

Slavic-Eurasian Research Center 2023 Summer International Symposium

# “Borders, Boundaries and War across Eurasia”

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Venue: Room 403, Slavic-Eurasian Research Center (SRC), Hokkaido University, Sapporo

## **Day 1 (December 7) Borderlands, Gender and Migration**

### **Panel 1: Neighbor’s Eyes on the Ukrainian War**

#### Presenters:

**Akihito Iwashita** is Professor at the Slavic Eurasian Research Center, Hokkaido University. His research covers the Sino Russian borderlands and the Japan Russia "Northern Territories" issue. He has authored and edited several books and numerous articles, including *Geo-Politics in Northeast Asia* (London: Routledge, 2023), *Japan's Border Issues: Pitfalls and Prospects* (London: Routledge, 2017), *Introduction to Border Studies: Territory, Sovereignty and Ideology* (Tokyo: Chuko Shinsho, 2016, in Japanese), and *Japanese Northern Territorial Issues: Neither Four nor Zero, nor Two* (Tokyo: Chuokoron shinsha, 2005, in Japanese). His edited volumes include *Border Tourism* (Sapporo: Hokkaido University Press, 2017, in Japanese) and *Phobia for Territory: Debunking Myths of Border Nationalism* (Sapporo: Hokkaido University Press, 2014, in Japanese).

**Joni Virkkunen** works as Research Manager at VERA Centre for Russian and Border Studies, Karelian Institute, University of Eastern Finland (UEF). Since receiving his PhD in 2002, his tasks have related to research and research coordination within Russian and border studies and doctoral training at the UEF. His research relates to borders, border governance, cross-border cooperation, EU-Russian relations and transnational migration in Russian and post-Soviet contexts. In his recent research, he has been looking at the 2015-2016 Arctic route through/from Russia to the EU and the related insecurities, migratory strategies and failed integration of Afghan and African immigrants in Russia. Dr Virkkunen has acted as the Chairman of the Finnish Association for Russian and East European Studies and member of the International Council of ICCEES (International Council for Central and East European Studies).

**Minna Piipponen** (Human Geography) works as Research Manager at the Karelian Institute, University of Eastern Finland. Her work includes also coordination tasks for the Borders, Mobilities and Cultural Encounters Research Community, BOMOCULT RC, at the University of Eastern Finland. Dr. Piipponen did her PhD in 2007 on the transformation of the forest sector and resource-based communities in North-West Russia. Before her current position, she worked e.g., as a University Lecturer in Russian and Border Studies and the Manager of Education at the VERA Centre for Russian and Border Studies (University of Eastern Finland). Dr. Piipponen's recent research interests include international migration in Russia and its impacts on the external EU borders, as well as cross-border cooperation between Finland and Russia. In addition to articles in edited books, she has published articles e.g., in *Nationalities Papers*, *European Planning Studies* and *Idäntutkimus* (Finnish Journal for Russian and East European Studies).

**Noboru Miyawaki** is a Professor at Ritsumeikan University in Japan, specializing in research related to the OSCE and its implications for North East Asia. He holds a Doctorate in Political Science from Waseda University, Japan, and has conducted research at institutions including Hamburg University, George Washington University, and the National University of Mongolia. His book *Russian POWs in Matsuyama* received the 2004 Ehime Shinbun Publication Award, and with his co-editors he got the JASAG Excellent Award. He published *CSCE Human Rights Regime* (Kokusai Shoin) in 2003, and *International Politics on War and Peace* (Nihon Keizai Hyouron sha). Additionally, he received the medal of 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Department of International Relations of National University of Mongolia.

Chair and Commentator:

**Yoko Aoshima** is Associate Professor at the Slavic-Eurasian Research Center, Hokkaido University. She is editor of *Entangled Interactions between Religion and National Consciousness in Central and Eastern Europe* (Boston, MA: Academic Studies Press, 2020) and co-editor (with Darius Staliūnas) of *The Tsar, the Empire, and the Nation: Dilemmas of Nationalization in Russia's Western Borderlands, 1905–1915* (Budapest: Central European University Press, 2021).

## **Keynote Lecture: Another Brick in the Wall: B/Ordering through Othering in a World in Turmoil**

### Presenter:

**Élisabeth Vallet** is associate professor at RMCC-Saint Jean, director of the Center for Geopolitical Studies of the Raoul-Dandurand Chair in Strategic and Diplomatic Studies, affiliate professor at the Department of Geography at the University of Quebec at Montreal (UQAM). She has been the Quebec lead for the Borders in Globalization program and is currently a co-researcher for the Borders in the 21th Century Program (University of Victoria). She has been the recipient of the Richard Morrill Outreach Award from the AAG's Political Geography Specialty Group. She is a regular columnist for the Canadian National Network (Radio-Canada) and for the Canadian newspaper *Le Devoir*. Her research focuses on borders and globalization, border walls and governance. She is currently co-editing a Handbook on Border Walls (under contract with Edward Edgar Publishing).

