

Past Winners of Asia Pacific Research Prize

◇2002

Ken Miichi (Received a Ph.D. in Political Science from Kobe University in 2002)

Title of Dissertation **“Intellectual Network and Ideology in Indonesia:
Islamic Left in Comparison”**

Chen Tien-Shi (Received a Ph.D. in International Political Economy from the University of Tsukuba in 2000)

Title of Dissertation **“The Networks and Identities of Chinese Entrepreneurs”**

◇2003

Waka Aoyama (Received a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Tokyo in 2002)

Title of Dissertation **“The Adaptive Process of the Badjaos in Davao City:
Economic Standard of Living and Ethnic Identity”**

Yumi Sugahara (Received a Ph.D. from Tokyo University of Foreign Studies in 2002)

Title of Dissertation **“Religious Movements in Central Java in the Middle of the 19th
Century: A Study of Discourses about the Ahmad Rifa'i Movement”**

Bao Muping (Received a Ph.D. in Engineering from the University of Tokyo in 2003)

Title of Dissertation **“Historical Research on Architecture and Urbanization of Hohhot in
the Mongolia (1723-1959)-----Cross Cultural Transfer in the Sphere
of Peripheral Architectural Culture”**

“Commendation”

Ryota Ishikawa (Received a Ph.D. in Literature from Osaka University in 2003)

Title of Dissertation **“Formation of Intra-Asian Trade in Modern Korea”**

Deng Yingwen (Received a Ph.D. from Tokyo University of Foreign Studies in 2002)

Title of Dissertation **“The economic relation between China and Vietnam in 90s : Focus
on border trade”**

◇2004

Takeshi Nakajima (Received a Ph.D. in Area Studies from Kyoto University in 2004)

Title of Dissertation **“Hindu Nationalist Movement in Contemporary India”**

Daesong Hyun (Received a Ph.D. in Law from the University of Tokyo in 2004)

Title of Dissertation **“Postwar Korea-Japan Relationship and Territorial Dispute:
Discourse of the Tokdo Problem and its Image in Korea”**

“Commendation”

Hirovuki Yamamoto (Received a Ph.D. in Area Studies from the University of Tokyo in 2003)

Title of Dissertation **“The Origins of Mutually Acknowledged Nationalisms in British
North Borneo (Sabah)”**

◇2005

Masahiro Inoguchi (Received a Ph.D. in Economics from Hitotsubashi University in 2004)

Title of Dissertation **"Monetary Policy and Financial System in East Asia before and after the Crisis : Effective and Efficient Policy in Developing Countries"**

"Commendation"

Le Jungie (Received a Ph.D. in Economics from Kwansei Gakuin University in 2005)

Title of Dissertation **"A Quantitative Analysis of Rural Labor Markets of the Coastal Region in China"**

◇2006

Masato Hiwatari (Received a Ph.D. in Arts and Sciences from the University of Tokyo in 2006)

Title of Dissertation **"Functions and Roles of the Customary Economy in Uzbekistan : Community-based Structure of a Mahalla with Social Ties in Andijan"**

"Commendation"

Rintaro Ono (Received a Ph.D. in Area Studies from Sophia University in 2006)

Title of Dissertation **"Marine Exploitations and Subsistence Strategies in the Celebes Sea: An Ethno-Archaeological Approach for Area Studies"**

Subin Xu (Received a Ph.D. in Engineering from the University of Tokyo in 2005)

Title of Dissertation **"The Modernization of the City and Architecture in China and its Relationship to Japan"**

◇2007

Yoshihiro Nakanishi (Received a Ph.D. in Area Studies from Kyoto University in 2007)

Title of Dissertation **"Civil-Military Relations in Ne Win's Burma, 1962-1988"**

Otmazgin Nissim (Received a Ph.D. in Area Studies from Kyoto University in 2007)

Title of Dissertation **"Regionalizing Culture: The Political Economy of Japanese Culture in East and Southeast Asia, 1988-2005"**

"Commendation"

Tanaki Endo (Received a Ph.D. in Economics from Kyoto University in 2007)

