

TAKUYA ONODA

Munich School of Politics and Public Policy
Technical University of Munich
Richard-Wagner-Straße 1, 80333 München, Germany
Email: takuya.onoda@hfp.tum.de | takuya.onoda@sciencespo.fr

CURRENT POSITION

Technical University of Munich (Munich, Germany)

Senior Research Fellow and Lecturer (postdoc) October 2024-present
Munich School of Politics and Public Policy (Hochschule für Politik München)

PAST POSITIONS

Sciences Po (Paris, France)

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellow April 2022-June 2024
Centre d'études européennes et de politique comparée (CEE)

Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (Tokyo, Japan)

JSPS Postdoctoral Research Fellow April 2020-March 2022

European University Institute (Florence, Italy)

Max Weber Postdoctoral Fellow September 2019-August 2022

EDUCATION

London School of Economics and Political Science (London, United Kingdom)

PhD in Political Science March 2019
Department of Government
Thesis: "The Political Consequences of Regulatory Reforms: Drug Rationing Policies in England and France"
Supervisor: Professor Mark Thatcher
PhD Examiners: Professor Colin Hay (Sciences Po) and Dr David Woodruff (LSE)
Viva examination (7th March 2019): Pass with no corrections.

MRes in Political Science November 2013
Department of Government
Supervisor: Professor Mark Thatcher

University of Tokyo (Tokyo, Japan)

Doctoral Student April 2010 - September 2012
School of Legal and Political Studies, Graduate Schools for Law and Politics
Major: Comparative Politics
Supervisor: Professor Kenji Hirashima
Doctoral coursework completed.

LLM (in Political Science) March 2010
School of Legal and Political Studies, Graduate Schools for Law and Politics
Major: Comparative Politics
Supervisor: Professor Kenji Hirashima
Thesis (in Japanese): "The Politics of Policy-Area Formation: EC Employment Policy in the 1980s"

LLB

March 2008

Department of Political Science, Faculty of Law

Visiting positions

Visiting doctoral student, Centre de Sociologie des Organisations, **Sciences Po (Paris, France)**

July-November 2016

AFFILIATIONS

Associate Researcher, Centre for European Studies and Comparative Politics, **Sciences Po (Paris, France)**

July 2024-present

Associate Researcher, Rikkyo Institute for Global Urban Studies, **Rikkyo University (Tokyo, Japan)**

April 2022-present

PUBLICATIONS

Book

The Contested Regulatory State: Drug Rationing in Advanced Democracies, Oxford University Press, under contract.

- Shortlisted for the **OUP Early Career Researcher First Book Prize**
- Book manuscript workshop, 10th June 2024. Reviewed by Eva Heims (York), Jane Gingrich (Oxford), Christel Koop (KCL), Olga Löblová (Tübingen), Cyril Benoît, Colin Hay, and Jan Rovny (Sciences Po).

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

2024 “‘Depoliticised’ Regulators as a Source of Politicisation: Rationing Drugs in England and France”, *Journal of European Public Policy*, 31:5, pp. 1346-1367.

“Do Regulators Dream of Social Values? Credibility, Responsiveness, and Legitimacy in Drug Funding Policies in England”, *Revise & Resubmit, Regulation & Governance*.

2011. “Structuring the Policy Domain: The Politics of the European Social Fund, 1969-1984.” [EC ni okeru seisakuryoiki no kozo keisei: Oshu Shakai Kikin wo meguru rekishiteki tenkai (1969-1984 nen)] *Kokka Gakkai Zasshi* [The Journal of the Association of Political and Social Science], vol. 124, no. 3/4: pp. 106-178. (in Japanese)

Book Reviews and Other Writings

2023 [“Rationing drugs in England and France: How a ‘depoliticised’ regulator can become a source of politicisation”](#), LSE European Politics and Policy (EUROPP) Blog, 3 April 2023, commissioned.

2016. “‘Better Regulation’ Agendas in the European Union: Towards a More Transparent Technocracy?” *EU Studies Institute in Tokyo (EUSI) Newsletter* vol. 84, 11 January 2016. (in Japanese)

2010. Book review of Simon Hix, *What’s Wrong with the European Union and How to Fix It*, and Paul Magette, *What is the European Union? Nature and Prospects*. *Kokka Gakkai Zasshi*, vol. 123, no. 11/12: pp. 167-171. (in Japanese)

SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Silent Regulators and Noisy Firms” (co-authored with Cyril Benoît, Sciences Po)

“When do Politicians Ignore Experts’ Advice? Evidence from Pharmaceutical Policies in France”

