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### WORK EXPERIENCE

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#### **Specially Appointed Associate Professor and Program Director**

**School of Human Sciences, Osaka University** [ 01/04/2021 – Current ]

City: Osaka | Country: Japan

Director of the International Undergraduate Degree Program, and Deputy Director of the International College. Thesis supervision; research ethics review; admissions screening. Some subjects taught:

- Globalization Studies
- Statistics for Social Research
- East Asian Politics
- Introduction to Politics
- Quantitative Research Methods
- Ethics and Criminology

#### **Independent Consultant**

**Basel Institute on Governance** [ 12/07/2023 – Current ]

- Provide technical expertise to the development of Anti-corruption Collective Action Opportunities Indicators/ Tool, a project implemented and managed by the Basel Institute's Private Sector division.

#### **Independent Consultant**

**John Jay College of Criminal Justice** [ 01/02/2022 – 31/12/2022 ]

City: New York City, United States of America (remote)

- Develop a comprehensive design and methodology for measuring corruption in different public and private sectors in 19 countries in the Western Hemisphere.
- Coordinate data collection processes with research assistants and other consultants.
- Prepare a ranking list and detailed scores for the sampled countries based on the original data collected.
- Write country anticorruption scorecards.
- Write the required sections for the Final Report.

#### **Guest Lecturer**

**International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA)** [ 09/2022 – 11/2022 ]

City: Laxemburg, Austria (remote)

- Subject: Corruption: issues, trends, definitions, consequences and measurements; impact of globalization on corruption.
- Subject: Corruption policy, legal and institutional reform against corruption.

## Independent Consultant

**John Jay College of Criminal Justice** [ 25/01/2021 – 30/11/2021 ]

City: New York City, United States of America (remote)

- Assist John Jay College in developing the Western Hemisphere Anticorruption Index (WHACI) project, which explores the scope of corruption at the regional, sub-regional, and national levels and the impact of corruption control interventions in the focus countries.
- Support John Jay College in its effort to increase user-friendly, systematic, and updated information on anti-corruption tools by conducting an analysis of how focus countries in the Western Hemisphere comply with their anti-corruption treaty obligations. (Visit the [WHACI platform](#).)
- A report that provides a measurement and review of the level of fulfillment of anti-corruption obligations in each focus country in the Western Hemisphere. (Read the [WHACI report](#).)

## Program-Specific Assistant Professor

**Center for Southeast Asian Studies (CEAS), Kyoto University** [ 31/05/2018 – 31/03/2021 ]

City: Kyoto | Country: Japan

- Research on corruption and institutions in Asia-Pacific and Latin America.
- Lectures on "Politics and Corruption in Southeast Asia".
- Lectures on "Quality of Government and Sustainable Development Goals".

## Visiting Research Fellow

**Graduate School of International Development (GSID), Nagoya University** [ 01/12/2018 – 04/12/2018 ]

City: Nagoya | Country: Japan

- Research project: "The Social Origin of Corruption".

## International Associate

**Global Commons, University of Tsukuba** [ 30/04/2017 – 30/05/2018 ]

City: Tsukuba | Country: Japan

- Coordination with partner universities in Latin America for the implementation of the Trans-Pacific Human Capital Development Program. This Program is part of the Inter-University Exchange Project for achieving a global education and contributing toward global peace, supported by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan.

## Postdoctoral Research Fellow

**Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Tsukuba** [ 31/03/2016 – 30/03/2017 ]

City: Tsukuba | Country: Japan

- Research focused on the designing and implementation of an international qualitative and quantitative database of corruption and anti-corruption news.

## Intern

**Presidency of the Council of Ministers of Peru** [ 09/05/2009 – 30/12/2009 ]

City: Lima | Country: Peru

- Supported the production of the Guidelines for the Reporting on Requests of Access to Information (RM 301-2009-PCM) and the Guidelines for the Implementation of the Standard Website of Transparency in Public Agencies (DS 063-2010-PCM).
- Supported the training of public servants on the areas of public ethics, transparency, access to public information and citizen monitoring.