### Chair:

**Edward Boyle** is Associate Professor at the International Research Center for Japanese Studies (Nichibunken), Kyoto, and editor of *Japan Review*. He researches boundaries and borderland spaces in Japan and its neighbourhood, the Asia-Pacific, and Northeast India. Recent publications include *Heritage, Contested Sites, and Borders of Memory in the Asia Pacific* (with Steven Ivings, Brill 2023), *Geo-Politics in Northeast Asia* (with Iwashita Akihiro and Yong-Chool Ha, Routledge 2022) and *Japan's Borders: Between state and people* (in Japanese with Naomi Chi, Hokkaido University Press 2022). Ongoing projects include research into the role and significance of borders of memory in Asia (see [www.bordersofmemory.com](http://www.bordersofmemory.com)), and a long-term collaborative interdisciplinary investigation entitled "Imagining Islands in Japan". More details can be found at [www.borderthinking.com](http://www.borderthinking.com).

## Panel 2: War and Feminists

### Presenters:

**Oksana Kis** is a feminist historian and anthropologist, a Cornerstones Visiting Chair in History at the University of Richmond and a senior research fellow and a head of the Department of Social Anthropology at the Institute of Ethnology, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine (in Lviv). She is a president of the Ukrainian Association for Research in Women's History. She explored Ukrainian women's experiences of survival and resistance under extreme historical circumstances, including in times of the Holodomor (Great Famine 1932-33), in the Ukrainian nationalist anti soviet underground in the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century and in the Stalin's Gulag, as well as gender transformations in post-socialist countries. Her recent book *Survival as Victory: Ukrainian Women in the Gulag* was published within the Harvard Series in Ukrainian Studies in 2021. She was a recipient of several academic awards, research grants and scholarship, including Fulbright research fellowship at Rutgers University (2003-04) and Columbia University (2011-12) and the Stuart Ramsay Tompkins Professorship at the University of Alberta (2013-14).

**Ella Rossman** is a doctoral candidate at the School of Slavonic and East European Studies, University College London. She was previously a researcher at the International Center for the History and Sociology of the Second World War and Its Consequences and taught at the Faculty of Humanities in the Higher School of Economics, Moscow. Rossman participated in Russian independent education and gender studies initiatives, like Free University Moscow and AntiUniversity Moscow. Her doctoral research is focused on the late Soviet girlhood; she is also working on a side project about the history of feminism and feminist thought in post-Soviet Russia. Rossman's work was published in the *Ab Imperio*, *History of Science and Humanities* and *New Perspectives* academic journals; her most recent article is forthcoming in the *Girlhood Studies*. She wrote for the sociopolitical commentaries and outlets like *openDemocracy*, *Meduza*, *Novaya Gazeta*, and *Riddle*.

### Commentators:

**Paula Michaels** is an Associate Professor of History at Monash University (Melbourne, Australia). Her work on the social history of Soviet medicine is animated by an interesting in the ways that political, socio-economic, and cultural forces shape both the clinical encounter and the transnational movement of personnel and technologies. In addition to editing books and authoring numerous articles, she has written two prize-winning books: *Curative Powers: Medicine and Empire in Stalin's Central Asia* (2003) and *Lamaze: An International History* (2012). With support from the Gerda Henkel Foundation, American Councils for International Education and, beginning in 2024, the Australian Research Council, Michaels is currently

pursuing two interrelated projects on Cold War Soviet medical internationalism; One focuses on US-Soviet medical engagement and the other on Soviet-Cuban medical relations. Together they demonstrate the varied, expansive ways that the USSR deployed medical personnel, education, and research as instruments of soft power.

