

## Atsuko Watanabe, PhD

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### ACADEMIC POSITION

- 02/2018- Research Fellow  
Institute of Advanced Studies on Asia, The University of Tokyo/Japan
- 02/2017- Associate Research Fellow  
The Centre for the Study of Globalisation and Regionalisation, the University of Warwick/UK
- 09/2017-03/2017 Part-time Lecturer  
International University of Health and Welfare
- 12/2017- Part-time Lecturer  
International Christian University/Japan

### EDUCATION

- 10/2012-11/2016 PhD in Politics and International Studies, University of Warwick, UK  
Doctoral thesis: "Geopolitics as a Traveling Theory: The Evolution of Japan's Geopolitical Imagination 1925 to 1945"  
Supervisors: Dr. Chris Browning and Prof. Chris Hughes  
Viva Examiners: Prof. Glenn Hook and Prof. Stuart Elden  
Passed without correction
- 01/2009-12/2011 Master of Public and International Affairs, Virginia Tech, US  
Master Thesis: "The Transformation of National Identification: How Japan Became Part of the West"  
Supervisor: Prof. Gerard Toal  
Passed without correction
- 04/1986-03/1990 BA Russian Language and Studies, Sophia University, Japan

### WORK EXPERIENCE

- 08/2013 Research and Translation Assistant (Japanese into English)  
Arctic Council Expansion Research. Project funded by the U.S. National Science Foundation and the European Commission, Philip Steinberg, PI.
- 07/2007-present Freelance Writer
- 04/1990-12/2006 Staff Writer, *The Sankei Shimbun*, Tokyo, Japan

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Books

- 2018 forthcoming *Modern Japanese Political Thought and International Relations. Encountering Difference in Japan since the 19<sup>th</sup> Century*. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield (series: Global Dialogues: Developing Non-Eurocentric IR and IPE; with Felix Rösch) Introduction, Conclusion, Chapter 2, Chapter 5.

## Journal articles

- 2017 Approaching the Unsynthesizable in International Politics: Giving Substance to Security Discourses through Basso Ostinato? *European Journal of International Relations*, 23(3), pp. 609-629. (with Felix Rösch)

## Book chapters

- 2017 'Place' in an Inverted World? A Japanese Theory of Place In: Nieuwenhuis, M. & D. Crouch eds. Chapter 6. *The Question of Space: Post-Disciplinary Interventions on the Spatial Turn*. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield

## Book reviews

- 2013 A, Hiraoka, Albatross and Territorial Expansion of the Japanese Empire: From Venture to Invasion into the islands in "The South", *Japan Border Review*, 4, pp.117-122 (in Japanese)

## Translations

- 2014 Chapter 4: Embedding Geopolitics within National Identity In: C. Flint. 2014. *Chiseigaku Nyumon: Gurobaru Jidai no Atarashii Apurochi*. Tokyo: Hara Shobo. From the English to Japanese.

## Public Affairs Commentary and Other Publications

- 2017 MARUYAMA Masao. Thinkers. *Global Social Theory* (learning site organised by the sociologist Gurminder K Bhambra)  
<http://globalsocialtheory.org/thinkers/maruyama-masao/>
- 2014 Geopolitics as a Traveling Theory. The Evolution of Geopolitical Imagination in Japan, 1925-1945. *Bulletin of Intellectual Exchange Programme between Japan and Europe in Alsace*, 2014. Japan Foundation (in Japanese)

## CONFERENCE, WORKSHOP, and SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

- 2017 A Conceptual History of 'Territory': Envisaging Global Politics beyond the Westphalian System of Nation-States? WISC ECR Workshop for Early Career Researchers in International Relations, Goa University, Goa/India. December 5-7 (invited)
- Geopolitics as a Traveling Theory: The Evolution of Geopolitical Imagination in Japan, 1925-1945. GJS Seminar. Tokyo University, Tokyo/Japan. October 16, 2017 (invited)
- Geopolitics as a Traveling Theory: The Evolution of Geopolitical Imagination in Japan, 1925-1945. Northeast Asian History Foundation (NAHF), Seoul. October 10, 2017 (invited)

International Workshop: Repositioning Japanese Political Thought. Tokyo University/Japan, 2 September. Rethinking Subjectivity in International Relations: *Basso Ostinato* or How to Do Global IR?

