

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”

**Hiroyuki 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: From 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

**Noriyuki 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

**Ryuu 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”

**Havato 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 ‘Seni’: 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**”