SELECTED GRANTS AND AWARDS

Fellowships

- Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowship, EU Horizon 2020 April 2022-June 2024
- Research Fellowship for Young Scientists 2020-2022, the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) April 2020-March 2022
- Max Weber Postdoctoral Fellowship, co-sponsored by the European University Institute and Canon Foundation in Europe September 2019-March 2020
- Research Fellowship for Young Scientists 2010-2012, the JSPS April 2010-September 2012

Research Grants

- CamPo collaborative research grant, “Rethinking the (Re)Politicisation-Depoliticisation Dynamics”, co-lead applicant (with Colin Hay (Sciences Po) and Leah Downey (Cambridge)). € 4,820 for a collaborative research project funded by the Cambridge-Sciences Po consortium. January-December 2024
- Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowship, EU Horizon 2020. The research grant of €184,707.84 for the project “POLREG - The Politicised Regulatory State: Rationing Public Service Provision in Advanced Democracies”. Host institution: Sciences Po. Project number: 101029233 April 2022-May 2024
- Grant-in-Aid for JSPS Fellows 2020-2022, the JSPS. Research grant of approximately €30,930/£27,730 (¥3700,000) to study the regulatory politics of rationing in England and France April 2020-March 2022
- Research grant, the Konosuke Matsushita Memorial Foundation. Research grant of approximately €3,710/£2,680 (¥500,000) to study the politics of access to pharmaceutical products in England and France October 2015-September 2016
- Grant-in-Aid for JSPS Fellows 2010-2012, the JSPS. Research grant of approximately €19,640/£17,850 (¥2100,000) to study the political history of the European Community’s employment policy April 2010-September 2012

Scholarships

- LSE Financial support for final-year PhD students, LSE October 2017-December 2018
- LSE Research Studentship Scheme, LSE October 2012-September 2016
- Scholarship for Overseas Study, the Kikawada Foundation October 2012-September 2013

INVITED TALKS

“The Contested Regulatory State: Politicising Drug Rationing in Advanced Democracies,” The Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Cambridge, 13 March 2024.

“Credibility, Legitimacy, and the Evolution of NICE: The Regulatory State under Pressure”, the Centre for Health Economics, University of York (UK), 12 March 2024.

“The Regulatory State and Politicisation: Drug Rationing in Europe and Japan”, Department of Politics and International Relations, University of York (UK), 12 April 2023.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Drug Rationing in the Post-Covid Era” Biennial Conference of the Standing Group on Regulatory Governance, Berlin, 11-13 June 2025.
- “Drug Rationing in the Post-Covid Era: The Regulatory Health Care States amid Rising Geopolitical Tensions,” ECPR Joint Sessions, Prague, 20-23 May 2025.
- “The Contested Regulatory State: Drug Rationing in Advanced Democracies,” American Political Science Association (APSA), Philadelphia, 5-8 September 2024.
- “The Contested Regulatory State: Drug Rationing in Advanced Democracies,” European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference, Dublin, 12-15 August 2024.
- “Silent Regulators and Noisy Firms,” Council for European Studies (CES) conference, Lyon, 3-5 July 2024.
- “The Contested Regulatory State: Drug Rationing in Advanced Democracies,” CES, Lyon, 3-5 July 2024.
- “Revisiting the Paradoxes of the French Pharmaceuticals Policy,” le 17ème Congrès de l’AFSP (in the Thematic Section in partnership with APSA), Grenoble, 2-4 July 2024.
- “The Contested Regulatory State: Politicising Drug Rationing in Advanced Democracies,” International Association on Regulation and Governance inaugural conference, U. Penn., Philadelphia, 17-18 June 2024.
- “Delegation, politicisation, and policy development,” IPSA Structure & Organization of Government (SOG) workshop, Istanbul, 14-15 December 2023.
- “Silent regulators and noisy firms,” British Political Science Association British and Comparative Political Economy standing group, King’s College London, London, 3 November 2023.
- “When does business power trump independent regulatory agencies?”, Workshop on Regulatory Capture, University of York, York, UK, 14-15 September 2023.
- “Clashing Imperatives: Coordination, Conflicts, and the Orientations of Drug Pricing Policy”, ECPR General Conference, Charles University, Prague, 4 – 8 September 2023.
- “When does business power trump independent regulatory agencies?”, Biennial Conference of the Standing Group on Regulatory Governance, University of Antwerp, Antwerp, 12 – 14 July 2023.
- “Do Regulators Dream of Social Values? Credibility and Responsiveness in UK Pharmaceutical Regulation,” the 29th International Conference for Europeanists, University of Iceland, Reykjavík, 27-29 June 2023.
- “Do Regulators Dream of Social Values? Credibility and Responsiveness in UK Pharmaceutical Regulation,” ECPR General Conference, University of Innsbruck, Innsbruck, 21-25 August 2022.
- “Depoliticised Regulators as a Source of Politicisation: Rationing Drugs in the Health Care Systems,” the 28th International Conference for Europeanists, Lisbon, 29 June-1 July 2022.

