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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Organizational Well-Being
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
Partnership Development

Learner Experience Design and Strategy
Lifelong Learning and Holistic Growth
Internationalization Strategy

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2023– Member, Co-Innovation University (CoIU) Project, Hida, Japan
- 2023– Project Associate Professor, Global Faculty Development, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, University of Tokyo
- 2022 Associate Professor of Sociology, School of Social Sciences, Singapore Management University
- 2022 Faculty Member, Mindfulness Initiative @ SMU, Singapore Management University
- 2014–21 Assistant Professor of Sociology, School of Social Sciences, Singapore Management University
- 2013–14 Advanced Research Fellow, Program on US-Japan Relations, Harvard University
- 2011–12 SSRC-JSPS Fellow, Institute of Social Science, University of Tokyo
- 2009–14 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Hawaii at Mānoa
- 2009–14 Faculty Member, Center for Japanese Studies, University of Hawaii at Mānoa

EDUCATION

- 08/2009 Ph.D. in Sociology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- 03/2000 B.A. in Sociology, International Christian University
- 09/1998–12/2000 Attended Haverford College

MINDFULNESS, DESIGN THINKING, AND OTHER TRAINING

08/2023	Mindfulness Retreat for Educators, Upper Hamlet, Plum Village, Thénac, France
09/2022	Social Media Engagement: Basic Video Creation and Editing, Republic Polytechnic, Singapore
04/2022	Innovating Through Design Thinking: The Advanced Applications, SMU Academy
03/2022	Innovating Through Design Thinking: The Fundamentals, SMU Academy
08/2021	Acceptance and Commitment Training with Mindfulness, Lee Kong Chian School of Business, Singapore Management University
06/2021	Mindfulness-Based Strategic Awareness Training (MBSAT), Lee Kong Chian School of Business, Singapore Management University
08/2019	Parenting with Mindfulness, Lee Kong Chian School of Business, Singapore Management University
06/2019	Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction (MBSR), Lee Kong Chian School of Business, Singapore Management University
05/2018	Spring Mindfulness Retreat, Upper Hamlet, Plum Village, Thénac, France
12/2015	Vipassana Meditation Retreat, International Buddhist Center, Wat Phra That Doi Suthep, Chiang Mai, Thailand

AREAS OF RESEARCH

Higher Education and Society Science, Technology, and Democracy Biopolitics and Collective Well-Being	Mindfulness and Holistic Education Faculty Development and Pedagogy Design Thinking and Action Research
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BOOKS

In Progress	Saito, Hiro. <i>Education, Development, and Democracy: The Japanese Experience</i>
In Progress	Saito, Hiro. <i>The Horizon of Democracy: Fukushima, Okinawa, and the Pandemic</i>
2016/2017	Saito, Hiro. <i>The History Problem: The Politics of War Commemoration in East Asia</i> . University of Hawaii Press
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Open access at OAPEN: http://oapen.org/search?identifier=625901▪ Reviewed in: <i>Acta Koreana</i>; <i>Asian Studies Review</i>; <i>China Review International</i>; <i>Cross-Currents: East Asian History and Culture Review</i>; <i>History</i>; <i>Japan Review</i>; <i>Monumenta Nipponica</i>; <i>Pacific Affairs</i>; <i>Social Science Japan Journal</i>; <i>The Japan Society Review</i>

EDITED BOOKS AND JOURNAL ISSUES

- 2019 Saito, Hiro (Ed.). *Youth and Globalization* 1(2). Special Issue “Re-envisioning Education in a Globalizing World”

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Forthcoming Saito, Hiro. “Ontological Experiments: Toward Spiritual Sociology.” *Dialogues in Sociology*
- Forthcoming Saito, Hiro. “Reimagining Higher Education as a Facilitator of Collective Awakening.” *Humanistic Management Journal*
- 2022 Saito, Hiro. “The Imaginary and Epistemology of Disaster Preparedness: The Case of Japan’s Nuclear Safety Failure.” *Poetics* 93(A)
- Open access at ScienceDirect: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.poetic.2021.101594>
- 2021 Saito, Hiro. “The Sacred and Profane of Japan’s Nuclear Safety Myth: On the Cultural Logic of Framing and Overflowing.” *Cultural Sociology* 15(4): 486–508
- Nominated for the 2022 SAGE Prize for Innovation/Excellence
- 2021 Saito, Hiro. “The Developmental State and Public Participation: The Case of Energy Policy-making in Post-Fukushima Japan.” *Science, Technology, & Human Values* 46(1): 139–165
- 2019 Saito, Hiro. “Editorial Introduction: Re-envisioning Education in a Globalizing World.” *Youth and Globalization* 1(2): 197–209
- Open access at Brill: <https://doi.org/10.1163/25895745-00102001>
- 2016 Saito, Hiro. “The Cultural Pragmatics of Political Apology.” *Cultural Sociology* 10(4): 448–465
- 2016 Saito, Hiro (first author) and Sang-hyoun Pakh. “The Realpolitik of Nuclear Risk: When Political Expediency Trumps Technical Democracy.” *Science, Technology and Society* 21(1): 5–23
- 2015 Saito, Hiro. “Cosmopolitics: Towards a New Articulation of Politics, Science and Critique.” *British Journal of Sociology* 66(3): 441–459
- 2015 Saito, Hiro. “The A-Bomb Victims’ Plea for Cosmopolitan Commemoration: Toward Reconciliation and World Peace.” Special Issue “Hiroshima and Nagasaki: 70th Anniversary of the Bombings.” *Thesis Eleven* 129(1): 72–88
- 2015 Saito, Hiro. “Historians as Rooted Cosmopolitans: Their Potentials and Limitations.” *Global Networks* 15(2): 161–179
- 2014 Saito, Hiro (equal coauthor) and Hiroki Igarashi. “Cosmopolitanism as Cultural Capital: Exploring the Intersection of Globalization, Education, and Stratification.” *Cultural Sociology* 8(3): 222–239

