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WIAS offering ideal environment and stimulus to young researchers

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PROFILE Graduated from the School of Science and Engineering, Waseda University in 1976, where he majored in Electrical Engineering. Awarded his Doctorate from the School of Science and Engineering, Waseda University in 1983. After serving as Research Associate at the School of Science and Engineering, Waseda University, Lecturer at Sagami Institute of Technology (now Shonan Institute of Technology) and Associate Professor of the School of Science and Technology, Waseda University, he was appointed to the post of Professor in 1992. Specializes in software engineering and computer programming.



WIAS is an institute where young researchers can devote themselves to their research in an independent research environment as faculty members without tenure, and I believe that there are two important implications of this distinguishing characteristic. The first is to develop young researchers' ability to secure Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research and other research funds. There is statistical evidence that researchers who raise large amounts of external funds at a young age will continue to obtain large amounts of funding throughout their careers, so I think that developing the ability in youth to independently secure research expenses without depending on an organization will determine their careers. The other is the environment of WIAS. There are very few excellent organizations where researchers can absorb themselves in study with so few other tasks or chores. However, one concern I have is that an independent standpoint may also have a negative side. In the field of science, to realize academic achievements on major research themes

requires working on a project basis, and the ability to establish relationships is therefore essential so that they do not become isolated.

Waseda University has recently established a medium and long-term plan for its 150th anniversary, "Waseda Vision 150." Among the 13 core strategies, the one which relates to research is the "promotion of original research and the enhancement of the ability to deliver this internationally," with the promotion of young researchers raised as a first concrete measure. It calls for the "study of structures to continuously nurture young researchers to support future generations by, for example, promoting partnership between first-in-line researchers of Waseda University and young researchers extending beyond the borders of faculties, departments and majors." WIAS plays a central role in this process. An example of a measure to enhance our capacity for international dissemination is the WIAS Visiting Fellow Program. If joint research can be accelerated and a thesis completed during a fellow's stay, this can contribute to

the capacity for international dissemination, because presenting a thesis written by authors from more than one country will lead to improved evaluation of the university in terms of international achievement.

At the same time, we need to consider mechanisms to establish links with faculties and other existing organizations and to allow researchers who have developed themselves at WIAS to fulfill their potential within the institute. It is also important to promote young researchers belonging to existing facilities.

For the university-wide core strategy to promote research integrating scientific, social and liberal arts, "new challenges in educational and research fields," WIAS, which takes in a wide range of fields, will bear an important role along with other research institutes.

I believe researchers should belong to multiple research institutes while still young, stepping up the academic ladder while receiving stimuli in different places. In that sense, the mobility of researcher is essential, and as one of those institutes, I expect great things of WIAS.





Promoting international exchanges
with active researchers around the world

Visiting Fellow Program

WIAS started the Senior Research Fellow Program in 2008, updated it as the Visiting Fellow Program in 2011, contributing to international research exchanges.

The Visiting Fellow Program of WIAS is the only program at Waseda to accept researchers at the forefront of various fields around the world. The institute accepts applications twice a year, and selections are made among applicants recommended by tenured faculties at Waseda University. Each visiting researcher gives at least four presentations, not only at WIAS but also at seminars and research meetings of the Graduate School, during their period of stay of one month. In this way, visiting fellows have conducted research exchanges with academic staff belonging to faculties in addition to within WIAS, giving positive stimuli across the university. Also, joint research with Waseda researchers and research results during the stay are published in international academic journals, enhancing Waseda's ability in terms of international dissemination.



At a lecture by
Professor Biondi
on January 19

Stayed between January 8 and 31, 2013
Cnrs – ESCP Europe

Yuri Biondi Professor

Interdisciplinary and international program more than I expected!

I have been working in interdisciplinary and multinational environments, and WIAS is a research institute sharing this spirit. Another attractive point of WIAS is that the top-notch researcher of corporate governance, one of my research themes, Professor Hideaki Miyajima, is the Director. During my stay, I introduced my research results to Japanese people and gave advice to graduate school students on their research themes. Another important point for me was that I was able to write a joint article with Professor Tsujiyama.