Title of Dissertation **"Macro Restructuring and Informal Economy in Bangkok in the Era of Globalization"**

◇2008

Sayuri Inoue (Received a Ph.D. in Arts from Tokyo University of Foreign Studies in 2007)

Title of Dissertation **"The Formation of Genre in Burmese Classical Song-with Special Reference to U Sa's Creation between the 18th and the 19th Centuries-"**

Setsuko Sonoda (Received a Ph.D. in Area Studies from the University of Tokyo in 2007)

Title of Dissertation **"A Historical Study of International Migration in the Nineteenth Century: Overseas Chinese in the Americas and Their Relationships with China"**

◇2009

Lee Dong Jun (Received a Ph.D. in Law from Tohoku University in 2008)

Title of Dissertation **"Sino-American Rapprochement and the Transformation of the Korean Divided System, 1969-1975"**

“Commendation”

Nobu Iwatani (Received a Ph.D. in Law from Keio University in 2008)

Title of Dissertation **"A Study of the Kuomintang's Tutelary Regime in Republican China"**

Lin Chu-Mei (Received a Ph.D. from Hitotsubashi University in 2007)

Title of Dissertation **"In Search of the Meaning of 'Nativist Education' and Identity in Taiwan"**

◇2010

Shingo Yoshida (Received a Ph.D. in Law from Keio University in 2010)

Title of Dissertation **"Institutionalization of the Japan-U.S. Alliance: 1963-1978"**

Junko Yano (Received a Ph.D. from Hitotsubashi University in 2009)

Title of Dissertation **"National Formation and Language Nationalism in Laos: Form the Colonial Period to the Socialist Revolution (1893-1975)"**

YI Ping (Received an L.L.D. degree from the University of Tokyo in 2009)

Title of Dissertation **"Between War and Peace-The 'Just War' concept and its consequences during the early period of international law research in Japan"**

“Commendation”

Youn-Soo Cho (Received a Ph.D. in Law from Tohoku University in 2008)

Title of Dissertation **"International Politics of the Korean-Japanese Fishery Negotiation-Decolonization of Sea Order and mediation of 'National Interests'"**

◇2011

Masafumi Asada (Received a Ph.D. from Hokkaido University in 2011)

Title of Dissertation **"Management History of the Chinese Eastern Railway: Russia and Manchuria, 1896-1935"**

Masayuki Ueno (Received a Ph.D. in Area Studies from the University of Tokyo in 2010)

Title of Dissertation **"'Religious Privileges' and 'Political Rights' of the Non-Muslims in the Tanzimat-Period Ottoman Empire: The Case of the Armenian Community"**

◇2012

Myungsoo KIM (Received a Ph.D. in Economics from Keio University in 2010)

Title of Dissertation **"Joseon's Entrepreneur and Business World During Modern Japan's Rule Over Korea: A Study on Sangryong Han's Business Activities and Joseon Business Club"**

◇2013

Arihiro Minoo (Received a Ph.D. in Literature from Waseda University in 2013)

Title of Dissertation **“The anthropological study of the impact of fair trade on coffee farmers: a case study of the coffee farmers’ villages in the Bolaven plateau of southern Laos”**

Almas (Received a Ph.D. from Kobe University in 2013)

Title of Dissertation **“A Study about the Ownership of Farmlands and its Contracts in Inner Mongolia during Manchu Qing Period: Cases in Guihuacheng Tümed Banner”**

“Commendation”

Jing Liu (Received a Ph.D. in International Development from Nagoya University in 2013)

Title of Dissertation **“The Development of Inequality in Public School Admission: Public Discourses on Ze Xiao and Practices in Urban China”**

Dalaibuyan Byambajav (Received a Ph.D. in Sociology from Hokkaido University in 2012)

Title of Dissertation **“Post-Socialist Transition and Civil Society in Mongolia”**

◇2014

Takeshi Aida (Received a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Tokyo in 2014)

Title of Dissertation **“Irrigation, Community, and Poverty”**

“Commendation”

Toshiyuki Uwano (Received a Ph.D. in Area Studies from the University of Tokyo in 2014)

