

### Major Research Publications

#### Comparative-Historical Political Economy of Development

2023: "Reverse Modernization Analysis: Exploring a History of How Vested Interests Were Politically Marginalized before Modern Economic Development", *Working Paper* (Liechtenstein Institute on Self-Determination, Princeton University). ([PDF](#))

2023: "Foreigner Kings as Local Kingmakers: How the 'Unusual' Marginalization of Conservative Political Groups Occurred in Pre-Industrial Revolution Britain", *Journal of Institutional Economics*, 19(4): 511-525. ([Cambridge Core](#))

2022: "Making Reform and Stability Compatible with Each Other: Elite Redeployment in Meiji Japan", *Journal of Institutional Economics*, 18(5): 861-875. ([Cambridge Core](#))

2021: "How Can the Japanese Anomaly Be Explained? A Review Essay of Atul Kohli's *Imperialism and the Developing World*", *Japanese Journal of Political Science*, 22(4): 393-402. ([Cambridge Core](#))

#### Saudi-East Asian Economic Relations

2023: "Japan's Relations with Saudi Arabia: The Evolution of Energy Diplomacy in Response to the Developmental Shift in the Rentier State", in Satoru Nakamura and Steven Wright (eds.) *Japan and the Middle East: Foreign Policies and Interdependence*. Singapore: Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 27-55. ([Springer](#))

2015: "Saudi Arabia's Look-East Diplomacy: Ten Years On", *Middle East Policy*, 22(4): 121-139. ([Wiley Online Library](#))

2015: "Islam, Energy, and Development: Taiwan and China in Saudi Arabia, 1949-2013", *American Journal of Chinese Studies*, 22(1): 77-98. ([JSTOR](#))

2011: "Gulf-Asia Relations as 'Post-Rentier' Diversification? The Case of the Petrochemical Industry in Saudi Arabia", *Journal of Arabian Studies*, 1(1): 99-116. ([Taylor & Francis](#))

#### Rentier Theory and the Political Economy of Economic Diversification in Saudi Arabia

2020: "Introduction: Revisiting Rentierism – with a Short Note by Giacomo Luciani", *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, 47(1): 1-5. (with Steffen Hertog) ([Taylor & Francis](#))

2020: "Can a Rentier State Evolve to a Production State? An 'Institutional Upgrading' Approach", *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, 47(1): 24-41. ([Taylor & Francis](#))

2018: "Can Saudi Arabia Move beyond 'Production with Rentier Characteristics'? Human Capital Development in the Transitional Oil Economy", *Middle East Journal*, 72(4): 587-609. ([JSTOR](#))

2015: "Saudi Manufacturing: Can *Monozukuri* Take Root in the Kingdom?", in Annika Kropf and Mohamed A. Ramady (eds.) *Employment and Career Motivation in the Arab Gulf States: The Rentier Mentality Revisited*. Berlin: Gerlach Press, pp. 223-242. ([JSTOR](#))

#### Policy Proposals

2022: "How Can Saudi Arabia Better Coordinate Divergent Economic Reform Agendas? Lessons from the Scandinavian Model of State-Business Relations", in Mark C. Thompson and Neil Quilliam (eds.) *Governance and Domestic Policymaking in Saudi Arabia: Transforming Society, Economics, Politics and Culture*. London: I.B. Tauris, pp. 41-64. (with Faris Al-Sulayman) ([Bloomsbury](#))

2020: "Can We Re-boost the Saudization of the Private Sector Workforce? A Practical Approach", Dirasat (King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies Research Paper), 53. ([PDF](#))

2017: "How Did Japan Achieve a 1% Unemployment Rate? Facilitating the Education-to-Employment Transition", Dirasat (King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies Research Paper), 30. ([PDF](#))

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## Career

### **King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies**

Senior Adviser, 2021-23

Senior Research Fellow, 2018-20

Research Fellow, 2016-18

### **Princeton University**

Departmental Guest at School of Public and  
International Affairs, 2023

Lecturer at Institute for Transregional Study,  
Department of Near Eastern Studies, 2018-20

### **University of Tokyo**

Visiting Scholar at Tokyo College, 2020-21

### **Oxford Institute for Energy Studies**

Visiting Research Fellow, 2016

### **SOAS University of London**

Teaching Fellow, 2016

## Education

### **DPhil in International Relations**

St Antony's College, University of Oxford, 2010-15

### **MPhil in Modern Middle Eastern Studies**

St Antony's College, University of Oxford, 2008-10

### **BL with specialization in Politics**

University of Tokyo, 2003-08

Visiting studentship reading for PPE at Lincoln College,  
University of Oxford, 2006-07

### **Secondary Education**

Fujishima High School, 1999-2003

Visiting studentship at Ridge High School, 2000-01

Junior High School attached to School of Education,  
University of Fukui, 1996-99

### **Primary Education**

Nisshin Elementary School, 1990-96