Researchers are now facing the challenges of internationalization: exchanging with researchers from other countries involves the challenge of understanding mutual differences and discovering things in common; this process enables us to notice diverse approaches, domains and methods. We must learn from this process, and WIAS is an institute that provides such opportunities with its original methodology.



PROFILE Tenured Research Fellow of French National Centre for Scientific Research (2007-), Tenured Research Professor of ESCP Europe (2012-), Chairman of the Financial Accounting Standards Committee of the American Accounting Association (2011-2013), Editor in chief of Accounting, Economics and Law: A Convivium, HDR Accounting, Economics and Law, Sorbonne University of Paris, (Qualification for doctoral theses instruction)

Reference for Professor Yuri Biondi

Eiko Tsujiyama

Professor, Faculty of Commerce

Let's continue with further improvements to create an even more attractive program!

I have worked with Professor Biondi as a member of a committee in the American Accounting Association, providing academic comments to accounting standard-setting bodies around the world. In February 2012, he visited Japan as a keynote speaker of a symposium. As we were to jointly submit a paper to the American Accounting Association's journal, "Accounting Horizons," he took advantage of the Visiting Fellow Program to stay in Japan and to work on our joint research.

The Visiting Fellow Program of WIAS not only strengthens the international network of Waseda University but also contributes to enhance its presence as a research-oriented university. The students who met Professor Biondi were given stimulation, with additional motivation to study abroad. I hope that going forward, we can improve WIAS to become an even more attractive program for both visiting researchers and Waseda University.



Student's comment

Takashi Yamazaki

Doctoral Program (financial accounting),
Graduate School of Commerce

Greatly stimulated both academically and mentally

Meeting with overseas researchers is very worthwhile, as I can discover new views on how to proceed with study, ways of thinking, and many other different aspects. Professor Biondi is engaged in interdisciplinary studies, and the contents of his lectures were overwhelming. He also gave me advice on my research, really instilling me with a lot of confidence. I want to be a researcher with a large circle of acquaintances overseas.



From Hideaki Miyajima, Director

Realizing active international exchanges of research



WIAS has put one of its priorities on the program to invite overseas researchers ever since its establishment. After reviewing the program in 2011 so as to directly enhance the research capability of young researchers, we have steadily organized its new scheme. We can now appreciate the positive response to active interactions between overseas researchers and our members. I hope that Waseda young researchers can gain hands-on experience of world-class research, and learn how to set up themes and how to set up a useful research network through intensive conversations with them. I also believe that their serious stance for research can provide a lot of stimulus to our young researchers. In the future, we aim to enlarge exchanges by, for example, inviting editors of international magazines who will give advice on a thesis from the viewpoint of an editor to our young researchers.



Visiting Fellows interacting with WIAS researchers at Monthly Workshop



Visiting Fellows in 2013

Name	Current position	Arrival Date	Field of Specialization	Reference
Henning Rosenau	Professor, University of Augsburg <Germany>	2013/5/15	Criminal Law and Procedure	Morikazu Taguchi, Professor of Faculty of Law
Miroslav Barta	Professor, Charles University in Prague <Czech Republic>	2013/5/26	Ancient Egyptian Society during the third mill. B.C.	Jiro Kondo, Professor of Faculty of Letters, Arts and Sciences
Ara Basmajian	Professor, City University of New York <USA>	2013/6/1	Mathematics: Hyperbolic Manifolds, Riemann Surfaces, and Discrete Groups	Katsuhiko Matsuzaki, Professor of Faculty of Education and Integrated Arts and Sciences
Gregory J. Kasza	Professor, Indiana University <USA>	2013/6/3	Comparative Politics	Masaru Kohno, Professor of Faculty of Political Science and Economics
Rodney Smith	Associate Professor, University of Minnesota <USA>	2013/9/15	Applied Economics, Resource Economics	Masahiko Gemma, Professor of Faculty of Social Sciences
Mariko Tamanoi	Professor, University of California, Los Angeles <USA>	2013/10/1	Anthropology, History	Glenda Roberts, Professor of Faculty of International Research and Education
Masao Nakamura	Professor, University of British Columbia <Canada>	2013/10/15	International Business, Japan and Asian Economics, Cooperate Governance	Katsuyuki Kubo, Professor of Faculty of Commerce

Interview

Free exchange among researchers leads to new research

We interviewed Yumiko Kamada, Assistant Professor, who worked with Professor Michel Hochmann, Department of Historical and Philological Sciences, Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes (EPHE) who stayed in Japan as a visiting fellow in March 2012 when they held an international seminar.



