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- M. A. School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, Islamic Studies (2000).
- M. A. University of Tokyo, Islamic Studies (1996).
- B. A. University of Tokyo, Islamic Studies (1994).

Study Abroad

- 1998-1999: Egypt
- 2000-2001: Jordan

Working Experience

- April 2003-March2006: Research Fellow of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (PD).
- April 2004-March2006: Hosei University, Japan. Part-time lecturer: Islamic World.
- April 2004-March2006: Yokohama National University, Japan. Part-time lecture: Comparative Culture.
- April 2006-March 2009: Meiji Gakuin University, Japan. Lecturer: Islamic Culture.
- April 2009-March 2017: Meiji Gakuin University, Japan. Associate Professor: Islamic Culture.
- April 2013-March 2014: Documentation Center of Cambodia. Visiting Scholar
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Professional Membership

- Japan Association for Middle East Studies
- Association for Islamic Studies in Japan
- Society for Near Eastern Studies in Japan

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Books

The Kingdom of Champa and Islam: The Identity of the Diaspora People in Cambodia, Tokyo: Heibonsha, 2017 [in Japanese].

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- “The Kōran and Reading the Kōran: To the Depth of Language,” in *The Islamic World of Izutsu Toshihiko*, eds. Sakamoto Tsutomu and Matsubara Shū'ichi (Tokyo: Keiōgijuku Shuppankai, 2012) [in Japanese].
- “An Islamic View on Revelation: Fakhr al-Dīn Rāzī's View on *Wahy*,” in *Scripture and Man*, eds. Yu Ichikawa and Shigeru Kamada (Tokyo: Taimeido, 1998): 187-205 [in Japanese].

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- “Muslim Thought on Counter-Terrorism and its Educational Practice in the UK: Tahir-ul-Qadri’s *Fatwa* (Legal Opinion),” *International & Regional Studies* 50(2017) : 163-180 [In Japanese].

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- “Fethullah Gülen’s Interpretation of the Qur’ān as a Contemporary *Tafsīr*: Tradition and Modernity,” The Hizmet Conference, Taipei, Taiwan, December 09, 2012.
- “Japanese Translations of the Qur’ān: Transitions in style and stance,” International Association for the History of Religions (IAHR) World Congress, University of Tronto, Canada, August 20, 2010.
- “An Islamic View of Animals,” the Society of Studies on the Relationship between People and Animals Annual Conference, Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology, Japan, November 2003 [in Japanese].
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