- 2014 Saito, Hiro (first author) and Yoko Wang. “Competing Logics of Commemoration: Cosmopolitanism and Nationalism in East Asia’s History Problem.” *Sociological Perspectives* 57(2): 167–185
- 2011 Saito, Hiro. “An Actor-Network Theory of Cosmopolitanism.” *Sociological Theory* 29(2): 124–149
- 2011 Saito, Hiro. “Cosmopolitan Nation-Building: The Institutional Contradiction and Politics of Postwar Japanese Education.” *Social Science Japan Journal* 14(2): 125–144
- 2010 Saito, Hiro. “Actor-Network Theory of Cosmopolitan Education.” *Journal of Curriculum Studies* 42(3): 333–351
- 2006 Saito, Hiro. “Reiterated Commemoration: Hiroshima as National Trauma.” *Sociological Theory* 24(4): 353–376
- 2007 Best Graduate Student Paper Awards, Sections on Culture and Political Sociology, American Sociological Association

BOOK CHAPTERS

- Forthcoming Saito, Hiro. “Deepening Cosmopolitanism through Inter-Cosmic Encounters: From the Perspective of Mindfulness Practice.” In *Everybody’s Cosmopolitanism: An Idea for the 21st Century*, edited by Vincenzo Cicchelli, Muriel Rouyer, Massimo Pendenza, and David Inglis. Leiden: Brill
- Forthcoming Saito, Hiro. “‘The Great Reset? Reset Modernity!’: Toward the Cosmopolitics of Syndemic Preparedness and Response.” In *Reimagining the Cosmopolis*, edited by Vincenzo Cicchelli and Sylvie Mesure. Leiden: Brill
- Forthcoming Saito, Hiro. “When Artificial Intelligence Meets Contemplative Studies: Making Higher Education More Holistic.” In *Artificial Intelligence Transforming Higher Education*, edited by Erna Oliver and Geesje van den Berg. Johannesburg: University of Johannesburg Press
- 2022 Saito, Hiro. “Higher Education for Pluriversal Diplomacy: Landing the 4IR on Habitable Earth.” Pp. 193–212 in *Global Initiatives and Higher Education in the Fourth Industrial Revolution*, edited by Erna Oliver. Johannesburg: University of Johannesburg Press
- Open access at the University of Johannesburg Press:
<https://ujonlinepress.uj.ac.za/index.php/ujp/catalog/book/51>
- 2020 Saito, Hiro. “Unpacking Cosmopolitan Memory.” Pp. 221–232 in *Cosmopolitanism in Hard Times*, edited by Vincenzo Cicchelli and Sylvie Mesure. Leiden: Brill
- 2020 Saito, Hiro. “The Transnational Frontiers of Japanese Education: Multiculturalism, Cosmopolitanism, and Global Isomorphism.” Pp. 55–67 in

Transnational Education and Curriculum Studies: International Perspectives, edited by John Chi-Kin Lee and Noel Gough. New York: Routledge

- 2018 Saito, Hiro. “The Changing Culture and Politics of Commemoration.” Pp. 648–656 in *The Handbook of Cultural Sociology: Second Edition*, edited by John R. Hall, Laura Grindstaff, and Ming-Cheng Lo. New York: Routledge
- 2018 Saito, Hiro. “Rearticulating the Publicness of Higher Education in a Global World.” Pp. 168–176 in *The Future Agenda for Internationalization in Higher Education: Next Generation Insights into Research, Policy, and Practice*, edited by Douglas Proctor and Laura Rumbley. New York: Routledge
- 2018 Saito, Hiro. “The Role of Historians in East Asia’s History Problem.” Pp. 166–179 in *Exhibiting the Fall of Singapore: Close Readings of a Global Event*, edited by Daniel Schumacher and Stephanie Yeo. Singapore: National Museum of Singapore
- 2015 Saito, Hiro. “East Asia and Cosmopolitan Memory.” Pp. 388–401 in *Routledge Handbook of Memory and Reconciliation in East Asia*, edited by Mikyoung Kim. London: Routledge
- 2010 Saito, Hiro. “From Collective Memory to Commemoration.” Pp. 629–638 in *The Handbook of Cultural Sociology*, edited by John R. Hall, Laura Grindstaff, and Ming-Cheng Lo. New York: Routledge