**Ikuo Ochi** is an Associate Professor of Anthropology at Tohoku University, specializing in cultural anthropology and Japanese folklore. Based on fieldwork in Japan and the southwest islands of Okinawa, her research examines the characteristics of Okinawan ancestral rituals in East Asia, the impact of war on folk culture, and how the dead are commemorated through battlefield tourism. Her publications include: *Anthropology of Globalization and Relations* (グローバル化とつながりの人類学) (2021) Shichigatsusha (with I.Nagasaka, K.Seki, and N.Matsui) and *The Transformation of Toms in Okinawa* (動く墓—沖縄の都市移住者と祖先祭祀) (2018) Shinwasha. For more information, see <https://www.sal.tohoku.ac.jp/en/research/researcher/profile/---id-150.html>

Chair:

**Mie Nakachi** is a historian of 20th century Russia, who earned her PhD in history from the University of Chicago and currently teaches at Hokusei Gakuen University in Sapporo, Japan.. Her specialty areas are population policy, women, family, gender, and reproductive health. She is the author of *Replacing the Dead: The Politics of Reproduction in the Postwar Soviet Union* (OUP, 2021), which examines the Soviet Union's extreme population policy after the loss of 27 million in WWII and its effects on women's reproductive lives, gender relations, and demography. An interest in comparative policy resulted in the coedited volume *Reproductive States: Global Perspectives on the Invention and Implementation of Population Policy* (OUP, 2016).

### **Panel 3: Anti-War Protests and the New Waves of Migration and LGBTQ**

#### Presenters:

**Irina Meyer-Olimpieva** is Research Professor at the Institute for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies (IERES), Elliott School of International Affairs, The George Washington University. She is also the director of the Center for Independent Social Research in the United States (CISRus), which she founded in 2018 with the goal of bringing together social scientists studying Russia and post-Soviet societies. Her research has been focused on various issues of post-socialist transformation such as labor protests and labor relations, science and innovation, informal economy and corruption. She is the author of multiple peer-reviewed articles and a monograph about the Russian labor movement. Her works have appeared in *Europe-Asia Studies*, *Problems of Post-Communism*, *Demokratizatsiya: The Journal of Post-Soviet Democratization* and other journals. Her current research is focused on the anti-war resistance in Russia and war-induced emigration. In the USA, she explores Russian speaking immigrant community.

**Alexander Sasha Kondakov**, PhD, is an assistant professor at the School of Sociology, University College Dublin, Ireland. His truly international experience includes holding positions in the University of Helsinki's major research centre in Russian and Eurasian studies, Aleksanteri Institute, The European University at St. Petersburg, as well as research jobs at the Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars in Washington, DC, and the University of Wisconsin-Madison in the United States. Kondakov's work is primarily focused on law and queer sexualities. His studies were published in such journals as *Sexualities*, *Social & Legal Studies*, *Feminist Legal Studies*, and *European Journal of Criminology*. Kondakov's research on anti-LGBT violence in Russia concluded with an open-access book *Violent Affections: Queer sexuality, techniques of power, and law in Russia*. The book is available for free download on UCL Press website, as well as in other formats for various prices.

#### Commentators:

**Mayu Michigami** is an Associate Professor at Faculty of Economic Sciences, Niigata University. She specializes in Russian Economy and Russian Area studies. Especially Mayu's research interest is in housing market development and housing policy, urban development and economy in Russia. She is the author of the book, *Housing Poverty City – Moscow*. Toyo Shoten, 2013. (In Japanese). Other research achievements of Mayu include, "Russian Corporate Welfare and a Comparative Analysis between Eastern and Western Regions in Russia," *Japanese Journal of Comparative Economics*, Vol.55, No.2, June 2018, pp. 29-49. (In Japanese); "Problems of Rental Housing and Living Conditions of Foreign Labour Migrants in Russian Cities (the 2010s)," *Россия и АТР*, 2020, No.1, стр. 85-103.

**Hyunjoo Naomi Chi** is an Associate Professor at the Graduate School of Public Policy, Hokkaido University. Her area of specialization is East Asian politics, with an emphasis on migration, demographic changes, multiculturalism, gender, ethnic and sexual minorities, as well as human security in East Asia. Her latest publication include, “Japan’s New Wave of Immigration?: Focusing on the Strategies of Local Government in Japan,” *Annals on Public Policy* (Vol. 14, March 2020); “What the Global Pandemic has Revealed about East Asia: From Mistrust to Empathy,” *Annals on Public Policy* (Vol. 15, May 2021); “Living Under Covid-19 in Asia: Tackling the Challenges of the ‘Shadow Pandemic’ in Japan and Indonesia,” *Annals on Public Policy* (Vol.16, March 2022); *Japan’s Borders* (Hokkaido University Press, 2023, co-edited with Edward Boyle). She served as the President of the Association for Borderlands Studies (ABS) from 2021-2022.

