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JSPS Funded Research Projects:

(25K00615) The British, the Commonwealth, and the Occupied - Re-Examining the International and Domestic Aspects of the British Commonwealth Occupation Force of Japan, 1945 to 1952 (2025-2030)

Old Friends, New Partners: A History of Anglo Japanese Military Relations: 1864-Present (2018-2022)
<https://kaken.nii.ac.jp/ja/grant/KAKENHI-PROJECT-18K12734/>

Books:

New Perspectives on Peacetime Anglo–Japanese Military Relations: Old Friends, New Partners
<https://www.routledge.com/New-Perspectives-on-Peacetime-Anglo-Japanese-Military-Relations-Old-Friends-New-Partners/French/p/book/9781032915340>

National Police Reserve: The Origin of Japan’s Self Defense Forces
https://www.academia.edu/6316297/National_Police_Reserve_The_Origin_of_Japan_s_Self_Defense_Forces

The Economic and Business History of Occupied Japan: New Perspectives
https://www.academia.edu/32553633/The_Economic_and_Business_History_of_Occupied_Japan_New_Perspectives

Notable Articles and Chapters:

Fiats and Jeeps: The Occupation, Jeeps, and the Postwar Automotive Industry
https://www.academia.edu/36037504/Book_Chapter_Fiats_and_Jeeps_The_Occupation_Jeeps_and_the_Postwar_Automotive_Industry

Contested 'Rearmament': The National Police Reserve and Japan's Cold War(s)

<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/10371397.2014.883673>

https://www.academia.edu/6316682/Contested_Rearmament_The_National_Police_Reserve_and_Japan_s_Cold_War_s_

Using Geospatial Data to Study the Origins of Japan's Post-Occupation Maritime Boundaries

https://www.academia.edu/16495958/Using_Geospatial_Data_to_Study_the_Origins_of_Japan_s_Post-Occupation_Maritime_Boundaries

Career History:

Dates	Employer / Rank	Courses Taught
2008/2-2010/2	University of Winchester / Adjunct Lecturer	Undergraduate: Modern East Asia, Creating and Consuming History
2011/4–2012/3	Nagoya University of Foreign Studies / Visiting Lecturer	Undergraduate: Introduction to Academic Writing, Presentation Skills, 4th Year Non-English Majors, Foundations of Writing, Integrated English.
2012/4–Present	Ritsumeikan University, College and Graduate School of International Relations / (2012 – 3 2025) Associate Professor, (4/2025 – Present) Professor	PhD: Advanced Seminar Master's: Advanced Seminar, Japanese Politics and Foreign Policy, Japan in East Asia Undergraduate: Advanced Seminar (Ataka), Advanced Seminar (French), US-Japan Relations, Japanese Politics, US Politics and Foreign Policy, GSS: Cold War History, Modern Japanese History, Liberal Arts Lecture: History of the British Empire, Japan and the West, Introduction to Politics/Politics for Global Studies, Theories of International Relations Studies, EKK 1: Conflict in the Modern World, EKK 3: Introduction to Security Studies
2015/9–2019/1, 2020/4–Present	Doshisha University, Institute for Liberal Arts / Adjunct Lecturer	Undergraduate: Postwar Japan-US Relations
3/2016, 3/2017	University of Hawaii / KCC Winter Program Instructor	Undergraduate: US–Japan relations, Modern Japanese History
2024/6	Royal College of Defence Studies (2024 Japan Study Tour) / Guest Lecturer	Professional Training (Military officers and Diplomats): The Influence of the Past on Japanese Identity and Security