REVIEW ESSAYS AND BOOK REVIEWS

- Forthcoming Saito, Hiro. A review of Zygmunt Bauman and the Theory of Culture by Dariusz Brzeziński. *Contemporary Sociology: A Journal of Reviews*
- 2023 Saito, Hiro. A review of *Creating a Culture of Mindful Innovation in Higher Education* by Michael Lanford and William G. Tierney. *Contemporary Sociology: A Journal of Reviews* 52(5): 452–453
- 2020 Saito, Hiro. A review of *On the Persistence of the Japanese “History Problem”*: *Historicism and the International Politics of History* by Hitomi Koyama. *The Journal of Japanese Studies* 46(2): 520–524
- 2020 Saito, Hiro. A review of *Seeing the World: How US Universities Make Knowledge in a Global Era* by Mitchell L. Stevens, Cynthia Miller-Idriss, and Seteney Shami. *International Sociology* 35(2): 167–169
- 2017 Saito, Hiro. A review of 記憶としての日中戦争—インタビューによる他者理解の可能性 by 石井弓. *Oral History Forum d’histoire orale* 37: 202–205
- 2016 Saito, Hiro. A review of *Knowledge LTD: Toward a Social Logic of the Derivative* by Randy Martin. *Contemporary Sociology: A Journal of Reviews* 45(5): 633–635

- 2015 Saito, Hiro. “Disciplines, Area Studies, and Publics: Rethinking Sociology in a Global World.” *Contemporary Sociology: A Journal of Reviews* 44(1): 25–28
- 2014 Saito, Hiro. A review of *European Cosmopolitanism in Question*, edited by Roland Robertson and Anne Sophie Krossa. *Contemporary Sociology: A Journal of Reviews* 43(1): 110–112
- 2012 Saito, Hiro. A review of *Reimagining Japanese Education: Borders, Transfers, Circulations, and the Comparative*, edited by David Blake Willis and Jeremy Rappleye. *Social Science Japan Journal* 15(1): 149–152
- 2011 Saito, Hiro. A review of *Northeast Asia’s Difficult Past: Essays in Collective Memory*, edited by Mikyoung Kim and Barry Schwartz. *Social Science Japan Journal* 14(1): 75–78

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 2020 Saito, Hiro. “For Cosmopolitan, Public, and Reflexive Sociology: International Symposium for Social World and Pandemic.” *Sociologia & Antropologia*: <https://blogbvps.files.wordpress.com/2020/05/hiro-saito-1.pdf>
- 2017 Saito, Hiro. “The History Problem: The Politics of War Commemoration in East Asia.” *The Asia-Pacific Journal: Japan Focus* 15(4): <http://apjif.org/2017/15/Saito.html>
- 2016 Saito, Hiro. “Education as the Weakest Institutional Link in Japan’s Nuclear Regulation.” *Journal of Social Studies Education* 5: 33–56: <http://repository.hyogo-u.ac.jp/dspace/handle/10132/16206>
- 2015 Saito, Hiro. “The Possibility of Global Public Sociology.” *eSymposium*. International Sociological Association: http://www.sagepub.net/isa/resources/ebulletin_pdf/EBul-HiroSaito-Dec2015.pdf
- 2012 Saito, Hiro. “The Fukushima Disaster and Japan’s Occupy Movement.” *Possible Futures: A Project of the Social Science Research Council*: <http://www.possible-futures.org/2012/02/28/fukushima-disaster-japans-occupy-movement/>
- 2007 Kennedy, Michael, Camilo Leslie, Allison Nau, Atef Said, and Hiro Saito. “Global Transformations and ‘Cosmopolitical’ Social Science.” *The Journal of the International Institute* 14(2): <http://hdl.handle.net/2027/spo.4750978.0014.216>
- 2003 Saito, Hiro. “Culpability and Responsibility in Hiroshima.” *The Journal of the International Institute* 11(1): <http://hdl.handle.net/2027/spo.4750978.0011.102>

AWARDS AND HONORS

As Faculty

- 2021 Excellent Teacher Award Nomination, Singapore Management University

- 2019 Excellent Teacher Award Nomination, Singapore Management University
- 2018 Innovative Teacher Award Nomination, Singapore Management University
- 2014 Certificate of Teaching Excellence, Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning and the Office of the Dean of Undergraduate Education, Harvard University
- 2013–14 Mansfield Foundation Next Generation Japan Leadership Network

As Graduate Student

- 2009 Outstanding Graduate Student Mentor Award, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan
- 2009 Phi Kappa Phi, University of Michigan
- 2007 Suzanne Langer Prize for the Best Student Paper [“Reiterated Commemoration: Hiroshima as National Trauma.” *Sociological Theory* 24(4): 353–376], Culture Section, American Sociological Association
- 2007 Best Graduate Student Paper Award [“Reiterated Commemoration: Hiroshima as National Trauma.” *Sociological Theory* 24(4): 353–376], Political Sociology Section, American Sociological Association

