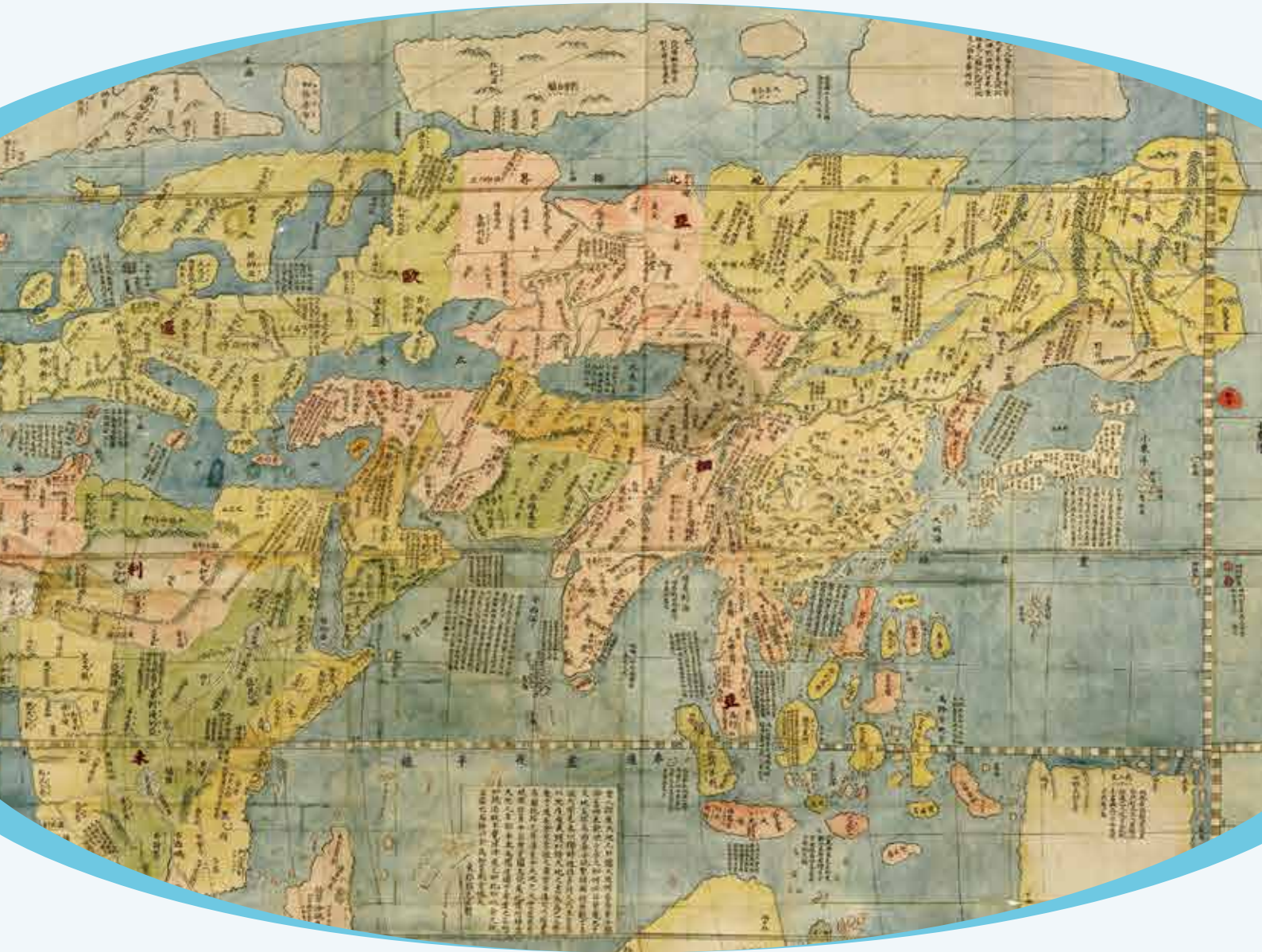




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*Graduate School of
International Cultural Studies
Tohoku University*



Dean's Message

In this globalizing world of the 21st century, most domestic issues are directly linked to international circumstances, and we are thus obliged to consider and solve them from a global standpoint. The notion of “globalization” itself has also recently changed rapidly due to developments in the global community, presenting more difficulties when understanding the world’s issues. In this context, there is an urgent need to train students who can tackle our current complicated problems while drawing from outstanding problem-solving, leadership, and multilingual communication skills. The Graduate School of International Cultural Studies thus aims to promote interdisciplinary education and research in three areas: (1) trans-cultural area studies, (2) the global community, and (3) language and communication. Within these areas, we aim to develop specialists with advanced expertise and research capabilities.

