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CV

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EDUCATION

2019 April - 2022 March **PhD in Sociology**
Kyoto University, Graduate School of Letters, Department of Sociology (Japan)
Funded by the Japanese government MEXT Fellowship. Title of the PhD dissertation: “Legitimising Inequality — Attitudes Towards Income Inequality in Comparative Perspective”

2018 April - 2019 March **Research Student**
Kyoto University, Graduate School of Letters, Department of Sociology (Japan)
Funded by the Japanese government MEXT Fellowship

2013 September - 2016 June **MA in Sociology (cum laude)**
Tallinn University, School of Governance, Law and Society (Estonia)
Title of the MA thesis: “Participation in Civil Society: Comparison of the Public and Third Sector in Estonia”

WORK EXPERIENCE

2022 October - 2024 June **Postdoctoral Research Fellow**
Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) funded position at Sophia University. Title of the research project: “Understanding Attitudes Towards Wealth Inequality: The Role of Normative Ideas of Justice and Fairness”

2022 October - 2023 December **Research Associate**
Tallinn University, School of Governance, Law and Society. Conducting the research project “Individual Learning Accounts and integrated support policies - Estonian Case Study” on adult learning policies in collaboration with Estonian and EU researchers (PI: Prof. Dr. Triin Roosalu)

2022 May - 2022 July **Research Assistant**
PI: Dr. Stéphane Heim at Kyoto University, Graduate School of Letters, Department of Sociology

2021 October - 2022 January **Teaching Assistant**
Joint graduate degree program between Kyoto University and Heidelberg University in Transcultural Studies. Dr. Björn-Ole Kamm’s seminars “Japanese Contemporary Popular Culture: Media Practices in a Global Context” and “Actors, Processes, and Networks: Studying (Sub-) Cultural Practices”

2019 October - 2020 January **Teaching Assistant**
Joint graduate degree program between Kyoto University and Heidelberg University in Transcultural Studies. Prof. Ochiai Emiko’s seminar “Asian Families and Intimacies”

2015 September - 2017 August

Project Manager/Communication Liaison

Welcoming Program - a training program for the immigrants living in Estonia administered by the Ministry of the Interior.

2015 October - 2016 March

Research Assistant

Tallinn University, School of Governance, Law and Society. Research project "Supporting the Career Tracks of Female Researchers in the Academia - Sharing of Scandinavian Best Practices in Promoting Gender Equality in the Estonian Academia" (PI: Prof. Dr. Triin Roosalu)

2015 July - September

Analyst

Estonian Center for Applied Research. Member of a research group conducting preliminary research for the welfare system reform implemented by the Estonian Ministry of Social Affairs in 2015-2016.

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

- 1) **Kitsnik, J.** & Hommerich, C. (In print, 2024). "What We Believe About Inequality is Paramount: Shared Narratives Despite Diverging Paths in East Asia" in Duina F. & Storti, L. (eds.) *The Social Acceptance of Inequalities: On the Logics of a More Unequal World*. Oxford University Press.
- 2) Hommerich, C. & **Kitsnik, J.** (2024) "A Revolution in Consciousness? Changes in Environmental Attitudes and Behaviors in Germany and Japan" (pp. 61-91) in Hommerich C. & Kimura M. (eds.) *Sustainable Societies in Fragile World – Approaches from Germany and Japan*. Sophia University Press.
- 3) **Kitsnik, J.** (2023). Why We Don't Mind the Gap. The Robust Role of Individual Beliefs on Enduring Unequal Income Distribution — Evidence from 34 Countries. *Comparative Sociology*, 22(4): 589-630. <https://doi.org/10.1163/15691330-bja10092>
- 4) **Kitsnik, J.** (2021). Untangling the Tolerance of Socio-economic Inequality — Comparing Japan, United States, South Korea, and the People's Republic of China. *Japanese Journal of Sociology*, 31(1): 86-109. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ijjs.12129>
- 5) **Kitsnik, J.** (2020). Negotiating Normative Expectations, Problematic Sustainability and Disempowerment: The Conflicting Realities of Participation Practices in the Estonian Civil Society. *Studies of Transition States and Societies*, 12(2): 62-76. <http://publications.tlu.ee/index.php/stss/article/view/779>
- 6) **Kitsnik, J.** (2020). Shaping Stances in Post-Industrial Societies: Two Decades of Change in Attitudes Towards Unequal Income Distribution. *Kyoto Journal of Sociology*, 28: 149-173.
- 7) **Kitsnik, J.** (Forthcoming). Research article "Who is Angry? A Cross-National Analysis of Wealth Gap Sentiments in High and Low Capital Tax Countries."
- 8) Hommerich, C. & **Kitsnik, J.** (Forthcoming). Research article. "The People as Driver of Japan's Green Shift? Dynamics in Pro-environmental Attitudes and Behavior from 1993 to 2020."