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

As Faculty

- 2022–24 Tertiary Education Research Fund (with Jochen Reb, William Tov, Ram Mahalingam, and Ada Chung), “From Suffering to Flourishing: Toward a Synthesis of Mindfulness Practice and Positive Psychology in Tertiary Education,” Singapore Ministry of Education (S\$66,616)
- 2018–19 Lee Kong Chian Fellowship, Singapore Management University
- 2018–19 Internal Research Grant Category A (with Alwyn Lim), “The University in Public Life,” Singapore Management University/Tier 1 Academic Research Fund, Singapore Ministry of Education (S\$12,940)
- 2016–17 Internal Research Grant Category A, “From Hiroshima to Fukushima: How Japan Embraced Nuclear Energy,” Singapore Management University/Tier 1 Academic Research Fund, Singapore Ministry of Education (S\$11,220)
- 2015–16 Internal Research Grant Category A, “Japan’s Policy Response to the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Disaster,” Singapore Management University/Tier 1 Academic Research Fund, Singapore Ministry of Education (S\$20,021)
- 2013–14 Postdoctoral Fellowship, Program on U.S.-Japan Relations, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University

2011–12 Fellowship, Social Science Research Council-Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (SSRC-JSPS)

As Graduate Student

2007–08 Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation/American Council for Learned Societies

2006–07 Predoctoral Fellowship, Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies, University of Michigan

Fall 2004 Fellowship, Global Ethnic Literature Seminar, University of Michigan

2004 Research Grant, Advanced Study Center, International Institute, University of Michigan

2003 Predissertation Research Award, International Institute, University of Michigan

2001–02 Endowment Fellowship, Center for Japanese Studies, University of Michigan

2001–02 Alumni Fellowship, Center for Japanese Studies, University of Michigan

INVITED TALKS AND SEMINARS

10/2023 「持続可能性のために行動するマインドフルネス」ワークショップ「自然と共に生きるための学びー京都から提案するマインドフルネスと持続可能性教育」京都大学 (“Engaged Mindfulness for Sustainability.” Learning to Live Mindfully within the Environment: A Pedagogy for Sustainability from Kyoto. Kyoto University)

09/2023 “Mindfulness Practice, Sociological Imagination, and Social Change: How to Transform Subjective and Objective Structures for Collective Well-Being.” Cultural Sociology East and West Conference, Center for Cultural Sociology, Yale University

04/2023 “(De)Centering the University in the Pluriversal Pursuit of Collective Well-Being.” The Global (De)Centre

02/2023 “Multinaturalism in Vaccine Hesitancy: Envisioning the Cosmopolitics of Health in a Syndemic World.” Center for Cultural Sociology, Yale University

10/2022 “Embedding Mindfulness in Tertiary Education – Challenges and Opportunity.” LASALLE College of the Arts, Singapore

10/2022 “Sociological Imagination, Contemplative Practice, and Social Change.” Contemplative Studies Program and Department of Sociology, Brown University

11/2019 “The Risk of Expertise in Democracy: Navigating Between Technocracy and Populism.” Graduate School of International Relations, Korea University

- 10/2019 “The Horizon of Democracy: Fukushima and Okinawa as Method.” Department of Japanese Studies, National University of Singapore
- 10/2019 “Democracy and War Memory in Japan: Fukushima and Okinawa as Method.” Alice Kaplan Institute for the Humanities and Sociology Department, Northwestern University
- 03/2016 Fifth Anniversary Lecture on the Great East Japan Earthquake. “Rethinking Democracy in Post-Fukushima Japan: On the Roles of Expertise, Power and Money in Policymaking.” Singapore Institute of Management
- 06/2015 “Rethinking Democracy in Post-Fukushima Japan: A Case of Nuclear Damage Compensation.” East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore
- 11/2014 「民主主義における専門性の問題：福島原発事故自主避難者賠償問題を例にとって」科学技術振興機構 (“The Problem of Expertise in Democracy: A Case of Nuclear Damage Compensation for Voluntary Evacuees.” Japan Science and Technology Agency, Tokyo, Japan)
- 11/2014 “The Cultural Pragmatics of Transnational Apology.” East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore
- 03/2014 “Three Years after the 3.11 Disasters: Lessons and Reflections” (with Andrew Gordon and Miaki Ishii). Program on U.S.-Japan Relations Seminar, Harvard University
- 02/2014 “Experts and Citizens: Rethinking Democracy in Post-Fukushima Japan.” Sociology Departmental Colloquium, Brown University
- 10/2009 “Cosmopolitan Commemoration: Interaction of National Traumas in a Global World.” Hagi Seminar, Tohoku University, Japan