Chair:

**Norio Horie** is Professor at the Global Research Centre for Advanced Sustainability Science (GRASS), University of Toyama. His research focuses on labor in Russia ranging from human resource management to labor migration issues in Russia with trans-disciplinary approaches. He has authored and edited several books and numerous articles, notably Horie, N. “Chinese Land Deals and Migration in the Russian Far East,” A. Iwashita, Y. Ha and E. Boyle (eds.), *Geo-Politics in Northeast Asia*, Routledge, 2022, pp. 120-138, and co-authored with I. Iwasaki “Returns to schooling in European emerging markets: a meta-analysis,” *Education Economics*, 31(1), 2022, pp. 102-128, and co-authored with O. Veredyuk, “GATS Mode 4 in Russia’s migration policy: liberalization and its limitation,” Sergei Sutyurin, Olga Trofimenko and Alexandra Koval (eds.), *Russian Trade Policy: Achievements, Challenges and Prospects*, Routledge, 2019, pp. 264-282.

## **Day 2 (December 8)**

### **Cold War History in Northeast Asia**

#### **Panel 4: Re-discovering Japan as Actor**

##### Presenters:

**Yasuhiro Izumikawa** is Professor at the School of International Politics, Economics, and Communication (SIPEC), Aoyama Gakuin University. While his research is primarily focused on international relations theory, he has also published articles on alliance politics in northeast Asia, U.S.-East Asian relations, and Japanese security policy. He has published peer-reviewed articles from such journals as *International Security (IS)*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Security Studies*, etc. One of his most recent articles, “Network Connections and the Emergence of the Hub-and Spokes Alliance System in East Asia” (*IS* Fall 2020), won the 2021 Outstanding Article Award of the American Political Science Association’s International History and Politics section.

**Ayako Kusunoki** is Professor of International Research Center for Japanese Studies (Nichibunken), Kyoto, Japan. She received a doctoral degree in political science at the Graduate School of Law, Kobe University. She is the author of *Gendai Nihon Seijishi dai 1 kan: Senryo kara Dokuritsu he* (Contemporary Japanese Political History vol. 1: Occupation and the Peace Treaty of Japan), 2013 and *Yoshida Shigeru to Anzen Hosho Seisaku no Keisei: Nichibei no Anzen Hosho Koso to sono Sogo Sayo, 1943-1952* (Yoshida Shigeru and the Making of Japan’s Postwar Security Policy: the Interaction of Ideas for Peace and Stability between the United States and Japan, 1943-1952), Minerva Shobo, 2009. One of her recent research interests has been the Peace Treaty with Japan, which produced “US Policy for the Occupation of Japan and Changes to It,” Yamauchi, Masayuki and Yuichi Hosoya eds. *Modern Japan’s Place in World History*. Springer (Open Access), March 24, 2023, and “Tasuu kowa to kandai na kowa: Nihon no koso to sentaku (Majority Peace and Benevolent Peace: Japan’s Ideas and Decisions),” Shin Kawashima and Yuichi Hosoya eds., *San Francisco kowa to higashi Asia* (San Francisco Peace Treaty and East Asia) (University of Tokyo Press, 2022).

**Amy King** is Associate Professor in the Strategic and Defence Studies Centre, and Deputy Director (Research) in the Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs, at the Australian National University. She has published widely on China-Japan relations, Chinese foreign and security policy, and the economics-security nexus in Asia. Amy is the author of *China-Japan Relations After World War II: Empire, Industry and War, 1949–1971* (Cambridge University Press, 2016), and her works have appeared in *European Journal of International Relations*, *Modern Asian Studies*, *Journal of Cold War Studies*, and the *British Journal of Politics and International*



Relations, among others. The holder of an Australian Research Council DECRA Fellowship and a Westpac Research Fellowship, Associate Professor King leads a team researching China's historical and contemporary role in shaping the international economic order. She completed her MPhil in Modern Chinese Studies and DPhil in International Relations from the University of Oxford.

**Masaya Inoue** is Professor of Japanese political history at Keio University. He is diplomatic historian of postwar Japan with particular focus on Japan's China policy. After receiving his B.A., M.A. and Ph. D. in political science from Kobe University, he taught as lecturer at Kobe University and then associated professor at Kagawa University. He joined Keio University in 2022. He is author of *Nicchu Kokko Seijoka no Seijishi* [The political history of Sino-Japanese normalization](2010) and co-author of *Sengo Nihon no Asia Gaiko* [Japan's diplomacy toward Asia in the postwar](2015). In 2011, He won the Yoshida Shigeru Prize and the Suntory Prize for Social Sciences and Humanities for *Nicchu Kokko Seijoka no Seijishi*.