Yumiko Kamada

Ph.D. Assistant Professor, Islamic Art

PROFILE Graduated from the Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Letters, Keio University (major in Aesthetics and Art History) in 2002 and the Graduate School of the University of Tokyo (MA in Art History) in 2004. Then took a doctoral program at the University of Tokyo and studied at the Institute of Fine Arts, New York University during which time she was a Jane and Morgan Whitney Fellow at the Department of Islamic Art, the Metropolitan Museum of Art between 2008 and 2010. Earned her doctoral degree from the Institute of Fine Arts, New York University in 2011 and assumed her current position as Assistant Professor at WIAS in 2011. Dr. Kamada specializes in Islamic art, especially carpets, textiles, and illustrated manuscript paintings.

 http://www.waseda.jp/wias/eng/researchers/list/profile/prof_y_kamada.html

In March 2012, Professor Hochmann, a researcher of art history, with a profound knowledge of the collections of Chinese and Middle Eastern artwork in Italy in the Renaissance period, visited Japan. I organized an international seminar, "Collecting Different Cultures: In The Case of Italy 1300-1600." He reported his survey results in Italy, while I gave a presentation on the acceptance of Islamic art in Italy during the Renaissance period. Though there are several studies on this topic in the field of Islamic art, they are not necessarily shared among researchers of Western art, so I gave this presentation in order to introduce them to a wider audience. A revised edition of this presentation will be carried in Waseda's "Journal of Islamic Area Studies" in spring of this year.

In January 2013, I hosted another international seminar, "Islamic Art in East and Southeast Asia," and six Japanese and overseas researchers, including myself, made presentations. This seminar was undertaken because creating a network of Japanese and international researchers and having discussions are necessary for the development of this field, which has not yet been fully

explored. Both of these international seminars were conducted thanks to the generous support of WIAS.

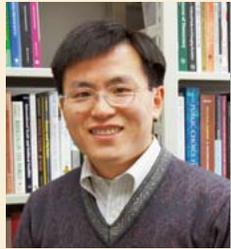
When I was a fellow at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, listening to the research results presented by fellows from every corner of the world was very stimulating. Outstanding researchers of many different fields frequently visit WIAS, so I can discuss research findings and develop ideas with international researchers in Japan and get similar inspiration. Such exchanges also are a part of the attractiveness of WIAS. I am looking forward to continuing to have such exchanges with visiting fellows in the future.



I took Professor Hochmann to the Tokyo National Museum to survey Christian art introduced to Japan

Visiting Fellows in 2011 and 2012

Name	Current position	Arrival Date	Field of Specialization	Reference
Raghavendra Rau	Professor, University of Cambridge <UK>	2011/11/1	Corporate Finance	Yasuhiro Arikawa, Associate Professor of Faculty of Commerce
Siegfried Boecherer	Professor, University of Mannheim <Germany>	2012/1/9	Number Theory, Automorphic Forms	Yumiko Hironaka, Professor of Faculty of Education and Integrated Arts and Sciences
Michel Hochmann	Professor, Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes <France>	2012/3/1	Art History	Odile Dussud, Professor of Faculty of Letters, Arts and Sciences
Harold Bush	Professor, Saint Louis University <USA>	2012/3/15	American Literature and Cultural Studies	Tsuyoshi Ishihara, Associate Professor of Faculty of Education and Integrated Arts and Sciences
Boris Lanin	Professor, Academy of Education of Russia <Russia>	2012/4/1	Methods of Teaching Literature	Hajime Kaizawa, Professor of Faculty of Letters, Arts and Sciences
Alessandro Stanzani	Professor, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (EHESS) <France>	2012/10/9	History Economic and Social History	Takeo Suzuki, Professor of Faculty of Political Science and Economics
Zhejun Zhang	Professor, Beijing Normal University <China>	2012/10/1	Comparative Literature (theater arts)	Mikio Takemoto, Professor of Faculty of Letters, Arts and Sciences
Yuri Biondi	Tenured Research Fellow, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS) <France>	2013/1/8	Financial Accounting, Corporate Governance, Financial Regulation	Eiko Tsujiyama, Professor of Faculty of Commerce