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PARTICIPATION

As Chair and Organizer

- 06/2023 Organizer (with Hiroki Igarashi). RC04 Sociology of Education and RC31 Sociology of Migration: Educational Migration in the Post-Pandemic World: Exploring Continuities and Discontinuities. 20th International Sociological Association World Congress, Melbourne, Australia
- 06/2023 Chair and Organizer. RC16 Sociological Theory and RC02 Economy and Society: Thinking through and Beyond Capitalism after the Great Reset. 20th International Sociological Association World Congress, Melbourne, Australia
- 07/2018 Chair and Organizer (with Gilles Verpraet). RC16 Sociological Theory: Cosmopolitan and Cultural Sociology. 19th International Sociological Association World Congress, Toronto, Canada

- 03/2018 Chair and Organizer (with Kuan-Hsing Chen and Jae Park). “Decolonizing/Deimperializing the University.” Education University of Hong Kong
- 11/2017 Chair and Organizer. “Plural and Shared: A Sociology of Cosmopolitanism” by Vincenzo Cicchelli (Paris Descartes University). School of Social Sciences Seminar, Singapore Management University
- 09/2017 Chair and Organizer. “Mindfulness, Interconnectedness, Social Justice and Engaged Living” by Ram Mahalingam (University of Michigan). School of Social Sciences Seminar, Singapore Management University
- 06/2017 Chair and Organizer. “Trans-Japan as Method and Practice.” Association for Asian Studies in Asia Conference, Seoul, South Korea
- 04/2017 Chair and Co-organizer. “Reforming National Knowledge Systems: A Case Study of Pakistan” by Sohail Naqvi (Lahore University of Management Sciences). HEAD Foundation and School of Social Sciences Public Lecture on International Higher Education Leadership and Management, Singapore Management University
- 08/2016 Chair and Co-organizer. “The University of the Future: Boston and Singapore” by Philip Altbach (Boston College). HEAD Foundation and School of Social Sciences Public Lecture on International Higher Education Leadership and Management, Singapore Management University
- 01/2015 Chair and Organizer. “Globalizing Knowledge Meets in Singapore” by Michael Kennedy (Brown University). School of Social Sciences Seminar, Singapore Management University

As Presenter

- 11/2022 “Multinaturalism in Vaccine Hesitancy: Envisioning the Cosmopolitics of Health in a Syndemic World.” School of Social Sciences Work-in-Progress Seminar, Singapore Management University
- 08/2020 “The Culture and Cognition of the Fukushima Nuclear Disaster: On the Role of the Developmental State.” Sociology of Culture Section Session: Resurrecting the Macro in the Sociology of Culture. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco
- 08/2020 “The University’s Evolving Relationship with the State, the Market, and the Public: A Comparison of Singapore, Japan, South Korea, and Beyond” (with Alwyn Lim). Ideas for Future Research Roundtable. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco
- 09/2019 “The Horizon of Democracy: Fukushima and Okinawa as Method.” School of Social Sciences Brown Bag Seminar, Singapore Management University

- 07/2018 “The Limits of Transitional Justice.” TG03 Human Rights and Global Justice: The Subject of Justice in a Globalizing World. 19th International Sociological Association World Congress, Toronto, Canada
- 09/2017 “The Role of Historians in East Asia’s History Problem.” Exhibiting the Fall: Remembering and Representing War and its Aftermath in Asia. National Museum of Singapore
- 06/2017 “Preliminary Notes on Cosmopolitan Theory of Transitional Justice.” Ulrich Beck Commemoration Seminar II: Cosmopolitan Morality and War Memory. Institute for Social Development and Policy Research, Seoul National University
- 06/2017 “Rethinking Energy Governance in Post-Fukushima Japan.” TC13: Governance in the Pacific Century. Cross-sector Collaboration for Peace, Growth and Well-being. International Studies Association International Conference, Hong Kong
- 03/2017 “Social Science as a Reflexive Dialogue Between Perpetrators and Victims.” Practicing History at the Time of Crisis in the Globalization Consensus, Hitotsubashi University, Japan (「加害者と被害者の再帰的対話：社会科学のアプローチ」国際会議「岐路に立つグローバル化と歴史実践」一橋大学)
- 12/2016 “Okinawa as the Crux of Japan’s Postwar Regime.” The 5th International Conference of the Japanese Studies Association in Southeast Asia, Cebu, Philippines
- 11/2016 「高等教育国際化の再考：世界大学ランキングを事例として」日本医療研究開発機構シンガポール (“Rethinking Internationalization of Higher Education: A Critical Look at World University Rankings.” Japan Agency for Medical Research and Development, Singapore)
- 10/2015 “The Narrative of Formation and Independence of Singapore: An Analysis of History Syllabuses and Textbooks.” International Symposium on the Role of History Studies and Education for East-Asian Co-Prosperity, Seoul National University of Education, South Korea
- 09/2015 “Memories Desired, Memories Denied: History in the Remembering and Retelling – An Interdisciplinary Think-In” (with Paul Evans and Kirpal Singh). School of Social Sciences, Singapore Management University
- 08/2015 “Between Democracy and Technocracy: Revisiting the Problem of Expertise in Post-Fukushima Japan.” Political Sociology Section Session: Inequality and Representation. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago,
- 08/2015 “A Field Theory of Transnational Difficult Pasts.” Global and Transnational Sociology Section Session. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago
- 07/2015 「グローバル公共社会学の可能性」第62回東北社会学会大会 (“The Possibility of Global Public Sociology.” Tohoku Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Sendai, Japan)

