

Academic Visitor Profiles



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Academic Visitors at the Nissan Institute

At any one time there are between two and five visiting research fellows working in the Nissan Institute. Most of them are scholars taking sabbatical leave from their universities either in Japan or North America. While they do not take part in any of the formal teaching programmes they attend the research seminars and contribute to those discussions. They are available for consultation by members of the graduate community.

During 2018 - 2019 we have the following visitors with us:



Keisuke Abe is Professor of Law at Seikei University in Tokyo. A graduate of the University of Tokyo (LL.B., LL.M., Ph.D.) and of Harvard Law School (LL.M.), he teaches Comparative Law, Constitutional Law, and Bioethics and Law. He also is an attorney admitted to the Bar of the State of New York. Keisuke is now working on a book on transformation of Japanese law under the pressure of globalization, particularly focusing on issues of equality and diversity such as the right of married couples to use separate surnames, the right of same-sex couples to marry, and the right of unregistered children to have their status registered in "koseki" (civil registry records).



Dr. Chigusa Yamaura is a Sociocultural Anthropologist specializing in contemporary Japan and China. She received her Ph.D. in Cultural Anthropology with a certificate in Women's Studies from Rutgers University. Dr. Yamaura's research ethnographically explores the intersection of intimate lives—and in particular gendered life-course expectations—with larger socio-political ideologies. Her first project explores cross-border matchmaking practices between Japan and northeast China, asking how participants came to perceive one another as potential marriage partners. Her second project addresses the cultural politics of childcare provision in Japan, examining how the discourses and policies surrounding childcare reveal shifting social ideologies concerning motherhood, children, family, and the nation-state.



Pia Maria Jolliffe was born on 24 January 1980 in Vienna (Austria). She attended the Sacred Heart School from 1986-1998 and then studied for an MA in Japanese Studies at the University of Vienna. Pia then completed a DESS in Asian Studies at the University of Geneva (Switzerland) where she also worked as consultant for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). Pia came to Oxford in 2006 for her DPhil in International Development at Linacre College. She graduated in 2011, spent 18 months in a Carmelite monastery in Haifa (Israel) and then returned once more to Oxford for her postdoctoral work. Pia is married to William Jolliffe and they live permanently with their two children - Joseph (2 years) and Teresa (5 months) - in Oxford.



GOTO-SHIBATA Harumi is Professor in International History at the Department of Advanced Social and International Studies, the University of Tokyo. Her field of research was initially Anglo-Japanese relations and she authored Japan and Britain in Shanghai, 1925-31 (St Antony's Macmillan series, 1995). T hen she has been working on the League of Nations' involvement in East Asia. Her publications in English include "The International Opium Conference of 1924-25 and Japan," *Modern Asian Studies,* 36: 4 (2002), "Internationalism and Nationalism: Anti-Western Sentiments in Japanese Foreign Policy Debates, 1918-1922," in Naoko Shimazu ed., *Nationalisms in Japan* (London: Routledge, 2006), "Britain, the League of Nations, and Russian Women Refugees in China in the Interwar Period", in Antony Best ed., *Britain's Retreat from Empire in East Asia, 1905-1980* (London: Routledge, 2017); 'The League of Nations as an Actor in East Asia: empires and technical cooperation with China', *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific*, 17: 3 (2017).



My name is **Tetsuya YAMADA**, I work as professor at Hitotsubashi University in Japan. I was born in Okinawa, the southernmost prefecture of Japan. I have worked at three universities, Miyagi University of Education, Osaka University and Hitotsubashi University so far. My research field is on sociology of education. Especially, I am interested in the impact of educational reform on teacher policy in Japan. I have a sabbatical leave since September 2018 and I stay as an academic visitor at Nissan Institute of Japanese studies / St. Antony's College.

My current research theme – I am planning to conduct a comparative study between Japanese and England during stay at Oxford. My research focuses on teacher's occupational culture. Through questionnaire surveys and interviews with teachers of primary and secondary education, from the point of view of changing occupational cultures I will examine the influence of educational reform on teacher's view on occupation.



Leonard Schoppa earned his DPhil in Politics from Oxford in 1989, where he worked under the direction of Arthur Stockwin and talked about all things Japan with a Junior Research Fellow named Roger Goodman.

He has been employed at the University of Virginia since 1990, with stints at Keio University (1993-1994) and the University of Tokyo (2000-2001) as a visiting researcher. For the most recent six years (2012-18), he served as Associate Dean for the Social Sciences.

He is the author of *Race for the Exits: The Unraveling of Japan's System of Social Protection* (Cornell, 2006); *Bargaining with Japan: What American Pressure Can and Cannot Do* (Columbia, 1997); and *Education Reform in Japan* (Routledge, 1991). In addition, he has edited two books, including *The Evolution of Japanese Party Politics* (Toronto, 2011).

