

Graduates' voices

Eric Hurlburt (M.A. & Ph.D in Global Studies Area)

I graduated from the GPGS Master's program in 2016 and from the Doctorate program in 2020. I chose Sophia and the GPGS for several reasons. There are of course several small perks: the campus is conveniently located in central Tokyo (which allowed me easy access to resources such as the National Diet Library), the facilities are up-to-date, excellent library, etc. But the reason I first became interested in Sophia was my desire to have a western style curriculum while studying in Japan. Classes in the GPGS are organized and taught much like their counterparts in western universities and being from the United States, it is the type of learning environment I am used to. The class sizes are small which allows for much more interaction with the professors which greatly helps when tackling more difficult texts or concepts.

The program faculty was another reason that I chose the GPGS program. The students work very closely with the professors who are lifesavers when it comes to completing your research. In class they are very engaged in the subjects they teach and often bring a plethora of real-world experience to their lectures. They all are very approachable and are more than willing to take the time to help students.

However, the main reason I chose the GPGS was the oppor-

tunity to pursue research that was closely tailored to my academic interests. I wrote my M.A. thesis on the American occupation of Japan and the propaganda produced during that period. I wrote my Ph.D. dissertation on American wartime propaganda in the 20th century. Both topics are interdisciplinary in nature and the GPGS not only provided several avenues to approach these topics but also allowed me to benefit from the varied expertise of the professors who were of tremendous help in each step of writing process. Additionally, the GPGS staff were key in navigating the submission processes and university deadlines.

My time with Sophia and the GPGS was one of both personal and academic growth. The program enabled me to develop relationships and networks that not only allowed me to contribute my own small part to the world of academia but also succeed in life after Sophia. I would highly encourage anyone who wants to develop themselves as an academic in an environment that will allow them to thrive to consider Sophia and the GPGS program.



Yajun Hu (MA in Global Studies Area)

I am Yajun Hu and completed my two-year MA degree in Global Studies in March 2017. Returning back to Sophia in my memories, I do feel privileged to have studied in such a cosmopolitan environment where we examined global and transnational issues through a multi-disciplinary approach. Along the way, I came to focus my academic interest on forced migration, specifically related to Syrian refugees in Sweden (where I conducted my field research), under the inspiring guidance of my supervisor, Prof. James Farrer.



I still vividly remember all my classes when students from different countries could share and shape their own views freely and sometimes with lively debates. I spent my third semester at the Center for Migration and Refugee

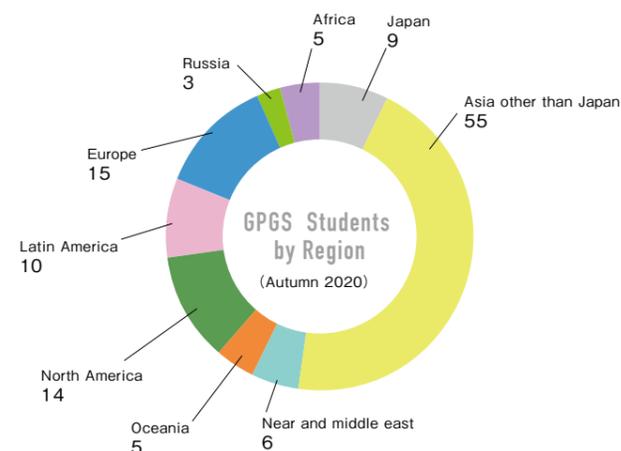
Studies (American University in Cairo) as an exchange student thanks to the Global Studies Consortium Program. I also gained credits by participating in the training related to the UN system and its global challenges at the United Nations University, Tokyo.

After graduation, I was able to implement my academic knowledge learnt in Sophia on the ground, specifically in Nairobi firstly (International Peace Support Training Centre and UNHCR Kenya) and subsequently in Ethiopia. Currently, I am deployed in the Tongo Refugee Camp located in Western Ethiopia near the border between Sudan and South Sudan. By upholding the motto of Sophia University - "Men and Women for Others, with Others" - I will continue to proceed along the humanitarian path with the same perseverance and determination that had been shaped and strengthened by my two years in Global Studies at Sophia University.