“The Drivers of Change in the Regulatory State: Drug Rationing Policies in England and France”, the 26th World Congress of Political Science, online, 11-14 July 2021.

“Depoliticised Regulators as a Source of Politicisation: Rationing Drugs in the Health Care Systems,” the Eighth Biennial Conference, ECPR Standing Group on Regulatory Governance, online, 23-25 June 2021.

“A Bitter Pill to Swallow: Ministers, Experts, and the Regulatory Healthcare State in France,” the 27th International Conference for Europeanists, online, 21-25 June 2021.

“Coping with Counter-mobilisation in the Regulatory State”, the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference, online, August 2020.

“A Bitter Pill to Swallow: Ministers, Experts, and Implementing Health Care Reforms in France,” the 27th International Conference for Europeanists, University of Iceland, Reykjavík, 22-24 June 2020. (*cancelled due to Covid-19*)

“Political struggles after ‘depoliticisation’: Institutional change in the regulatory health care state”, the 26th International Conference for Europeanists, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Madrid, 20-22 June 2019.

“The Political Consequences of Regulatory Reforms: Drug Rationing Policies in England and France”, Public Policy Research Network Graduate Workshop, University College London, London, 14 June 2019.

“The Political Underpinnings of Policy Ideas: The European Social Fund and Supranational Industrial Policies in the European Commission”, Workshop “the EU paradigm in crisis?”, London School of Economics, London, 20 May 2019.

“A Bitter Pill to Swallow: Ministers, Experts, and the Politics of Pharmaceutical Policy in France,” the ECPR General Conference, Universität Hamburg, Hamburg, 22-25 August 2018.

“The Politics of Drug Rationing in England and France: Policy Development for ‘Hard Choices’”, the 24th International Conference for Europeanists, University of Glasgow, Glasgow, 12-14 July 2017.

“Political Consequences of Regulatory Reform: the Case of Pharmaceutical Regulation in England”, Sixth Biennial Conference, ECPR Standing Group on Regulatory Governance, University of Tilburg, Tilburg, 6-8 July 2016.

“Expertise Embedded in International Communities: The Case of EU Pharmaceutical Regulation”, ECPR Graduate Student Conference, University of Innsbruck, Innsbruck, 3-5 July 2014.

“Structuring the Policy Domain: The Politics of the European Social Fund”, Comparative Politics and Political History Workshop, University of Tokyo, Tokyo, 24 September 2011.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

“States and Markets,” designing and teaching a master’s level course, Technical University of Munich, April-July 2025.

“Technology Governance and the Regulatory State,” designing and teaching a master’s level course, Technical University of Munich, October 2024-January 2025.

“The Political Economy of Health,” designing and teaching a master’s level course, Technical University of Munich, October 2024-January 2025.

“Using Historical Data in Social Sciences,” (with Shubha Kamala Prasad) designing and teaching a PhD-level course, European University Institute, May 2022.

“Comparative and International Public Policy: The Politics of Expertise,” designing and teaching an undergraduate course, Masaryk University, Czech Republic, April 2022.

“Capitalism, Democracy and Equality: The Political Economy of the Advanced Nations,” teaching assistant for an undergraduate course (course conveners: Dr Jonathan Hopkin and Dr David Woodruff). LSE Summer School, LSE. July 2019. Taught one seminar group, marked assessed essays and the final exam. Individual Teaching Staff Evaluation: 4.5 out of 5 (*LSE Summer School ratings have a 4.2 benchmark for excellence).

“Comparative Public Policy”, teaching assistant for a postgraduate course (course convener: Dr Scott James). Department of Political Economy, King’s College London, January-May 2019. Taught two seminar groups, marked assessed essays, and delivered one lecture on health care policy where I also designed a list of readings and questions.

“Comparing Political Systems”, teaching assistant for an undergraduate course (course convener: Professor Peter John). Department of Political Economy, King’s College London, January-May 2019. Taught four seminar groups and marked assessed essays.

Guest lecture

“The Politics of Health and Healthcare,” guest lecture for a master’s level course “Politics and Technology” (course convener: Professor Tim Büthe), Munich School of Politics and Public Policy, Technical University of Munich, 23 January 2025.