- 12/2014 “From Neoliberalism to Cosmopolitanism: Rethinking Social Studies in a Global World.” Annual International Conference on Social Studies Education, the State University of Surabaya, Indonesia
- 07/2014 “Two Visions of Cosmopolitics.” Research Committee on Sociological Theory: Cosmopolitanism, Nationalism and Political Space. 18th International Sociological Association World Congress, Yokohama, Japan
- 07/2014 “East Asia and Cosmopolitan Memory.” Presentation Session: The Upsurge of Nationalism in the 21st Century East Asia. East Asian Junior Sociologists Forum, Yokohama, Japan
- 07/2014 “From Technocracy to Technical Democracy: Revisiting the Problem of Expertise in Post-Fukushima Japan.” Workshop on Roles, Responsibility and Social Imaginary in a Risk Society. Social Science Research Institute, International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan
- 06/2014 “Experts and Citizens: Rethinking Democracy in Post-Fukushima Japan.” Science and Democracy Network 13th Annual Meeting, University of Vienna, Austria
- 04/2014 “Culture and Politics of Expertise: Rethinking Technical Democracy in Post-Fukushima Japan.” Center for Cultural Sociology 20th Anniversary Conference, Yale University
- 12/2013 “Science, Technology, and Democracy: Rethinking the Roles of Experts and Citizens in Policymaking.” The Japanese Resource Exchange, Cambridge, MA
- 11/2013 “Cosmopolitics: Envisioning a New Articulation of Science, Politics, and Critique.” Political Ecology Working Group, Harvard University
- 08/2013 “Historians in the History Problem: Their Potential and Limitations as Rooted Cosmopolitans.” Regular Session: Collective Memory. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York
- 10/2012 “Cosmopolitan Commemoration: Toward Resolving the History Problem.” Pecha-Kucha Panel, Center for Japanese Studies, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa
- 08/2012 “Commemoration beyond the Nation: The Role of Rooted Cosmopolitans in the Japan-South Korea History Problem” (with Yoko Wang). Political Sociology Section Session: Beyond the Nation-State: Cosmopolitanism as a Real Utopia. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Denver
- 08/2012 “Democratizing Technical Democracy: The Limits and Potentials of Information and Communication Technologies in Politics of Nuclear Risks” (with Sang-hyoun Pakh). Science, Knowledge and Technology Section Session: Crisis: Disasters/Epidemics/Traumas/Catastrophes. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Denver

- 08/2011 “Cosmopolitan Remembrance and Politics of Apology: The Case of the East Asian Memory Problem.” Regular Session: Collective Memory. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas
- 08/2010 “Cosmopolitanism as Habitus: Probing the Intersection of Education, Globalization, and Stratification.” Junior Theorist Symposium, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta
- 04/2010 “Globalization and Collective Memories of the Asia-Pacific War.” Re-imagining Cosmopolitanism in Asia: History, Institutions, and Social Practices, Association for Asian Studies and International Convention of Asia Scholars Joint Conference, Honolulu
- 11/2009 “The Institutional Dialectic of Nationalism and Cosmopolitanism in Japanese Education.” Global and Transnational Contexts of Education, Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Long Beach
- 08/2009 “From Collective Memory to Commemoration.” Regular Session: Collective Memory. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco
- 04/2009 “Historical Condition of Cosmopolitan Education.” Symposium: Perspectives on Cosmopolitanism and Education Today. American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting, San Diego
- 08/2008 “Globalization, Nationalism, and Cosmopolitanism in Japanese Education.” Comparative/Historical Sociology Section Session: Causes and Consequences of New and Old States as Units. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Boston
- 06/2008 “Cosmopolitan-National Identity.” Regular Session: Multiple Cosmopolitanisms. The 38th World Congress of the International Institute of Sociology, Budapest, Hungary
- 05/2008 “Nationalization versus Denationalization: The Future of the Japanese State of Education.” Society for Comparative Research, Harvard University
- 05/2008 Cultural Trauma Workshop, Center for Cultural Sociology, Yale University
- 03/2008 “Envisioning Cosmopolitan-National Education.” Paper Session: Cosmopolitanism in Curriculum Theorizing. American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting, New York
- 08/2007 “Cosmopolitan Nationalism: The Dialogic and Nonlinear Development of Cosmopolitan-National Identity in Contemporary Japan.” Regular Session: Nations and Nationalism. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York
- 09/2006 “The End of Habitus or the Beginning of Misadaptation? The Changing Logic of Dispositions, Education, and the State in Contemporary Japan.” Practicing Pierre

Bourdieu: In the Field and Across the Disciplines. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

08/2006 “Memory, Trauma, Nationalism: The Case of ‘Hiroshima’ in Postwar Japan.” Regular Session: Collective Memory. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada

As Presider, Discussant, and Participant

- 03/2018 Discussant. “Looking Back and Looking Ahead: New Perspectives on Memorialization and Reconciliation on the Tenth Anniversary of the US House of Representatives Comfort Women Resolution.” Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- 11/2017 Participant. Northeast Asia Regional Young Leaders Security Seminar. Pacific Forum Center for Strategic and International Studies, Seoul, South Korea
- 08/2017 Discussant. “Memory, Identity and the Battle for Our Heritage: A Ringside View with Dr. Kevin Tan.” Urban Redevelopment Authority, Singapore
- 04/2017 Discussant. “The Living Presence of the Past with Dr. William Lim.” Urban Redevelopment Authority, Singapore
- 12/2016 Presider. Panel Session: Youth. The 5th International Conference of the Japanese Studies Association in Southeast Asia, Cebu, Philippines
- 07/2016 Participant. The Japan Foundation Summer Institute in Japan, Shōnan, Japan
- 11/2014 Discussant. オーガナイズドセッション「知、関係性、情報：食の放射能汚染の問題をめぐって」第13回年次大会・科学技術社会論学会（Organized Session: “Knowledge, Relationality, and Information: A Case of Food Contamination After the Nuclear Accident.” Japanese Society for Science and Technology Studies Annual Meeting, Osaka, Japan)
- 07/2014 Presider. Roundtable Session: Memory and History. East Asian Junior Sociologists Forum, Yokohama, Japan
- 08/2012 Presider. Science, Knowledge and Technology Section Session: Crisis: Disasters/Epidemics/Traumas/Catastrophes. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Denver
- 11/2009 Discussant. “The Spaces of Education: Colonial Politics.” Education, Culture, Politics, Race and Ethnicity. Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Long Beach

TEACHING INTERESTS

Science and Technology Studies
Philosophy and Sociology of Education
Sociology of Health and Illness

Sociology of Religion and Spirituality
Science and Practice of Mindfulness
Design Thinking and Social Innovation

COURSES TAUGHT

University of Tokyo

Undergraduate

- GS/GSA Mindfulness and Well-Being in Higher Education (Fall 2024)
- GS/GSA Reimagining Global Education (Spring 2024)
- GE Lessons from a Teacup (Fall 2023), co-taught by Isao Kashima and Mayumi Hori
- PEAK Exploring New Possibilities for Learning (Fall 2023)

Singapore Management University

Undergraduate

- SOCG 001 Understanding Societies (Fall 2018, Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2022)
- SOCG 219 Global and Transnational Sociology (Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2017)
- SOCG 222 Nation-Building in Asia (Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2019)
- SOCG 223 Sociology of Education (Spring 2018)
- SOCG 401 Senior Thesis (Fall 2016, Spring 2017)
- SSCS 400 Capstone Seminar: “Critical Issues in Education” (Spring 2016 with Lim Lai Cheng); “Mindfulness and Social Science” (Fall 2019, Spring 2021)

Graduate

- MGMT 748 Mixed-Methods Research Workshop (Spring 2019)

Harvard University

Undergraduate

- SOC 163 Science, Technology, and Democracy (Fall 2013)
- Certificate of Teaching Excellence, Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning and the Office of the Dean of Undergraduate Education, Harvard University

University of Hawaii at Mānoa

Undergraduate

SOC 321 Sociological Theory (Fall 2009, Spring 2010, Fall 2010, Spring 2011, Fall 2012, Spring 2013)

SOC 352 Sociology of Education (Fall 2009)

SOC 495 Global and Transnational Sociology (Spring 2010)

Graduate

SOC 611 Classical Sociological Theory (Fall 2010, Fall 2012)

SOC 612 Contemporary Sociological Theory (Spring 2011, Spring 2013)

SOC 699 Directed Reading/Research (Fall 2010, Spring 2011)

STUDENT SUPERVISION

Singapore Management University

Senior Thesis Advisor

Wen Li Tian (2016–17)

Senior Thesis Co-examiner

Yan Zhi Tan (2021–22)

DBA Dissertation Committee

Tarmo Raudsepp (2021–22)

University of Hawaii at Mānoa

Ph.D. Dissertation Committee

Suchart Setthamalinee (2010), Sulaiman Mappiasse (2014)

Comprehensive Examination

Sulaiman Mappiasse (2011), Joahna Rocchio (2012), Sang-Hyoun Pahk (2012), Yoko Wang (2012), Kim-Yung Keng (2013)

M.A. Thesis Committee

Charles Nguyen (2011)

GUEST LECTURES AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

12/2023 「茶わんの湯からマインドフルネスと社会変革を考える」 (“From a Tea Cup to Mindfulness and Social Change.” University of Tokyo)