Overview

The Graduate Program in Global Studies (GPGS) is part of Sophia University, a leading private university in Japan. The GPGS, founded in April 2006 (formerly the Graduate Program in Comparative Culture from 1979 to 2005), builds on Sophia's traditional strengths in area studies, particularly Asian studies, to study globalization. It emphasizes inquiry into global issues through a curriculum focused on three areas: Global Studies, Japanese Studies and International Business and Development Studies. All three areas offer advanced disciplinary training as well as interdisciplinary and transnational perspectives. The approximately 30 faculty members in the GPGS have advanced degrees from leading universities around the world and are actively engaged in research and publication in their specializations. They represent many different disciplines, nationalities and cultural backgrounds, ensuring a diverse range of perspectives. A number of profes-

sors from other graduate programs in the university are also affiliated with the GPGS.



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Message from the Director

The COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated how globally connected humanity has become and yet how fragile many of the established links of transnational cooperation, trade and transportation can be. We live in paradoxical age of interconnectedness and distancing. The Graduate Program in Global Studies (GPGS) was founded to help students learn about, and engage with, this interconnected yet still diverse and unequal world. Despite the challenges of the pandemic, the GPGS has thrived. We have students from every continent pursuing advanced studies and research on a fantastic array of topics in business, social studies and the humanities. As the Director of the program, I hope to maintain our current strengths and also facilitate new initiatives from students and faculty. We are pursuing opportunities for more student internships. We are deepening our collaborations with universities around the world, including double degree programs, such as the one we have with SOAS in London. We are also promoting avenues for students to collaborate more with other students in allied graduate programs within Sophia University, including an “inter-seminar” project and joint workshops. Finally, we aim to enhance research opportunities for students through collaborative research projects, research assistantships, and post-doctoral positions. We look forward to a flourishing post-pandemic era of research, education and lively interactions in and outside the classroom.



Professor James Farrer
Director of Graduate Program in
Global Studies

◎Global Studies

■Curriculum

- INTRODUCTION TO GLOBAL STUDIES 1 & 2
- COMPARATIVE POLITICS
- DEMOCRACY IN GLOBALIZATION
- EMPIRE AND AFTERMATH - A GLOBAL HISTORY
- CHINA-THE GLOBAL HISTORY OF A RISING POWER
- GLOBALIZATION AND POPULAR RELIGION
- TOPICS IN SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY
- APPROACHES TO DEVELOPMENT
- GLOBAL MIGRATION
- GLOBAL HEALTH
- QUANTITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS
- HUMAN RIGHTS
- QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS
- GLOBAL CITIES
- GLOBAL POLITICS
- MEDIA AND POLITICS
- NATURE, TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIETY
- DIPLOMATIC HISTORY
- THE ANTHROPOLOGICAL IMAGINATION
- INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS THEORY
- SOVEREIGNTY, NATIONHOOD, LIBERALISM
- TOPICS IN GLOBAL STUDIES
- FIELD PRACTICUM: RIVERS

■Research Interests of GPGS Faculty Members

Tadashi Anno, Professor / Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley
Theories of international relations and comparative politics, globalization and the future of the nation-state, nationalism, Soviet and Post-Soviet politics

Tina Burrett, Associate Professor / Ph.D. Cambridge University
Governance, leadership, democratization, political accountability, the role of the media in politics

Makiko Deguchi, Professor / Ph.D. Boston College
Cultural psychology, psychology of social oppression, area studies

Sandra Fahy, Associate Professor / Ph.D. School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London
Social and cultural anthropology of East Asia region

James Farrer, Professor / Ph.D. University of Chicago
Urban sociology, foodways and cuisine, sexuality, nightlife, skilled migration (expatriates)

Christian Hess, Associate Professor / Ph.D. University of California, San Diego
Modern Chinese history, urban history, Japanese imperialism and colonialism in China, the regional history of Northeast China, globalization and Chinese cities

Takeshi Ito, Professor / Ph.D. Yale University
Agrarian and environmental politics, political economy of development, power, domination and resistance, Southeast Asia

Tatsuo Murakami, Associate Professor / University of California, Santa Barbara
Theories of religion (modernity, colonialism, materiality), African Pentecostalism

Koichi Nakano, Professor / Ph.D. Princeton University
Japanese politics, comparative politics, New Right transformation, public protest and civic activism, party politics and policy change, bureaucracy and administrative reform.