Over the years, we have accepted many international students from various regions around the world. In addition to our regular graduate programs, we have also built specialized educational programs conducted in English. In our education and research programs, students from different social and cultural backgrounds learn together to achieve their academic goals, and our faculty members enthusiastically work to provide students with the best possible research resources to assist them in their academic pursuits. The door to our graduate school is always open for highly motivated, innovative students who want to take on the challenge of solving the world’s issues together with other inspiring minds.



Naoyuki Ono, Ph.D.

Dean
Graduate School of
International Cultural Studies



The Graduate School of International Cultural Studies consists of a two-year master's program and a three-year doctoral program. It promotes education and research that adopt interdisciplinary and comprehensive approaches in three areas: (1) area studies from an international perspective covering Japan and the world's diverse local cultures, (2) the global community, and (3) the scientific study of languages. Within these areas, we aim to develop professionals with strong understandings of cultures who act and think globally, as well as specialists with advanced expertise and research capabilities.

The Graduate School has eight departments, each of which feature a unique educational program and promote cutting-edge research. These departments are organized into three educational program units called "divisions." Divisions play a coordinating role, ensuring that students acquire the advanced knowledge and capabilities that allow them to be active in the global community. These divisions are expected to meet the Graduate School's three educational goals: the development of (1) deep understandings of different cultures, (2) skills to solve global issues, and (3) communication abilities.



Tohoku University in Rankings

Times Higher Education (THE)
Japan University Rankings 2018

»» *3rd in Japan*

QS World University Rankings
2017-18

»» *76th in the world*

AERA 2018 Assessment
by Japanese high schools

»» *1st in Japan*

QS World University Rankings
2017-18

»» *5th in Japan*



Features



Valuing Creative Minds

GSICS raises scholars and professionals who can formulate novel questions and provide creative solutions to critical issues confronting humanity.

Training Globally Competitive Students

GSICS strives to develop world-class scholars and professionals through an educational environment that emphasizes firsthand experience and enables students to obtain comprehensive communication skills.

Open to the Community and the World

GSICS welcomes talented people from both the surrounding community and throughout the world. We support non-traditional students, including those who are returning to school, working full time, or joining us from abroad. We do our best to meet the specific needs of every incoming student.

Welcoming Challenge-Seekers

GSICS welcomes students with a wide range of experiences and educational backgrounds, as well as those who wish to pursue disciplines that are new to them. We offer full guidance and support to individuals seeking to challenge themselves in new directions.



International Graduate Program in Japanese Studies (GPJS)

The GPJS is comprised of several Tohoku University schools that offer courses in the humanities and social sciences. This new graduate program features an interdisciplinary curriculum dealing with diverse aspects of Japanese culture and society and promotes collaborative research with overseas partner universities. At the GPJS, we use the West's Japanese studies methodology while fostering a new type of specialist who can address contemporary social issues from a Japan-based perspective. First-year M.A. students enrolled at GSICS or other graduate schools are eligible to apply, and upon selection are given a scholarship that lasts until the completion of their Ph.D. program.



Graduate Program in Global Governance and Sustainable Development (G2SD)

This program is part of Tohoku University's GSICS, and offers a two-year M.A. and three-year Ph.D. program. All courses are taught in English, and no Japanese language ability is required for admission. The aim of this graduate program is to develop students' abilities to advance global governance and sustainable development, two crucial tasks for the world today. Through a combination of critical theoretical and empirical studies, this program aims to produce scholars who can question conventional wisdom and design innovative analytical frameworks based on their interdisciplinary knowledge.



International Graduate Program in Language Sciences (IGPLS)

The International Graduate Program in Language Sciences consists of a two-year M.A. and a three-year Ph.D. program affiliated with GSICS, Tohoku University. The aim of this program is to promote interdisciplinary education and research concerning human language from the multiple perspectives of linguistics, psychology, brain science, and information science. Based on recent development in linguistics and other relevant disciplines, the program seeks to comprehensively understand issues associated with linguistic communication, language acquisition and loss, language and the brain, and natural language processing. The program is conducted in collaboration with the Research Center for Language, Brain and Cognition.