Title of Dissertation **“The Accessibility for People with Disabilities in the Civil Society of Vietnam: A Comparison with the Case of Public Transportation in Beijing, Bangkok, and Taipei”**

Atsushi Kobayashi (Received a Ph.D. in Area Studies from Kyoto University in 2014)

Title of Dissertation **“Development of Intra-Southeast Asian Trade in the Nineteenth Century: With Reference to the Role of Singapore”**

◇2015

Norivuki Osada (Received a Ph.D. in Literature from the University of Tokyo in 2013)

Title of Dissertation **“From an Indian City to the Capital of Burma: The Emerging State Border in Colonial Rangoon, c.1850-1930”**

“Commendation”

Shinya Ikeda (Received a Ph.D. in Agriculture from Tohoku University in 2015)

Title of Dissertation **“Development of the Traditional Marketing of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables under the Economic Growth: Collecting and Wholesaling towards Metropolises in Java”**

Li Haixun (Received a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Tokyo in 2015)

Title of Dissertation **“Development of Rice Cultivation in Northeast China”**

◇2016

Ryuiu Satomi (Received a Ph.D. from the University of Tokyo in 2014)

Title of Dissertation **“Our Life That Can Be Otherwise: An Ethnography of the Present-day Maritime Dwelling among the Asi or Lau in North Malaita, Solomon Islands”**

“Commendation”

Ryosuke Kuramoto (Received a Ph.D. from the University of Tokyo in 2013)

Title of Dissertation **“The Life of Monks in Myanmar’s Theravada Buddhist Society”**

So Hoshino (Received a Ph.D. in Arts from Taisho University in 2015)

Title of Dissertation **“Religious Activities of Brazilians in Japan and Immigrant Support by Churches in Japan: the Cases of Roman Catholicism, Pentecostalism and Spiritism”**

Hui Li (Received a Ph.D. in Engineering from the University of Tokyo in 2015)

Title of Dissertation **“The Design Theory and the Technology of Making Wooden Parts in Song Dynasty of China as Understood via *Yingzao Fashi*”**

◇2017

“Commendation”

Hayato Yukawa (Received a Ph.D. in Political Science from Kobe University in 2017)

Title of Dissertation **“US-Japan Relations in the 1930s: The Role of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Pursuit of New Order in East Asia”**

◇2018

“Commendation”

Saki Kinnan (Received a Ph.D. in Human Sciences from Osaka University in 2018)

Title of Dissertation **“A Sociological Study on Multicultural Coexistence in a Contact Zone: Focusing on Social Practices around a *Gaikokujingakko* (Foreign School)”**

Miyoko Taniguchi (Received a Ph.D. in Human Security from the University of Tokyo in 2017)

Title of Dissertation **“Rethinking ‘Liberal Peacebuilding’ -The Case of Conflict, Violence, and Peace in Mindanao, the Philippines-”**

◇2019

“Commendation”

Huang Jie (Received a Ph.D. in Area Studies from Kyoto University in 2019)

Title of Dissertation **“A Folkloric Study on ‘Senl’: Analysis of the Regional Social System of River Basins among the Dong (Kam) in Southern China”**

Park Kyung-Min (Received a Ph.D. in Law from Keio University in 2016)

Title of Dissertation **“Former Japanese Colonial Elites and the Origin of Japanese Foreign Policy towards Korea (ROK): Convergence of Perceptions and Responses to ‘the total property of colonial assets,’ 1945-1953”**

Aleksandra Babovic (Received a Ph.D. in Political Science from Kobe University in 2018)

Title of Dissertation **“Justice on Trial: The International Military Tribunal for the Far East Reevaluated, 1945-1956”**

◇2020

Noriko Unno (Received a Ph.D. from the University of Tokyo in 2017)

Title of Dissertation **“Under Crescent and Full Moons: Contradiction and Coherence of Muslims in Beijing 1906–1913”**

Masayoshi Okabe (Received a Ph.D. in Human Security Studies from the University of Tokyo in 2019)

Title of Dissertation **“Economic Analyses of the ‘Reversed Gender Disparity’ in Education and Development in the Philippines”**