Commentator:

**James G. Hershberg** is Professor of History and International Affairs at George Washington University in Washington, DC; former Director of the Cold War International History Project (CWIHP) at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, also in Washington, DC; and author of *\*Marigold: The Lost Chance for Peace in Vietnam\** (Stanford University Press; Wilson Center Press, 2012); *\*James B. Conant: Harvard to Hiroshima and the Making of the Nuclear Age\** (Alfred A. Knopf, 1993; paperback: Stanford University Press, 1995; e-book: Plunkett Lake Press, 2018 ); and numerous articles on cold war and nuclear history. He is currently writing a book on Brazil, Cuba, and the Cold War, an outgrowth of his work on the Cuban Missile Crisis.

Chair:

**David Wolff** is Professor of History at the Slavic-Eurasian Research Center, Hokkaido University. He teaches Russian, Soviet and Northeast Asian history. He authored *To the Harbin Station* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1999; Tokyo: Kodansha, 2014) and *Le KGB et les pays baltes* (Paris: Belin, 2005) and was a coeditor of *World War Zero: The Russo-Japanese War in Global Perspective* in two volumes (Leiden: Brill, 2005; 2007) and *Russia's Great War and Revolution in the Far East* (Bloomington: Slavica, 2018). Most recently, he coedited *Sugihara Chiune and the Soviet Union: New Documents, New Perspectives* (Sapporo: Slavic-Eurasian Research Center, 2022). He is now writing on Stalin's Far East policy after World War Two.

## **Panel 5: Critical Junctures across the Region: Taiwan, Mongolia, Korea**

### Presenters:

**David Wolff** (see Panel 4)

**Dr. Batbayar Tsedendamba** is Principal researcher at the Institute of History and Ethnology, Mongolian Academy of Sciences. He is an Academician of the Mongolian Academy of Sciences since May 2021. He has served also as Ambassador of Mongolia to the Republic of Cuba in 2015-2018. He was a resident visiting scholar at Woodrow Wilson Institute for International Studies, Washington D.C., in 2001-2002. His research interests include geopolitics of Great powers concerning Mongolia and adjacent areas in the XXth century, Mongolian nationalism, Stalin's geopolitics towards the People's Republic of Mongolia, cold war history of East Asia, including Mongolia. He has written two volumes of the book "Mongolia and Great Powers in the XXth Century" (Ulaanbaatar, 1st volume: 2015, 2<sup>nd</sup> volume: 2020). His English language books "Modern Mongolia: A Concise History" (Ulaanbaatar, 2006), "The Dynamic Decade: Mongolian Sovereignty and Foreign Policy between East and West, 1990-2000" (Ulaanbaatar, 2019) are widely circulated in Mongolia and abroad.

**Yasuhiro Izumikawa** is Professor at the School of International Politics, Economics, and Communication (SIPEC), Aoyama Gakuin University. While his research is primarily focused on international relations theory, he has also published articles on alliance politics in northeast Asia, U.S.-East Asian relations, and Japanese security policy. He has published peer-reviewed articles from such journals as *International Security* (IS), *International Studies Quarterly*, *Security Studies*, etc. One of his most recent articles, "Network Connections and the Emergence of the Hub-and Spokes Alliance System in East Asia" (IS Fall 2020), won the 2021 Outstanding Article Award of the American Political Science Association's International History and Politics section.

### Commentator:

**Lee Jong won** is Professor of Korean Studies and International History at the Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies, Waseda University. His area of specialization includes politics and diplomacy in East Asia, with an emphasis on the Korean peninsula. Previously he taught at Tohoku University and Rikkyo University before he moved to Waseda University in 2012. He holds a Ph. D. in international politics from the University of Tokyo. His book *The Cold War in East Asia and Korea-U.S.-Japan Relations* (Japanese) published by the Tokyo University Press in 1996, won the Ohira Masayoshi Memorial Award and the Best Foreign-language Book Prize of the Organization of American Historians.

Chair:

**Sergey Radchenko** is the Wilson E. Schmidt Distinguished Professor at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. He has written extensively on the Cold War, nuclear history, and on Russian and Chinese foreign and security policies. He has served as a Global Fellow and a Public Policy Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson Centre and as the Zi Jiang Distinguished Professor at East China Normal University (Shanghai). Professor Radchenko's books include *To Run the World: the Kremlin's Cold War Bid for Global Power* (Cambridge UP, forthcoming in 2024), *Two Suns in the Heavens: the Sino-Soviet Struggle for Supremacy* (Wilson Center Press & Stanford UP, 2009), and *Unwanted Visionaries: the Soviet Failure in Asia* (Oxford UP, 2014). Professor Radchenko is a native of Sakhalin Island, Russia, was educated in the US, Hong Kong, and the UK, where he received his PhD in 2005 (LSE). Before he joined SAIS, Professor Radchenko worked and lived in Mongolia, China, and Wales.