Division of Area Studies

Fostering a deep understanding of different cultures

Department of European and American Studies

This department focuses on Europe and the Americas. In order to build an interdisciplinary education and research system, it has brought together seven faculty members from a variety of departments. They specialize in French and German literature, British theater, French and US history, and Latin American anthropology. Europe and the Americas have historically been sites of the intersection of various ethnic groups, races, and languages, and were also the driving force of the world in the 20th century. In the 21st century, an age of increasing globalization, these regions must be contextualized and studied comparatively. This department is therefore divided into the fields of European area studies and American area studies, which elucidate the uniqueness and diversity of the cultures and societies of each region through education based on students' specific professional research aims. The department also works to understand European and American cultures through close cooperation between research fields. Based on this rigorous education system, the department aims to develop scholars and professionals that combine essential expertise and broad-ranging perspectives for our global era.



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Associate Professor	Keisuke NOMURA
Associate Professor	Ryo YAMAUCHI

Department of Asian and African Studies

The Department of Asian and African Studies was primarily established to elucidate the contemporary realities of China and the Islamic region covering from Southeast Asia to North Africa. We believe that it is important to investigate former's presence in Asia and Africa in the 21st century from a historical and cultural perspective in order to understand the basis of its development as a leader of the world's political economy. The latter, on the other hand, has historically both maintained ties and been a source of friction between Asia and Africa, and the necessity of empirical studies on the characteristics of Islamic communities are now widely recognized. This department's students are trained to become internationally active and highly specialized professionals, professors, or researchers equipped for the current period of change in Asia and Africa. They focus on Islamic areas or Chinese history and culture, learn, if necessary, languages such as Arabic or Chinese (one of the official languages of the United Nations), and engage in individual, cross-sectional, and original research to write a thesis or dissertation. This department therefore is comprised of scholars specializing in North Africa and China that can provide guidance for students to fully acquire the academic skills they need.



Professor	Takashi KURODA
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Department of Global Japanese Studies

The Department of Global Japanese Studies consists of faculty members from various disciplines, such as literature, comparative culture, Japanese intellectual history, and sociology. The department was launched with Japanese studies faculty members that had belonged to departments in the former Graduate School of International Cultural Studies. In today's modern era of globalization, Japanese studies is undergoing a transformation. Traditionally the field has been centered on scholarship about Japan's unique culture, disconnected from the rest of the world, as well as research concerning the reception and impact of foreign cultures in the country. However, today, manga, anime, and other Japanese cultures are spreading throughout the world. The department therefore promotes a more complex and nuanced approach that takes history into account and examines "the world in Japan" as well as "Japan in the world." One of the features of this department is the wide range of historical periods covered, from ancient to modern and contemporary times. Students could carry out diachronic research on an aspect of cultural exchange, or explore Japan's relationships with foreign countries to understand the social phenomena of a certain era. The Department of Global Japanese Studies provides a forum for academic study and the exchange of ideas for those who have a strong interest in Japan and its relationship with other countries, and who want to acquire a broad perspective and deep knowledge about Japan and the world.

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Division of Global Symbiotic Societies

Fostering skills to solve global issues

Department of International Politics and Economics

Today, international politics and the international economy are increasingly inseparable. These rapid changes can only be understood from a multi-faceted perspective that goes beyond the frameworks of traditional political science and economics. In the Department of International Politics and Economics, we adopt such a perspective to engage in leading cutting-edge research and education that highlights the close international connections between politics and economics, covering Asia and globalization, as well as political and economic relationships between Asia, the United States, and other areas. It offers courses on the international politics surrounding Japan in areas such as national security, regional conflicts, and nationalism, as well as courses that analyze international economic relations, including international market competition, trade, finance and investment, regional economic integration, and the world economic system. Applying various social science fields, such as international relations, political science, and economics, we strive to develop students with a wide range of knowledge and astute analytical skills that can unlock the complex and diverse realities of contemporary international society.



Professor

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Associate Professor

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Associate Professor

Ryo IKEDA

Department of International Environmental and Resources Policy

In the modern world, there is a strong demand for environmental protection measures and resolutions for global environmental problems.

The Department of International Environmental and Resources Policy has five faculty members from a variety of fields who work to develop knowledge and human resources to address such issues. The following are three major features of the department.

An emphasis on practical applications. This department seeks to address real-world problems, and therefore takes a field-oriented approach to research and education while working to deepen our knowledge regarding public policies and societal welfare.

An integrated scientific approach. Environmental problems take many forms. Even the same problem can take different ones depending on the cultural or economic context. Therefore, it is necessary to study them from a multi-faceted and integrated approach that makes full use of knowledge from subjects such as environmental engineering, social engineering, economics, and environmental psychology.

An emphasis on international perspectives. Many of the environmental problems that have occurred on a global scale are complexly intertwined with globalization. It is therefore necessary to understand situations abroad, especially in other Asian countries, and consider environmental measures from an international perspective.

Professor **Jeongsoo Yu**
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Department of Multiculturalism

With the advancement of globalization, there is now active movement of people and goods, and opportunities to come into contact with a

diverse set of cultures have increased. Today, conversations about other cultures are a daily occurrence. In this context, however, ethnic and cultural friction resulting from different backgrounds often occurs. Solving such problems and building a society where people with different backgrounds can coexist is a pressing matter, both internationally and domestically. The Department of Multiculturalism engages in interdisciplinary and comparative education and research on various cultural and ethnic groups with this as our ultimate aim. The department has six faculty members, each with a different area of expertise. While their fields are diverse—philosophy, literature, history, Asian and European area studies—they share an interest in plurality and coexistence. Students can acquire a broad perspective through their courses as well as the division's common subjects and comprehensive field-based learning.



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Associate Professor **Yukino SATO**
Associate Professor **Koji SAKAMAKI**

Division of Language Research

Fostering communication skills

Department of Theoretical Linguistics

The Department of Theoretical Linguistics boasts a diverse set of faculty members who study semantics, lexicology, pragmatics, and syntax from the perspective of cognitive and generative linguistics. We carry out comparative studies of not only Japanese and English but also other languages of the world, clarifying their similarities and differences. Our research aims to elucidate the nature of natural language, as well as its acquisition, learning, understanding, and usage that underlie human cognitive abilities and language functions. In close cooperation with the Department of Applied Linguistics, we apply the findings of theoretical research on language acquisition and education to offer a broad educational program. Furthermore, using the knowledge acquired through the Tohoku University 21st Century COE (Center of Excellence) Program, we have broadened our research to empirically validate the results of psychological and neuroscientific linguistic research, thereby adding interdisciplinary elements to our offerings. We welcome students with intellectual curiosity who are interested in discovering and analyzing languages' similarities and differences as well as elucidating the grammar and cognitive abilities underlying language phenomena.



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Department of Applied Linguistics

In the Department of Applied Linguistics, faculty and students research language by using various related sciences and technologies and apply their findings to language education. As indicated by the department's name, "application" is a keyword in our research.

The research interests of our faculty members are as follows: grammar research and Japanese language education that incorporates cognitive science and computational linguistics methods; corpus studies and teaching English as a second/foreign language; Spanish language teaching and language instructor education based on language education research; development of, implementation of, and research on German language education that applies ICT; research on higher education language teaching methods, evaluation, quality assurance, and professional development; second language acquisition research and bilingual education; syntax as seen from functionalist and cognitivist linguistic theories, and contrastive linguistic and linguistic typology research related to semantics; and research on the acquisition of Japanese as a second language as well as Japanese language education. Faculty members of our department are in charge of Japanese, English, German, and Spanish language education at Tohoku University, and apply their research to education as well as incorporate feedback from education into their research. By bridging these two spheres, the department is opening up new horizons for applied linguistics research.

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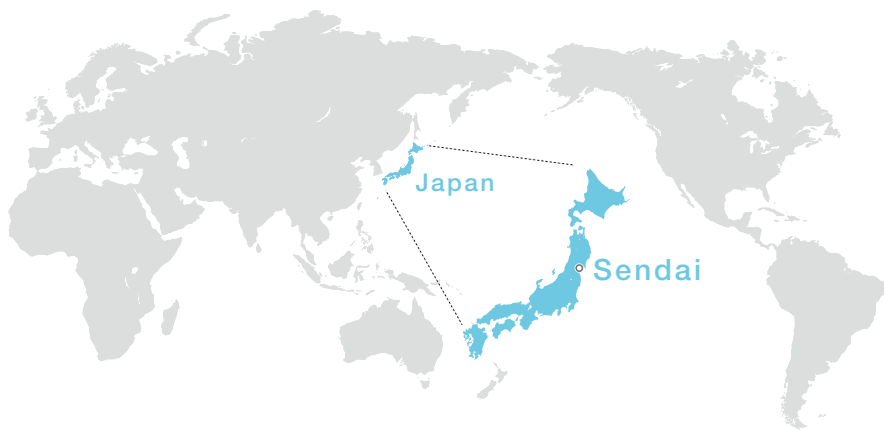


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