ISA International Conference, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, 15-17 February. *Daitoa Chiseigaku* and its Geopolitical Imagination of a Borderless World: A Neglected Non-Western Rebellion without the Subject?

WISC Fifth Global International Studies Conference, Taiwan National University, Taipei/Taiwan. 1-3 April. How Did Two Daos Perceived the International Differently?

WISC Fifth Global International Studies Conference, Taiwan national University, Taipei/Taiwan. 1-3 April. Unlearning Asia: Fukuzawa Yukichi's Un-Regionalism in the Late Nineteenth Century.

The Afrasian International Symposium, Ryukoku University, Kyoto/Japan, 11 February. *Daitoa Chiseigaku* and its Geopolitical Imagination of a Borderless World: A Neglected Non-Western Rebellion without the Subject? (invited)

2016 Warwick Political Geography Graduate Seminar, The University of Warwick, Coventry/UK, 22 November. Taking Back Non-Western Spatiality into Analysis: *Basso Ostinato* and My Experience (invited)

ISA Asia-Pacific Conference, City University of Hong Kong, 25-27 June. Territoriality of Knowledge? Towards a Framework of Traveling Theory

ISA Asia-Pacific Conference, City University of Hong Kong, 25-27 June. Un-learning Asia: Fukuzawa Yukichi's Un-Regionalism in the Late Nineteenth Century

2015 LSE Millennium Conference, LSE London/UK, 17-18 October. Approaching the Unsynthesizable: Rethinking Subjectivity in International Relations or How to Speak to the "Other"

PG-Workshop 'Unlearning' International Relations in Global Perspectives, Newcastle University, Newcastle/UK, 10-11 September. Un-learning Asia: Fukuzawa Yukichi's Un-Regionalism in the Late Nineteenth Century (funded)

The University of Warwick Arts Faculty Postgraduate Seminar Series, Coventry/UK, 29 April. Going Back to Nature? Environmental Fatalism, Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere, (and Atomu) (invited)

International Studies Association Annual Convention, New Orleans/US, 18-21 February. Approaching the Unsynthesizable: Rethinking Subjectivity in International Relations or How to Speak to the "Other"

2014 Intellectual Exchange Programme between Japan and Europe in Alsace, 2014, Japan Foundation. Alsace/France, 22-23 September. Geopolitics as a Traveling Theory. The Evolution of Geopolitical Imagination in Japan, 1925-1945 (funded)

Warwick Interdisciplinary Workshop on Space, The Institute of Advanced Study, Coventry/UK, June. Three Analytical Aspects of Space: A Japanese Perspective of Geography of Knowledge

2013 Warwick Graduate Conference in Security Studies: Security and Everyday, Coventry/UK, 31 October-1 November. 'Fear Rightly, and then Atom Bomb Will Protect you: Nuclear Power, Japanese Heroes, and Between-ness'

Warwick Graduate Conference in Political Geography. Coventry/UK. 27-28 November. 'Ocean for Japan: Possibilities, or limitation? The East, the West, and the South'

International Geographical Union Kyoto Regional Conference. 4-9 August, Kyoto/Japan. 'Who Protects Whom? Japan's Security Identification and the Tohoku Earthquake'

## **SECTION and PANEL CONVAYOR, DISCUSSANT, and ORGANIZATION**

2017 Discussant, Panel 'Historiography and the Globe', 11<sup>th</sup> pan-European Conference on International Relations, Institut Barcelona D'estudis Internacionals. Barcelona/Spain. September 13-16, 2017

2016 Modern Japanese Political Thought and International Relations Workshop, Kakunodate/Japan, 30-31 July, Organisation

## **REFEREE SERVICES**

### **Reviewer**

**Journals** Geopolitics  
European Journal of International Relations

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

International Studies Association (ISA)  
Theory  
Historical International Relations

British Association for Japanese Studies (BAJS)

European International Studies Association (EISA)

## **LANGUAGE**

Japanese

Native

English

Fluent

Russian

Advanced

Chinese

Rudimentary