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### **Academic Employment**

2017-Present Associate Professor, Department of History, National University of Singapore.  
2012-2017 Assistant Professor, Department of History, NUS.

### **Education**

2012 Ph.D. Department of History, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.  
2008 MA Department of History, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.  
2005 BA Department of History, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey.  
2003 AA Department of History, Northwest College, Powell, Wyoming.  
1998 BA Department of International Relations, Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto.

### **Major Fellowships**

2022-2023 Visiting Scholar, Institute for Advanced Social Sciences, Waseda University, Tokyo.  
2022-2023 Research and Writing Fellowship Grant, "Beyond the Cold War, toward a Community of Asia," Academy of Korean Studies, South Korea.  
2020 Mar-Nov Visiting Fellow, Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities (CRASSH), University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK.  
2020 Mar-Nov Visiting Fellow, Wolfson College, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK.  
2020 Feb-Nov Visiting Scholar, Institute for Advanced Social Sciences, Waseda University, Tokyo.  
2017-2018 Wilson Fellow, Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars, Washington DC.  
2010-2011 Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR).

### **Selected Recent Prizes, Awards, and Fellowships**

2022-2025 Academic Research Fund Tier 1, Ministry of Education (MOE), Singapore.  
2022 The 21st Osaragi Jiro Rondan Prize, Japan.  
2021 The 75th Mainichi Shuppan Bunka Sho [The Mainichi Publication Culture Prize], Humanities and Social Sciences Prize, Japan.  
2021 Writing expense (Publication subvention) grant, CRASSH, University of Cambridge.  
2019-2021 RSB-PDF Funding for hiring Postdoc Fellows, NUS.  
2019-2022 Academic Research Grant Tier 2, MOE, Singapore.  
2016-2017 Office of Deputy President Grant for Research Excellence, NUS.  
2016 (Nov) Award for Promising Researcher, FASS, NUS.  
2015-2017 Academic Research Fund Tier 1, MOE, Singapore.  
2015-2016 Humanities and Social Sciences Seed Funding, FASS, NUS.  
2014-2015 Office of Deputy President Grant for Research Excellence, NUS.  
2014-2015 FASS Book Grant Scheme, NUS.  
2012 (May) Messenger-Chalmers Prize for Best Dissertation, Department of History, Cornell University.  
2012 (May) Runner-up, Nevins Prize for Best Doctoral Dissertation, Society of American Historians (SAH).  
2010 (June) Samuel Bemis Research Grant Award, SHAFR.

## Selected Publications

### <Books>

*Hitobito no naka no reisen sekai: Souzou ga genjitsu to naru toki* [The Cold War World among Ordinary People: When Imagination Became Reality] (Tokyo: Iwanami shoten, 2021). Winner of the 21st Osaragi Jiro Rondan Prize and the 75th Mainichi Shuppan Bunka Sho [The Mainichi Publication Culture Prize].

*Cold War Crucible: The Korean Conflict and the Postwar World* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2015).

### <Articles & Book Chapters >

"Social Experiences of War and Occupation in Twentieth Century Japan" in Laura Hein ed., *The Cambridge History of Japan, Vol. III* (Cambridge University Press; forthcoming in 2023), 541-581.

"Rethinking the Cold War from Everyday Life," *Pacific and American Studies* 23 (Center for Pacific and American Studies, University of Tokyo, forthcoming March 2023).

"On Writing History as an Individual," in "Roundtable discussion on *Hitobito no naka no Reisen Sekai* [The Cold War World among Ordinary People]," Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, *Quadrante* No.24, (2022), 157-171.

<http://repository.tufs.ac.jp/bitstream/10108/117446/1/ifa024033.pdf>

"Junengo no koukei [A Landscape After 10 Years]" in "3.11 wo kokoro ni kizande [Remembering 3.11]," Iwanami Web-magazine (2022). <https://tanemaki.iwanami.co.jp/posts/5636>

"Reconsidering Massacres from 'Social Warfare' Perspective," *Jeju Forum 2021: For Peace and Prosperity* (Jeju Peace Institute, 2021), 99-117.

"The Early Cold War: Studies of Cold War America in the Twenty-First Century" in Christopher R. W. Dietrich ed., *A Companion to U.S. Foreign Relations: Colonial Era to the Present, Volume II* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2020), 632-651.

Featured Review of *The Cold War: A World History* by Odd Arne Westad (New York: Basic Books), *American Historical Review* 124:3 (June 2019), 1013-1016.

"The Cold War among the Ordinary People: When Imaginations Became the Reality of the World" *Ritsumei Kokusai Kenkyu* 31:5 (2019), 107-124.

Review of *End of Empire: 100 Days in 1945 that changed Asia and the World*, David Chandler, Robert Cribb, and Li Narangoa eds. (NIAS Press), *Asian Studies Review* (2018)

Special Edition, "Many Cold Wars: Re-conceptualizing the Post-WWII World," *Esboços* Vol. 23, No. 36 (2017), co-edited with Sidnei Munhoz.

"What Was the Cold War? Imagined Reality, Ordinary People's War, and Social Mechanism," *The Asia-Pacific Journal: Japan Focus*, 15:4, No. 3 (Feb 2017)

"Kyodai dogakukai: Sengoshi ni okeru genbakuten no mou hitostu no imi [Kyoto University Association: Another Meaning of the A-bomb Exhibition in the Postwar Era]," *Chosen no senso* [The War in Korea], Tessa-Morris Suzuki ed. (Tokyo: Iwanami, 2015), 209-236.

"Still Cozy After All These Years: Beijing's Support for Pyongyang During the Korean War Explains Why It Still Backs Kim Today," *Foreign Policy* (2015), co-authored with Sergey Radchenko.