## External Consultant

**Presidency of the Council of Ministers of Peru** [ 31/12/2009 – 30/03/2010 ]

City: Lima | Country: Peru

- Produced the Executive Report on the Monitoring and Evaluation of the National Anti-Corruption Policies.
- Produced the Annual Report on the Progress of Implementation of Measures against Corruption.

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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### Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science

**University of Tsukuba** [ 31/03/2013 – 24/03/2016 ]

City: Tsukuba | Country: Japan

- Doctoral Program in International Public Policy.
- Dissertation title: "[Anti-Corruption Demands and Government's Defense: The Case of Peru, 2000-2014](#)".

### Master of Arts in International Studies

**University of Tsukuba** [ 31/03/2011 – 30/03/2013 ]

City: Tsukuba | Country: Japan

- Masters Program in International Area Studies.
- Thesis title: "[Citizens' Corruption Tolerance in Peru: A Behavioral Approach](#)".

### Bachelor's degree in Political Science

**National University of San Marcos** [ 14/03/2003 – 24/05/2009 ]

City: Lima | Country: Peru

- Political institutions, Latin American politics, law, political analysis, research methodology, etc.

## PUBICATIONS

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### Peer-Reviewed Journal Publications

- Pozsgai-Alvarez, Joseph and Huss, Oksana. 2024. "[The meeting of two worlds: strategic corruption as an emerging concept in \(anti-\)corruption studies and international relations](#)," *Contemporary Politics*. DOI: 10.1080/13569775.2024.2370695.
- Murakami, Yusuke and Pozsgai-Alvarez, Joseph. 2024. "[Un análisis de la democracia peruana durante la crisis política \(Peruvian democracy through the crisis: an analysis\)](#)," *Elecciones*. DOI: 10.53557/Elecciones.2024.v23n27.04.
- Gawthorpe, Steven and Pozsgai-Alvarez, Joseph. 2023. "[How to identify widespread corruption? New insights from geo-spatial analysis](#)," *Governance*. DOI: 10.1111/gove.12832.
- Pozsgai-Alvarez, Joseph. 2021. "[Corruption tolerance as a process of moral, social, and political cognition: evidence from Latin America](#)," *Crime, Law and Social Change*. DOI: 10.1007/s10611-021-09995-6.
- Pozsgai-Alvarez, Joseph and Pastor Sanz, Iván. 2021. "[Mapping the \(anti-\)corruption field: key topics and changing trends, 1968-2020](#)," *Journal of Computational Social Science*, Vol. 4, pp. 851–881. DOI: 10.1007/s42001-021-00110-2.
- Pozsgai-Alvarez, Joseph. 2020. "[The abuse of entrusted power for private gain: meaning, nature and theoretical evolution](#)," *Crime, Law and Social Change*, Vol. 74, No. 4, pp. 433-455. DOI: 10.1007/s10611-020-09903-4.