- 08/2022 “How to Clarify Our Personal Visions and How to Move Toward Them.”
Graduate Research Seminar, Department of Sociology and Anthropology,
National University of Singapore
- 05/2022 “Mindfulness, Social Science, and Social Change.”
TEDxSingaporeManagementUniversity. Singapore Management University
- 08/2017 “The History Problem: The Politics of War Commemoration in East Asia.” Asia
Programme, Raffles Institution
- 08/2017 “Japanese Politics.” Overseas Study Mission Tokyo, Singapore University of
Social Sciences
- 10/2016 “Politics of Memory in the Age of Globalization” (with Tosh Minohara and Kevin
Blackburn). Department of History, National University of Singapore
- 05/2016 “Transitional Justice, Cosmopolitanism, and Struggle for Recognition” (with asia-
pacific). Department of Sociology, Seoul National University

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member International Sociological Association

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Board Member

- 2024– Editorial Board, Dialogues in Sociology
- 2024– Editorial Board, Journal of ExoTechnology and Education
- 2018– Editorial Board, Poetics
- 2018– Editorial Board, Youth and Globalization; Brill Research Perspectives in Global
Youth
- 2018– RC16 Sociological Theory Board, International Sociological Association
- 2015–2019 International Editorial Board, Doing Global Studies Book Series (Brill)
- 2015–2019 International Executive Board, International Social Studies Association

Committee Member

- 2021 RC 16 Distinguished Contribution to Sociological Theory Award Selection
Committee, International Sociological Association
- 2012 Best Student Paper Award Committee, Global and Transnational Sociology
Section, American Sociological Association

Reviewer

Journal Articles

American Sociological Review; American Journal of Sociology; British Journal of Sociology; Sociological Theory; Cultural Sociology; Science, Technology, & Human Values; Sociological Review; Sociological Quarterly; Sociological Forum; Sociological Perspectives; International Sociology; Poetics; Qualitative Sociology; Social Currents; Social Politics; Symbolic Interaction; Memory Studies; Nations and Nationalism; Journal of Contemporary Ethnography; Journal of Curriculum Studies; Discourse: Studies in the Cultural Politics of Education; Inter-Asia Cultural Studies; Pacific Review; Asian Journal of Social Science; Irish Journal of Sociology; International Journal of Politics, Culture, and Society; Area; Asian Survey; Peace and Change

Books

Routledge; University of Hawaii Press; Bristol University Press

Fellowships and Grants

Mellon International Dissertation Research Fellowship, Social Science Research Council (2013–19); Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (2018); Israel Science Foundation (2016, 2021)

UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICES

Co-Innovation University

2023– Project Lead, Co-Innovation University Book Project

University of Tokyo

2023– Global Studies Committee, College of Arts and Sciences

2023– Global Faculty Development Committee, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

Singapore Management University

2020–22 Research Committee, School of Social Sciences

2019–22 Research and Teaching Mentor, School of Social Sciences

2018–22 Curriculum Committee, School of Social Sciences

2018–22 Sociology Program Coordinator, School of Social Sciences

2018 Steering Committee for AS3 School Relocation, School of Social Sciences

2016–22 Peer Coach, Center for Teaching Excellence

2016–22 Major Decisions Talk, School of Social Sciences Society

2017–18 Global Asia Program Interim Coordinator, School of Social Sciences

2016–18 Admission and Promotion Committee, School of Social Sciences

- 2017 Li Ka Shing Endowed Scholarship Selection Committee
2016 SOSS-TED Talk, Immersion Day Camp, School of Social Sciences
2016, 2019, 2020–22 Valedictorian Selection Committee, School of Social Sciences

University of Hawaii at Mānoa

- 2012–13 Working Group for Globalization in Asia-Pacific, College of Social Sciences
2012–13 Energy Initiative, College of Social Sciences
2012–13 Executive Committee, Center for Japanese Studies
2012–13 FLAS and CJS Scholarships Committee, Center for Japanese Studies
2012–13 Graduate Student Conference Travel Awards Committee, Center for Japanese Studies
2012–13 Graduate Program Committee, Department of Sociology
2010–11 Co-organizer, Workshop in Culture, Economy, and Politics, Department of Sociology
2009–14 Faculty Member, Asia Group, Department of Sociology
2009–11 Faculty Recruitment Committee, Department of Sociology

PUBLIC AND NON-PROFIT SERVICES

- 2023 Advisor, “Reimagining Sustainability: Co-creating UTokyo 2050 with Five Senses,” University of Tokyo
2022 Guest Speaker, Youth Policy Makers Conference 2022, Singapore
2022 Panelist, “If Slow was the New Hustle,” Singapore Writers Festival
2021 Contributor, “Futures of Education” Report, UNESCO
2020 Participant, Focus Group on UNESCO initiative “Futures of Education,” Global University Network for Innovation
2020 Interviewee, *Lies My Teachers Told Me*, BBC Radio 4
2018 Lecturer, Research Workshop, Curriculum Planning Development Division, Singapore Ministry of Education
2018 Panel Member, Humanities and Social Sciences Research Programme, Curriculum Planning Development Division, Singapore Ministry of Education
2015–23 Member, Fukushima Kids Hope Project

2011–19 Volunteer, Friends of the Earth Japan

2007–09 Academic Advisor, Japan Future Problem Solving Program

LANGUAGES

Japanese: Native

REFERENCES

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