Yuka Sugawara, Associate Professor / Ph.D. University of Texas at Austin
Social demography, health and aging, socio-economic transition from communication in East Central Europe and the former Soviet Union

David Wank, Professor / Ph.D. Harvard University
Economic sociology, political sociology, social networks, institutional change, communities and transnational links, ethnography, China

Takehiro Watanabe, Associate Professor / Ph.D. Columbia University
Cultural and social anthropology, modernity, critical theory, cultural history of mining, amateur poetry, environmentalism, underground economies

◎International Business and Development Studies

■Curriculum

- MATHEMATICAL TECHNIQUES IN BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS
- BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC STATISTIC
- CORPORATE STRATEGY AND ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
- INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION SYSTEM AND MANAGEMENT
- FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING
- ASIAN COMPARATIVE MANAGEMENT
- INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT
- INTERNATIONAL MARKETING
- MANAGING MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS
- CORPORATE FINANCE
- DEVELOPMENT THEORY AND POLICY
- INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS
- SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT
- ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS AND POLICY
- TOPICS IN BUSINESS AND DEVELOPMENT 1 & 2

■Research Interests of GPGS Faculty Members

Akihito Asano, Associate Professor / Ph.D. Australian National University
Development economics

Peter De Maeyer, Associate Professor / Ph.D. Columbia University
Marketing, pricing, quality and satisfaction, advertising

Gabriel Fuentes Cordoba, Assistant Professor / Ph.D. Tohoku University
Development economics

Parissa Haghiriari, Professor / Ph.D. Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration
Japanese market entry, knowledge transfer, intercultural communication, headquarter-subsidiary relations in Japanese multinational corporations, Japanese consumer behavior

Takuya Hasebe, Associate Professor / Ph.D. City University of New York
Econometrics, Labor Economics, Health Economics, Applied Microeconomics

Yacob Khojasteh, Professor / Ph.D. University of Tsukuba
Operation management, supply chain management, business and management

Naoto Isaka, Professor / Ph.D. Hitotsubashi University
Financial markets, Corporate finance

Michiru Sakane, Associate Professor / Ph.D. Duke University, Durham
Macroeconomics, international finance

Junko Uenishi, Associate Professor / M.S., M.B.A., Northeastern University
Financial accounting, international accounting, comparative accounting systems



◎Japanese Studies

■Curriculum

- INTRODUCTION TO JAPANESE STUDIES 1 & 2
- MODERN JAPANESE VISUAL CULTURE
- JAPANESE ART HISTORY
- MODERN JAPANESE ART HISTORY
- CRITICAL THEORY IN MEDIA AND CULTURAL STUDIES
- INTERPRETATIONS OF MODERNITY 1 & 2
- CONTEMPORARY JAPANESE LITERATURE
- COMPARATIVE LITERATURE 1 & 2
- PRE-MODERN JAPANESE LITERATURE 1 & 2
- READING IN JAPANESE SOURCES
- RELIGION AND JAPANESE SOCIETY
- JAPANESE HISTORY
- MODERN JAPANESE HISTORY
- JAPANESE ETHNOGRAPHY
- POPULAR CULTURE
- URBAN SPACE STUDIES
- TOPICS IN CONTEMPORARY JAPANESE BUDDHISM
- SOCIAL ISSUES IN CONTEMPORARY JAPAN
- JAPANESE LANGUAGE COURSE A & B

■Research Interests of GPGS Faculty Members

Edward Drott, Associate Professor / Ph.D. University of Pennsylvania
History of Japanese religion, religion and the body

Bettina Gramlich-Oka, Professor / Ph.D. Tübingen Universität
Japanese history, women's studies, medical history, early modern economic thought

Michio Hayashi, Professor / Ph.D. Columbia University
Modern and contemporary art, history and visual culture, aesthetic theory and criticism

Shion Kono, Associate Professor / Ph.D. Princeton University
Comparative Literature, Modern Japanese Literature

Noriko Murai, Associate Professor / Ph.D. Harvard University
Modern art history, visual culture, gender studies

Kiyokazu Okita, Associate Professor / M. St., Ph.D. University of Oxford
Literature, Philosophy and Religion

Sven Saaler, Professor / Ph.D. University of Bonn
Japanese political history, history of Japanese foreign relations, politics of memory, history of Pan-Asianism

David Slater, Professor / Ph.D. University of Chicago
Cultural anthropology, education, social class, semiotics, urban studies and disaster studies; ethnography and oral narrative

Matthew Strecher, Professor / Ph.D. University of Washington
Modern and contemporary Japanese literature, literary journalism, genre studies, mythology, global literature, and postmodernism

Mathew Thompson, Associate Professor / Ph.D. Columbia University
Medieval and early modern Japanese literature, particularly the otogizoshi, ko-joruri, and gunkimono genres

Angela Yiu, Professor / Ph.D. Yale University
Modern Japanese literature, literature and Tokyo, Taisho utopianism, modernism, postwar literature, and urban space