He is currently working on a new project examining how differing levels of residential mobility (high in the United States; low in Japan; moderate in many EU countries) affect local civic engagement. The first article drawn from this project was published by *Comparative Political Studies* under the title "Residential Mobility and Local Civic Engagement in Japan and the United States: Divergent Paths to School."



MAO, Guirong, Chinese, graduated from Fudan University (Shanghai, CHINA) and has a LLD's degree in Political Studies from Nagoya University (Nagoya, JAPAN). He works in the Law Faculty, Meijigakuin University (Tokyo, JAPAN), since 1995. He has published a book on Government reform in Japan (1997), and several articles, research papers and book chapters on civil service reform in China and Japan, and on comparative cabinet studies, in Japanese and Chinese.



Stephen McEnally is currently an Associate Member of the Nissan Institute and Senior Fellow at the Japan Research Centre, School of Oriental and African Studies. A modern languages graduate from Durham University, he has been actively engaged in international cultural and educational relations for over 40 years.

Between 1974 and 1994 he worked for the British Council in a variety of posts at home and overseas, including Japan, Korea and Moscow, before moving to the Japan Foundation where he ran its Japanese studies programmes. Later, whilst Chief Executive of the Great Britain Sasakawa Foundation, he initiated two major grant programmes to promote Japanese studies in the UK, both with generous funding from The Nippon Foundation in Tokyo. The first was a £2.5 million project between 2008 and 2013 that provided for 13 new lectureship posts in Japanese studies at 12 UK universities, including Oxford. The second is a £1.2 million 5-year programme, begun in 2013, that offers UK universities a total of 30 Japanese studies postgraduate studentships per year. The Programme, from which Oxford benefits much, has recently been renewed for a further 5 years.

Stephen is a member of the Management Board of the Sainsbury Institute for the Study of Japanese Arts and Cultures (SISJAC), Honorary President of the Japanese Garden Society and Advisor to the Clifton Scientific Trust that runs scientific workshops between UK and Japanese secondary schools.

In 2016 he received the Order of the Rising Sun Gold Rays with Rosette from the Japanese Government for services to UK-Japan cultural and educational relations and was awarded an honorary doctorate by Oxford Brookes University.



Kenneth Mori McElwain is an Associate Professor at the Institute of Social Science, University of Tokyo. His research focuses on comparative political institutions, most recently on differences in constitutional content across countries. He received his BA from Princeton University and PhD in political science from Stanford University, and previously taught at the University of Michigan, before moving to his current post in 2015. His work has been published in a number of journals and edited volumes, including *American Journal of Political Science, Journal of East Asian Studies, Social Science Japan*, and the *Journal of Japanese Studies*. He was the co-editor of *Political Change in Japan: Electoral Behavior, Party Realignment, and the Koizumi Reforms*, APARC/Brookings Institutions Press.



Mika TOYOTA is a Professor at the College of Tourism, Rikkyo University, Tokyo, Japan. Before joining Rikkyo, she worked at the University of Hull, UK (2000-2002) and at National University of Singapore (2002-2012). She has conducted field research mainly in Southeast Asia and East Asia for Her current research focuses on transnational over twenty years. retirement migration. Her recent publications include 'Confronting economic precariousness through international retirement migration: Japan's old-age "economic refugees" and Germany's exported grannies" in Jillian M. Rickly-Boyd, Kevin Hannam and Mary Mostafanezhad (eds.) Tourism and Leisure Mobilities: Politics, Work and Play (2016 with Meghann Ormond); 'Trans-Asia mobility from above and from below: The case of elderly migration from Japan to Southeast Asia' in Asian Review (2017); and 'Retirees transnational mobility as processes of identity negotiation: The case of Japanese in Southeast Asia' Identities: Global Studies in Culture and Power (2017 with Thang Leng Leng). 'Rethinking care through transnational health and long-term care practices' in Routledge Handbook of Health Geography (2018 with Meghann Ormond).



Roger Buckley, formerly Professor of International History at the International Christian University, Tokyo, Senior Research Fellow Rothermere American Institute and tutor for overseas students at Mansfield College. Managing editor for Asia-Pacific series, Renaissance Books, UK. His current research project is into Sexual and labour trafficking.

His publications include "An Explosion of Appearances: Angela Carter's vision of Tokyo, 1970-1972," in Proceedings of the Japan Society of London, 2013 (The Japan Society, 2013) and The United States in the Asia-Pacific since 1945 (Cambridge University Press, 2002) and the editor of The Post-War Occupation of Japan, 1945-1952, Series 1: Books (2011).