"The Korean War through the Prism of Chinese Society: Public Reactions and the Shaping of "Reality" in the Communist State, 1950," *Journal of Cold War Studies*, 14:3 (2012), 3-38.

"Fear of World War III: Social Politics of Re-armament and Peace Movements in Japan during the Korean War, 1950-53," *Journal of Contemporary History* 47:3 (July 2012), 551-571.

"Rumors of War: Immigration Disputes and the Social Construction of American-Japanese Relations, 1905-1913," *Diplomatic History* 33:1 (Jan 2009), 1-37.

**International Conferences Organized**

- 2022 "Reconceptualizing the Cold War: On-the-ground experiences in Asia," The 5th Cold War Oral History Workshop, National University of Singapore (online), Feb 14-26.
- 2021 "Reconceptualizing the Cold War: On-the-ground experiences in Asia," The 4th Cold War Oral History Workshop, National University of Singapore (online), July 19-31.
- 2020 "Reconceptualizing the Cold War: On-the-ground experiences in Asia," The 3rd Cold War Oral History Workshop, National University of Singapore (online), Sept 14-25.
- 2019 "Reconceptualizing the Cold War: On-the-ground experiences in Asia," The 2nd Cold War Oral History Workshop, National University of Singapore, June 22-23.
- 2019 "Reconceptualizing the Cold War: On-the-ground experiences in Asia," The Cold War Oral History Workshop, National University of Singapore, May 21-22.
- 2016 "Unlearning Cold War Narratives: Toward Alternative Understandings of the Cold War World," National University of Singapore, Singapore, May 27-28.

**Selected Recent Academic Presentations (2018-)**

- 2022 "Rethinking the Cold War from Everyday Life" in a symposium "Issues in Cold War Studies in East Asia: Culture, Life, and the Local," the Center for Pacific and American Studies, University of Tokyo. Nov. 12.
- 2022 Discussant, "International Book Symposium on *Empire and Righteous Nation: 600 Years of China-Korea Relations* by Professor Odd Arne Westad," Seoul National University Asia Center, South Korea. Nov. 2.
- 2022 "Rethinking the Cold War World: The Age of Social Warfare" in the session "Will International Relations History be Renovated?: Examining New Approaches" at the 2022 Japan Association of International Relations Annual Conference, Sendai, Japan, Oct. 28.
- 2022 "Cold War Crucible: The Korean Conflict and the Postwar World," Asia Center, Seoul National University, South Korea. Apr 19.
- 2022 "What was the Cold War? : Thinking about Things Unseen/Unable to See," A keynote speech for the "Global Relational Studies Final Workshop & Global Relational Studies Consortium Inaugural Meeting," Chiba University, Japan. Feb 21
- 2022 "Special Lecture in Honor of the 21st Osaragi Jiro Rondan Prize," The College of International Relations, Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto, Japan. Feb 10.
- 2021 "What really was the Cold War?: Imagined Reality, Social Mechanism, Ordinary People's War," Research Center for the History of Transformations, University of Vienna, Dec 16.
- 2021 "Hitobito no naka no reisen sekai [The Cold War World among the Ordinary People]," Global Japanese Studies Workshop, Osaka University, Nov 29.
- 2021 "Reconceptualizing the Cold War: On-the-ground experiences in Asia," Kyungpook National University, Nov 24.
- 2021 Hitobito no naka no reisen sekai [The Cold War world among the ordinary people], Cold War Studies Forum, Tokyo. Oct 23.
- 2021 "Hitobito no naka no reisen sekai [The Cold War world among the ordinary people], Workshop in Critical Theories (WINC) in the Institute for Global Area Studies (IGAS) at Tokyo University of Foreign Studies. Sept 18.
- 2021 "Reconsidering Massacres from 'Social Warfare' Perspective" in a panel session "April 3rd Incident and the Global Cold War and Peace" at the 2021 Jeju Forum. June 25.
- 2019 "Rethinking Cold War Asia," in the HSSE History Conference "Rethinking History: Singapore and Global History," National Museum of Singapore, November 4-5.
- 2019 "Unlearning Cold War Narratives: Examining Recent Cold War Historiography" in "Cold War in Asia" seminar, The Oriental Institute, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Prague, September 30.
- 2019 "Reconceptualizing the Cold War," Roundtable discussion on U.S.-Southeast Asian relations for *Diplomatic History*, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, Aug 1-2.
- 2019 "Reconceptualizing the Cold War: On-the-ground experiences in Asia," Cold War Oral History Workshop, National University of Singapore (NUS), May 21-22 & June 22-23.

- 2018 Panelist for Senior Scholar Roundtable on “The Cold War in Asia,” as well as Discussant for panel “The Cold War in Asia,” *Millennium*-NUS Symposium, NUS, July 23-24.
- 2018 “Decolonization and Recolonization: Post-WWII Social Warfare as Postcolonial Conflicts,” at the 2018 Asian Studies Conference Japan annual conference, International Christian University, Tokyo, June 30.
- 2018 “Purity and Order: A Social History of Globalization and Conservatism in Wartime and Cold War Japan” at the Harvard-Yenching Institute's Advanced Training Program, “New Approaches in Asia-Pacific Studies,” Waseda University, Tokyo, June 27.
- 2018 “Conservative Backlash During the Occupation” in a panel titled “Conservative Activism in Post-War Japan,” Association for Asian Studies (AAS), Washington DC, March 25.
- 2018 “Purity and Order: The Rise of Grassroots Conservatism in Occupied Japan,” The Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington DC, March 20.

**Professional Organizations**

American Historical Association (AHA)

Association for Asian Studies (AAS)

Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR)