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Application Information

1. Job type: Assistant Professor (Jokyō), fixed term (5 years), non-tenure track
2. Area of expertise: Legal history and/or history of political thought
3. Subjects to teach: The position carries no mandatory teaching load, but the successful candidate will have the opportunity to teach graduate courses in the department (lectures and seminars), and courses in general education for undergraduate students.
4. Qualifications
 - 1) Applicants must hold a PhD degree by the start date and have at least one year of work experience as assistant professor or research assistant. The required number of years may be reduced if the applicant is outstanding in other respects.
 - 2) Applicants must specialize in research fields related to legal history and/or history of political thought, and must be recognized as having a sufficient track record in these areas. A focus on global history and the ability to conduct multilingual archival research are highly desirable. The successful applicant will be expected to contribute to the advancement of the field through collaborations with researchers in Japan and abroad, especially via international joint research.
 - 3) The successful applicant must be capable of taking charge of graduate-level courses and related administrative duties of the Department of International Politics and Economics of the Graduate School of International Cultural Studies.
 - 4) The position is open to applicants of any nationality. Applicants must possess a high degree of proficiency in both English and Japanese.
5. Employment Conditions
 1. Tohoku University's discretionary labor system applies to this position.
 2. The initial term of appointment is three years and may be renewed annually, based on research performance, for up to two additional years. The total term shall not exceed five years.
6. Starting date: October 1, 2026, or later (negotiable)
7. Application materials
 - 1) Cover letter
 - 2) Curriculum vitae.
 - 3) List of academic publications. Categorize them into 1a) books (monographs); 1b) edited volumes; 2) articles and chapters; 3) translations; 4) research notes, reports, etc.; 5) Encyclopedia and dictionary entries, etc.; 6) miscellaneous. Please indicate whether or not each publication is peer-reviewed.
 - 4) Statement of the applicant's previous, current, and future research projects (5 pages max).
 - 5) Two sample academic publications. Additional materials might be requested during the screening.
 - 6) Additional information/materials, such as reference letters, might be requested where necessary.
8. Application deadline: Friday, July 24, 2026, 24:00 (Japan Standard Time).

9. Selection process: After the initial screening of application materials, selected candidates will be invited for an interview, which may be conducted online.
10. Applications should be sent online in PDF format to int-som@grp.tohoku.ac.jp. Please combine into a single file and use your name for the file name (ex. Lastname_firstname.pdf).
11. Contact: Tohoku University Graduate School of International Cultural Studies Administration Office
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Email: int-som@grp.tohoku.ac.jp
11. Reference: GSICS website: <https://www.intcul.tohoku.ac.jp/>
12. Notes
- Tohoku University promotes **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)** and welcomes applications from individuals of diverse backgrounds.
 - DEI Declaration page: <https://dei.tohoku.ac.jp/en/vision/about/>
 - In accordance with Article 8 of the Act on Securing Equal Opportunity and Treatment between Men and Women in Employment, Tohoku University may give preference to qualified female applicants based on fair evaluation, as part of efforts to increase the number of women in academic positions.
 - Tohoku University operates one of the largest on-campus childcare networks among Japanese national universities. This includes:
 - *Kawauchi Keyaki Nursery* (22 children)
 - *Aobayama Midori Nursery* (116 children)
 - *Hoshinoko Nursery* (120 children) on the Seiryō Campus
 - A sick-child care room operated by the university hospital
 - For more information on childcare support, work-life balance, research assistance, and gender equity initiatives:
 - Center for Gender Equality Promotion:
<https://dei.tohoku.ac.jp/en/about/policy/>
 - Work-Life Balance Support:
https://dei.tohoku.ac.jp/en/vision/consulting/for_family/
 - Human Resources and Planning Department website:
<https://c.bureau.tohoku.ac.jp/jinji-top/external/a-4-kosodate/>