“Commendation”

Manami Ueno (Received a Ph.D. from the University of Tokyo in 2020)

Title of Dissertation **“The Policies toward Religious Education in the Republic of Turkey from the 1940s to the 1970s: From the Reintroduction of Religious Education to its Becoming a Compulsory Course”**

Chie Sakurada (Received a Ph.D. in Area Studies from Kyoto University in 2020)

Title of Dissertation **“Becoming the Magnificent: Royal Visits and Filmmaking of King Bhumibol”**

◇2021

Miho Okada (Received a Ph.D. in Security Studies from National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education in 2021)

Title of Dissertation **“Japan-Soviet Normalization Talks Re-examined: Yalta Agreement and Khrushchev’s Double Bind”**

“Commendation”

Yu Haichun (Received a Ph.D. in Journalism from Waseda University in 2021)

Title of Dissertation **“The Multi-layered Nature of Media Control under the Chinese Authoritarian System: Comparative Analysis of Local Media and the Media System in China Today”**

Kei Nagaoka (Received a Ph.D. in Area Studies from Kyoto University in 2019)

Title of Dissertation **“Institutionalization of Tibetan Medicine and Medical Treatment in Contemporary Himalayas: An Ethnography of Everyday Life and Illness in Tawang, Northeast India”**

Seitaro Namba (Received a Ph.D. from Tokyo University of Foreign Studies in 2020)

Title of Dissertation **“The Conflict between Socialism and Neutralism in Laos: The Liberated Zone's Plurality in the Most Peripheral Area of the Socialist Camp during the Détente Era (1945-1975)”**

◇2022

Toru Otani (Received a Ph.D. from Tohoku University in 2022)

Title of Dissertation **“Study of Wuchang Gui : Process of Transition from Monster to God”**

Rajiaben (Received a Ph.D. from SOKENDAI, the Graduate University for Advanced Studies in 2022)

Title of Dissertation **“An Anthropological Study on the Transformation of Village Society and Life of Faith in Tibetan Amdo Region: A Case Study of BonSkor, Guinan County, Hainan Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, Qinghai Province, China”**

“Commendation”

Le Wang (Received a Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary Information Studies from the University of Tokyo in 2021)

Title of Dissertation **“A Media Historical Study of Pacification and Propaganda Activities in Rural Areas of Manchukuo”**

◇2023

Hsi-chia Huang (Received a Ph.D. in Law from the University of Tokyo in 2023)

Title of Dissertation **“Central-Local Relations in Contemporary China Revisited: From the Perspective of Regional Administrative Institutions Bridging Centralization and Decentralization”**

“Commendation”

Kritdikorn Wongswangpanich (Received a Ph.D. in Area Studies from Kyoto University in 2022)

Title of Dissertation **“Sick Kingdom: The Role and Politics of Thai Health Care in the Domination of Bhumibol’s Narrative”**

Nguyen Thi Le (Received a Ph.D. in Area Studies from Kyoto University in 2020)

Title of Dissertation **“Childbirth among Ethnic Minority People in Northern Vietnam: Choice and Agency in the Hmong Case”**

◇2024

Wen Qiuying (Received a Ph.D. in Education from Kyoto University in 2024)

Title of Dissertation **“A Cultural History of the Acceptance of the Chinese Language through ‘Voices’: Seeking Another Language of Culture in Modern Japan””**

“Commendation”

Pattajit Tangsinmunkong (Received a Ph.D. in Social Science from Kyoto University in 2019)

Title of Dissertation **“Uprooting the Bamboo: Thai Diplomatic History Revisited”**

Natsuko Miyokawa (Received a Ph.D. in Law from the University of Tokyo in 2024)

Title of Dissertation **“The ‘Two Chinas’ and Liberal Democratic Party Politics: Informal Channels in Postwar Japan-Taiwan Relations”**

Junyi Yang (Received a Ph.D. in Human and Environmental Studies from Kyoto University in 2022)

Title of Dissertation **“Fisheries Knowledge Beyond the Sea: Fisheries Personnel and Their Activities in Modern China”**