- Pozsgai-Alvarez, Joseph. 2018. "[The Political Cycle of Fighting Corruption: Peru's Experience with a First National Anti-Corruption Commission](#)," *Stability: International Journal of Security & Development*, Vol. 7, No. 1, pp. 1-19. DOI: 10.5334/sta.600.
- Pozsgai, Joseph. 2018. "[La corrupción como estrés sobre el sistema político: cuatro escenarios que explican las estrategias de defensa del statu quo](#)," *Revista de Ciencia Política y Gobierno*, Vol. 4, No. 8, pp. 83-110. DOI: 10.18800/rcpg.201702.004.
- Pozsgai, Joseph. 2017. "[A Systems Model on Corruption and Anti-Corruption Reform: International, Domestic Pressure, and Government Strategies to Preserve the Status Quo](#)," *Air & Space Power Journal--Africa & Francophonie*, Vol. 8, No. 3, pp. 40-55. DOI: 10.6084/m9.figshare.12355556.
- Pozsgai Alvarez, Joseph. 2017. "[Putting Out the Fire of Anti-Corruption Demands: The Symbolic Adoption of a National Anti-Corruption Office in Peru, 2007-2008](#)," *European Quarterly of Political Attitudes and Mentalities*, Vol. 6, No. 3, pp. 15-32. DOI: 10.6084/m9.figshare.12355544.
- Pozsgai Alvarez, Joseph. 2016. "[Political Will for Anti-Corruption Reform: The Weight of Political Context in the Making of a National Anti-Corruption Plan in Peru](#)," *Iberoamericana*, Vol. 38, No. 1, pp. 63-84. DOI: 10.6084/m9.figshare.12355547.
- Pozsgai Alvarez, Joseph. 2015. "[Low-Level Corruption Tolerance: An 'Action-Based' Approach for Peru and Latin America](#)," *Journal of Politics in Latin America*, Vol. 7, No. 2, pp. 99-129. DOI: 10.1177/1866802X1500700204.
- Pozsgai Alvarez, Joseph. 2014. "[Operationalizing High-Level Corruption Tolerance in Peru: Attitude-Behavior Congruency and the 2006 Presidential Elections](#)," *Area Studies Tsukuba*, No. 35, pp. 183-206. DOI: 10.6084/m9.figshare.12355550.

### Books / Book chapters

- Pozsgai-Alvarez, Joseph and Bratu, Roxana (eds.). 2025 (forthcoming). *Routledge Handbook of Anti-Corruption Research and Practice*. Routledge.
- Pozsgai-Alvarez, Joseph, Villena-Tagle, Claudia and Aguedo Huiza, Beatriz. 2024. "[Prosecutorial populism or balancing act? The politics of the Lava Jato investigations against former Peruvian presidents](#)," in *Corruption and Anti-Corruption Upside Down: New Perspectives from the Global South*, by Fernanda Odilla and Konstantinos Tsimonis (eds.). Palgrave Macmillan.
- Pozsgai-Alvarez, Joseph. 2024. "FUJIMORI, Alberto (corruption in Peru)," in *Encyclopedia of Corruption and Society*, by Luís de Sousa and Susana Coroado (eds.). Edward Elgar Publishing.
- Pozsgai-Alvarez, Joseph. 2024. "Grand Corruption," in *Encyclopedia of Corruption and Society*, by Luís de Sousa and Susana Coroado (eds.). Edward Elgar Publishing.
- Zabyelina, Yuliya, Kalczyński, Nicole, Pozsgai-Alvarez, Joseph, Zakaria, Patty and Gul, Ozden. 2022. *Western Hemisphere Anticorruption Index Report 2022*. New York: John Jay College of Criminal Justice.
- Pozsgai-Alvarez, Joseph (ed.). 2021. *The Politics of Anti-Corruption Agencies in Latin America*. New York: Routledge.
- Pozsgai-Alvarez, Joseph. 2021. "Introduction: Locating anti-corruption agencies within the politics of anti-corruption in Latin America," in *The Politics of Anti-Corruption Agencies in Latin America*, pp. 3-15, by Pozsgai-Alvarez, Joseph (ed.). New York: Routledge.
- Vera, Sofia and Pozsgai-Alvarez, Joseph. 2021. "The Politics of Building Anti-Corruption Institutions: The Case of Anti-Corruption Agencies in Peru," in *The Politics of Anti-Corruption Agencies in Latin America*, pp. 71-91, by Pozsgai-Alvarez, Joseph (ed.). New York: Routledge.
- Pozsgai-Alvarez, Joseph. 2021. "Conclusion: The Anti-Corruption Agency Space in Latin America," in *The Politics of Anti-Corruption Agencies in Latin America*, pp. 290-296, by Pozsgai-Alvarez, Joseph (ed.). New York: Routledge.
- Pozsgai-Alvarez, Joseph and Cevallos, Fernando. 2020. "Challenges for Compliance and Integrity Management in Latin America," in *Handbuch Compliance-Management: Konzeptionelle Grundlagen, praktische Erfolgsfaktoren, globale Herausforderungen (3rd edition)*, pp. 1335-1353, by Josef Wieland, Roland Steinmeyer and Stephan Grüninger (eds.). Berlin: Erich Schmidt Verlag. ISBN 978-3-503-18784-3.

## Working Papers

- Pozsgai-Alvarez, Joseph and Varraich, Aiysha. 2023. "[Are different types of corruption tolerated differently?](#)" *QoG Workin Paper Series* 2023:15.
- Pozsgai-Alvarez, Joseph. 2019. "[The Abuse of Entrusted Power for Private Gain: Meaning, Nature and Theoretical Evolution](#)," Japan-ASEAN Transdisciplinary Studies Working Paper Series (TDWPS), No. 5, pp. 1-25.

## Web Articles

- Pozsgai-Alvarez, Joseph. 2024. "In Defense of 'Strategic Corruption'," *The Corruption in Fragile States Blog*, April 15, 2024. <<https://www.corruptionjusticeandlegitimacy.org/post/in-defense-of-strategic-corruption>>
- Huss, Oksana and Pozsgai-Alvarez, Joseph. 2022. "Strategic Corruption as a Threat to Security and the New Agenda for Anti-Corruption," *The Corruption in Fragile States Blog*, March 16, 2022. <<https://www.corruptionjusticeandlegitimacy.org/post/strategic-corruption-as-a-threat-to-security-and-the-new-agenda-for-anti-corruption>>
- Pozsgai-Alvarez, Joseph. 2018. "Telling corrupt actors to be less corrupt doesn't help anyone," *The FCPA Blog*, August 13, 2018. <<http://www.fcpablog.com/blog/2018/8/13/joseph-pozsgai-alvarez-telling-corrupt-actors-to-be-less-cor.html>>
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- Pozsgai Alvarez, Joseph. 2017. "How to Think Politically About Anti-Corruption: A Crash Course," *New Vision*, May 17, 2017. <[https://www.newvision.co.ug/new\\_vision/news/1453464/politically-about-anti-corruption-crash-course](https://www.newvision.co.ug/new_vision/news/1453464/politically-about-anti-corruption-crash-course)>
- Pozsgai Alvarez, Joseph. 2016. "Low-Level Corruption Tolerance: Concept and Operationalization," *Panoramas*, February 15, 2016. <<http://www.panoramas.pitt.edu/news-and-politics/low-level-corruption-tolerance-concept-and-operationalization>>

## Book Reviews

- Pozsgai-Alvarez, Joseph. 2021. "[The conundrum of corruption: Reform for social justice. Johnston, Michael and Fritzen, Scott A. Routledge, New York, New York 2021. 194 pp. \\$44.95 \(paper\)](#)," *Governance*. DOI: 10.1111/gove.12653.
- Pozsgai-Alvarez, Joseph. 2020. "[CHINA'S GILDED AGE: THE PARADOX OF ECONOMIC BOOM AND VAST CORRUPTION, Yuen Yuen Ang, New York, United States: Cambridge University Press. 2020. 266 pp. \\$39.99 \(cloth\)](#)," *Governance*. DOI: 10.1111/gove.12560.

## Databases

- Stephenson, Matthew; Gawthorpe, Steven; Pozsgai-Alvarez, Joseph; Hudson, Alan; Tonn, Johannes and Heywood, Paul. 2020. [ACE Digital Library](#). Washington, D.C.: Global Integrity Anti-Corruption Evidence (GI-ACE).
- Gawthorpe, Steven and Pozsgai-Alvarez, Joseph. 2020. [Anti-corruption Keywords \[Data file\]](#). ACE Digital Library. Washington, D.C.: Global Integrity Anti-Corruption Evidence (GI-ACE). Retrieved from <https://library.globalintegrity.org>.

## Other Publications

- Pozsgai-Alvarez, Joseph. 2020. "[Editorial foreword](#)," *Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption Center Journal*, Vol. 2020, No. 1. DOI: 10.5339/rolacc.2020.1.
- Pozsgai-Alvarez, Joseph. 2020. "[Anticorrupción durante la COVID-19. Equilibrio entre la urgencia y la rendición de cuentas](#)," in *Guía de buenas prácticas en contrataciones durante el ESTADO DE EMERGENCIA*, pp. 74-75, by Gestión Pública & Control. Lima: Gaceta Jurídica.
- Pozsgai-Alvarez, Joseph. 2019. "[El ciclo político de la lucha contra la corrupción: La experiencia del Perú con su primera Comisión Nacional Anticorrupción](#)," *Derecho & Sociedad*, No. 52, pp. 81-96. DOI: 10.6084/m9.figshare.12355553.

## PROJECTS

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### **Grants** KAKENHI: "Multidimensional measurement of corruption in Southeast Asia and Latin America"

- Project number: 21K13228
- Research Category: Grant-in-Aid for Early-Career Scientists
- Project Period (FY): 2021-04-01 ~ 2024-03-31
- Outline: Using multiple sources of information from six countries in Southeast Asia and Latin America, this project will describe the structure of corruption across industries and levels of government, producing a multidimensional scoring strategy that will help in the development of more effective policies.

## CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

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### **International Conferences / Seminars**

- Paper "The (de)construction of corruption in one hundred years of American foreign affairs discourse," presented at the General Conference of the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) held at University College Dublin, Ireland, August 12-15, 2023.
- Paper "Are different types of corruption tolerated differently?" presented at the General Conference of the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) held at Charles University, Czech Republic, September 4-8, 2023.
- Ankowska, Ania and Pozsgai-Alvarez, Joseph, "Simulating anti-corruption policy-making: the adoption of gamification principles in simulated cocreation sessions," presented at the "International Conference on Public Policy 6" held by the International Public Policy Association (IPPA) in Toronto, June 27, 2023.
- Paper "Strategic corruption: conceptual deconstruction and theoretical development," presented at the "7th Interdisciplinary Corruption Research Forum" held by the Interdisciplinary Corruption Research Network (ICRN) in Barcelona, June 16-18, 2022.
- Paper "Multidimensional measurement of corruption in Latin America," presented at the "6th Interdisciplinary Corruption Research Forum" held by the Interdisciplinary Corruption Research Network (ICRN) in Bologna, June 16-18, 2022.
- Panel speaker at the international conference "Shaping and Anti-Corruption Environment: Education and Partnerships to Create a Positive Impact," session on "Transnational Aspects," organized by the Lusíada University of Porto, held online, May 5, 2022.
- Panel speaker at The White House Summit for Democracy, session on "Promoting Strategies for Transparency and Accountability for a Flourishing Democracy in Iraq," held online, December 10, 2021.
- Panel speaker at the Fourteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, session on "Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in the Artificial Intelligence Era," held in Kyoto, Japan, March 12, 2021.
- Paper "The Abuse of Entrusted Power for Private Gain: Meaning, Nature and Theoretical Evolution," presented at the General Conference of the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) held at the University of Wrocław, Poland, September 4-7, 2019.
- Paper "Sociopolitical norms, awareness and responses to incentives," presented at the "4th Interdisciplinary Corruption Research Forum" held by the Interdisciplinary Corruption Research Network (ICRN) in Kiev, June 13-14, 2019.
- Paper "Population Density and Corruption Tolerance in Latin America," presented at the "International Workshop on Data-Intensive Urban Studies" held by the Center for Southeast Asian Studies (CSEAS) of Kyoto University, March 2, 2019.
- Murakami, Yusuke and Pozsgai, Joseph, "Valores democráticos en el Perú" ("Democratic Values in Peru"). Presentation at the 8th International Conference of the Latin American Studies Council of Asia and Oceania (CELAO) in Macau, November 10, 2018.

### Memberships

- International Political Science Association (IPSA), *RC20 - Political Finance and Political Corruption*. Board Member since 2024.
- [Japan Network of Anti-Corruption Researchers](#) (JANAR). Founder, November 2019.
- European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), *(Anti-)Corruption and Integrity*. Member of the Steering Committee since September 2019.
- *Japan Association for Latin American Studies*. Regular member since October 2014.