)
2021 Public Economics
2020 Public Economics
2019 Resource Economics Economics
2018 Microeconomics; Behavioral Economics and Development
2017 Microeconomics; Political Economy and Development

Public-Facing and Policy Engagement

2025 MEXT Japan: Global Leadership Program in the Age of AI
2023 Ministry of National Development Planning, Indonesia: Evidence-Based Decision-Making Camp

Service as Reviewer

Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization; Public Choice; Applied Economics Letters; British Journal of Politics and International Relations; Review of International Organizations; Conflict Management and Peace Science; Economia LACEA Journal; International Political Science Review; PLOS ONE; Social Science Japan Journal.

Fellowships, Honors and Awards

2020 Best Conference Paper, International Conference on Sustainable Development
2014 University Dissertation Fellowship, Yale University
2009-13 Cowles Foundation Fellowship
2009-13 Doctoral Fellowship, Yale University
2008 Best Summer Research Paper, PUC-Rio
2007-09 CAPES Fellowship, Government of Brazil
2005 Best Graduation Thesis, Universidad Catolica Boliviana

Presentations at Conferences

2025 Econometric Society World Congress: "Income Support and School Choice of Children: Evidence from Bolivia's Universal Pension Plan"
2025 NERPS: "Income Support and School Choice of Children: Evidence from Bolivia's Universal Pension Plan"
2024 NERPS: "The Elusive Quest for Disarmed Peace: Contest Games and International Relations"
2021 Econometric Society - NASM: "The Global Cost of Uncoordinated Policies"
2021 SAET: "Vote Buying under Secret Ballot"
2021 MIRAI 2.0: "AI Ethical Decision Making"
2020 International Sustainable Development: "The Global Cost of Uncoordinated Policies"
2019 Econometric Society - AMES: "AI Ethical Decision Making"
2017 Hitotsubashi Summer Institute: "Creating a Toilet Habit in Kenya"
2017 Econometric Society - AMES: "Optimal Voting Rules in International Organizations"

Seminar Talks

2026 Department of Economics - Boston College
2026 Department of Economics - Tulane University
2026 Department of Economics - University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
2026 Institute of Economic Research - Kyoto University
2026 Department of Economics - Indiana University
2026 Ostrom Workshop - Indiana University
2025 Kwansei Gakuin University
2024 Waseda University
2021 North Carolina State University
2020 CLAPES Universidad Católica de Chile
2020 Universidad Catolica Boliviana
2020 Universidad Tecnologica de Santa Cruz
2019 University of Tokyo
2017 Kobe University
2017 Hitotsubashi University
2017 Musashi University
2017 University of Tokyo
2017 National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies
2017 Kyoto University
2017 University of Tokyo
2016 National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies

Languages

Spanish (native), English (fluent), Portuguese (fluent).

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