INVITED TALKS

- 1) "Who Drives the Green Shift? Environmental Attitudes in Japan from 1993 to 2020" (with Carola Hommerich). Deutsches Institut Für Japanstudien in Tokyo, DIJ Social Science Study Group, 18 April 2024. **(Japan)**
- 2) "Exploring East Asia's Beliefs About Socioeconomic Inequality: Shared Narratives Amidst Diverging Paths." Tallinn University, School of Governance, Law and Society, 18 December 2023. **(Estonia)**
- 3) "Tolerance for Socioeconomic Inequality — Evidence from Japan and Estonia." The conference "Open and closed societies: historical reasons and modern consequences of inequality in Japan and Europe." Tartu University, 13-14 October 2022. **(Estonia)**

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 1) "Who is Angry? A Cross-National Analysis of Wealth Gap Sentiments in High Versus Low Capital Gains Tax Countries." RC28 Spring Meeting, NYU Shanghai, 17-19 May 2024. **(China)**
- 2) "Exploring Environmental Attitude Changes in Japan and Germany 1993-2020." (with Carola Hommerich). 2nd ISSP User Conference, online, 4 December 2023.
- 3) "A Revolution in Consciousness? Changes in Environmental Attitudes in Japan and Germany." (Co-author Carola Hommerich). The 96th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Sociological Society, Ritssho University, Tokyo, 8-9 October 2023. **(Japan)**
- 4) "Bite the Bullet and Carry on? The Robust Role of Individual Beliefs on Enduring Unequal Income Distribution — Evidence from 34 Countries." XX ISA World Congress of Sociology, Melbourne, 25 June-1 July 2023. **(Australia)**
- 5) "Why We Don't Mind the Gap. Title of the oral presentation: The Role of Contextual Factors on Tolerating Unequal Income Distribution — Evidence from 34 Countries." ECSR General Annual Conference 2022, Amsterdam University, 6-8 July 2022. **(Netherlands)**
- 6) "Three Decades of Change in Attitudes Towards Unequal Income Distribution — Japan in comparative perspective." Panel Chair. Asian Studies Conference Japan, Sophia University, 3-4 July 2021. (Cancelled due to COVID-19) **(Japan)**
- 7) "Untangling the Change in Attitudes of Accepting Socioeconomic Inequalities — Japan in Comparative Perspective." First Doctoral Conference on the Social and Political Constitution of the Economy, Max Planck Research School on the Social and Political Constitution of the Economy, 24-26 March 2021. **(Germany)**
- 8) "Untangling the Change in Attitudes of Accepting Socioeconomic Inequalities — Japan in Comparative Perspective." The 13th Next Generation Global Workshop New Risks and Resilience in Asian Societies and the World, Kyoto University, 21-23 November 2020. **(Japan)**
- 9) "Shaping Stances: Three Decades of Trends in Young People's Attitudes towards Income Inequality and Redistribution." The 92nd Annual Meeting of the Japanese Sociological Society, Tokyo Women's Christian University, 5-6 October 2019. **(Japan)**
- 10) "Negotiating Normative Expectations, Problematic Sustainability and Disempowerment: The Conflicting Realities of Participation Practices in Estonian Civil Society." The 11th Next Generation Global Workshop, Kyoto University, 11 November 2018. **(Japan)**

GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

2022 - 2024	Japan Society for promotion of Science (JSPS) Postdoctoral Fellowship
2022 - 2024	Japan Society for promotion of Science (JSPS) Grant-in-Aid for JSPS Fellow (Grant number 22KF0338), amount: ¥1 500 000
2018 - 2022	Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) Scholarship

R&D RELATED MANAGERIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE WORK

2023 - present	Reviewer for the journal <i>International Sociology</i>
2022 - present	Reviewer for the journal <i>Prometheus Critical Studies in Innovation</i>
2019 - present	Reviewer for the journal <i>VOLUNTAS: International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations</i>

RESEARCH & TEACHING RELATED TRAINING

6-11 February 2023	ECPR Winter School in Machine Learning
6 December 2022	NCRM Age Period Cohort Analysis

22-26 March 202	ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques. Multilevel Modelling (University of Sheffield)
24 August 2021	Preparing Future Faculty Workshop 2021: Teaching at University (Kyoto University)

MEMBERSHIPS

2023 - present	International Sociological Association (ISA)
2023 - present	RC28
2019 - present	The Japan Sociological Society (JSS)
2018 - present	MEXT Scholars Association

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Estonian (native)	English (near-native)
Japanese (intermediate)	Russian (intermediate)
German (basic)	Italian (basic)