“Scientific Advice in the European Union”, guest lecture for an MPA course “Public Administration for 21st Century Challenges” (course convener: Dr Flavia Donadelli), Department of Science, Technology, Engineering and Public Policy, University College London, 27 November 2015.

Teaching training

Max Weber Teaching Certificate, European University Institute. A course equivalent to 3 credits in the European Credit Transfer System on topics such as course design, assessment methods, online teaching, and teaching diverse students, followed by a week-long teaching practice at Masaryk University in Brno, Czech Republic. June 2022.

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Workshop Organisation:

- **Co-lead organiser:** “Rethinking (Re)(de)politicisation,” Sciences Po CEE/University of Cambridge, September 2024.
- **Co-lead organiser:** Multidisciplinary Research Workshop “The Politics of Expertise”, European University Institute. 20th October 2022

- **Lead organiser:** Multidisciplinary Research Workshop “Technocracy in Time and Space”, European University Institute. 31st May 2021
- **Co-organiser:** Multidisciplinary Research Workshop “Health and healthcare webinar series”, European University Institute. May-June 2021

Panel organisation:

- “Regulatory governance and legitimacy problems in the age of politicisation and populist challenges”, two panels, ECPR General Conference, 12-15 August.
- “Regulators and their stakeholders in an age of turbulence” ECPR Regulatory Governance Conference, 12-14 July 2023
- “Varieties of Pressure in Regulatory Politics” ECPR Regulatory Governance Conference, 23-25 June 2021

Discussant:

In addition to the above-mentioned workshops and conference panels I co-organised,

- Discussant for the panel ‘Political pressure on the regulatory state,’ ECPR Regulatory Governance conference, June 2025.
- Discussant for the workshop *European Journal of Sociology* Special Issue on criminal governance, organised by Federico Varese, Sciences Po CEE, 25 March 2024.
- Discussant for Brice Laurent, book talk on *European Objects*, General Seminar, Sciences Po CEE, 13 December 2023.
- Discussant for the panel “Inter-Ministerial Politics”, ECPR General Conference, September 2023.
- Discussant for Anthea Roberts and Nicolas Lamp, book talk on *Six Faces of Globalization*, EUI Max Weber Book Roundtable, EUI, 16 February 2022.
- Discussant for the workshop “Testing Europe’s resilience in the Covid-19 crisis,” EUI Robert Schumann Centre, 5-6 July 2021.

Professional committees:

- Member, Steering Committee, ECPR Standing Group of Regulatory Governance
July 2025-present
- Chair, ECPR Standing Group of Regulatory Governance Early Career Network (2024-2026)
March 2024-present
- International Association on Regulation & Governance (IARG), the lead organizer of the ‘virtual mentoring week’ for early career researchers (co-sponsored by ECPR RegGov). The inaugural Conference of IARG will be held on the 17-18th June 2024 at U. Penn.

Manuscript reviewer:

European Political Science Review, Journal of European Public Policy, Public Health Review, Regulation & Governance, West European Politics

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Member of the selection committee for the master’s programme “MSc. Politics and Technology”,
Munich School of Politics and Public Policy, Technical University of Munich May 2025-present
Representative of postdoctoral researchers, Centre for European Studies and Comparative Politics,
Sciences Po June 2022-June 2024
Member of the Working Group on the ‘Buddy’ system (faculty mentorship and professional support),
CEE, Sciences Po October 2022-June 2024
Co-founder and member of the Organizing Committee, the EUI Haiku Competition, European
University Institute winter 2020/2021, 2021/2022

Student Convener, Comparative Politics Workshop; Political History Workshop, Graduate Schools for Law and Politics, University of Tokyo April 2010-March 2011

Convener, Historical Political Science Research Group, University of Tokyo April 2010-March 2012

General Secretary, Graduate Student Council, Graduate Schools for Law and Politics, University of Tokyo. February-October 2010

OTHER PAST EMPLOYMENT

The Tokyo Foundation

Research Assistant, the Virtual Center for Advanced Studies in Institution

Supervisor: Professor Masahiko Aoki (Department of Economics, Stanford)

September 2008-May 2011

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

The Council for European Studies

ECPR Standing Group on Regulatory Governance

SOFTWARE SKILLS

STATA, R, LaTeX.

QUALITATIVE RESEARCH SKILLS

Archival research, interviews, process tracing.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Japanese: Native

English: Proficient (C2)* in reading, writing, and speaking

French: Fluent (C1) in reading, writing, and speaking

German: Beginner (A2) in reading, writing, and speaking

Italian: Beginner (A2) in reading, writing, and speaking

*the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) level

Last update: October 2025.