Min Shu
Assistant Professor,
School of International
Liberal Studies,
Waseda University
(International Relations)

PROFILE

Graduated from School of International Relations and Public Affairs, Fudan University in 1998. Completed doctoral course at Department of Politics, University of Bristol in 2005, and after serving as Research Assistant at University of Bristol, was appointed Lecturer at Centre for European Studies & School of Economics, Fudan University in 2006. Became Associate Professor at WIAS in 2008, and assumed current position in 2010. Specializes in comparative regionalism and international political economy.

[HP] <http://www.aoni.waseda.jp/min.shu/>

To be a researcher who always has a broad perspective

The 18 months I spent at WIAS passed by in a flash. However, I really enjoyed these fulfilling days, during which I managed to publish three research articles on comparative regionalism in Europe and East Asia. At WIAS, with an environment able to devote myself to research, I think I felt pressure in a positive sense in that I must make achievements in a limited period of time. In 2014, I am going to publish a research monograph based on my work at WIAS as part of the Routledge-WIAS Monograph Series.

In retrospect, one of the many attractive points of WIAS is the opportunities to exchange opinions with other young researchers in a variety of fields and to interact with visiting researchers from outside Japan. Today, to be a first-class researcher, it is imperative to work in an international and interdisciplinary environment, and in this sense, WIAS provided the ideal environment for me. Without these 18 months at WIAS, I would have not become what I am now, and I still feel like a member of WIAS.

I then served as a tenure-track faculty at School of International Liberal Studies and will be tenured Assistant Professor from April 2013. Looking back, in the position of a tenure-track faculty, I often asked myself how I could contribute to my school and university, thereby cultivating a strong sense of belonging to Waseda.

Currently, I teach seven or eight classes a week at School of International Liberal Studies and other Waseda faculties. The time I can spend on my research is limited. Through education, however, I often get new ideas from the questions raised by students, and I believe research and education are both important. Being a Chinese researcher in Japan, I want to understand different ways of thinking and contribute to regional peace and cooperation in East Asia. To realize these aims, I will continue to keep a broad perspective in my research and teaching in the future.

With students of international political economy seminar at Thammasat University in Thailand during a study tour



At the Faculty Office



Publication of the Routledge-WIAS Monograph Series

We start to publish a monograph series by WIAS researchers, "Routledge-WIAS Interdisciplinary Studies" (Routledge). Routledge is a major overseas publisher publishing academic books in humanities and social science, and it also offers on-line resources. Ever since its foundation in 1836, it has a field record of publishing many great scholars including Einstein, Russell, and Sartre, and is now famous as a company handling publications including electronic books on a wide variety of themes, publishing 600 journals and 2,000 books every year. The first volume of the WIAS Monograph Series will be published in 2014. Please take the time to look out for the publication.



New researchers for 2013 selected

A total of 507 applicants (natural science: 152; social science: 169; humanities: 186) applied to our recruitment last year, and the following 11 researchers were selected. Thank you for the many applications. Next recruitment for researchers for 2014 will start in mid-April.

Name	Research theme
Noboru Ito, Assistant Professor	Categorifications of Quantum Invariants of Knots and Three Dimensional Manifolds and Construction of Their Fundamental Theory
Miho Ushiyama, Assistant Professor	Research on "Non-Compliance" from the Medical Anthropological Perspective
Nozomu Kawai, Associate Professor	Formation and Evolution of the Sacred Landscape in Ancient Egypt
Marisa Kellam, Associate Professor	Parties For Hire: Political Parties and Coalitional Instability in Comparative Perspective
Eriko Sugimori, Assistant Professor	Mechanism of Distinguishing Imagination from Reality: Temporal and Spatial Extensions of Self Enactment
Sutee Anantsuksomsri, Assistant Professor	Thailand Disaster Management and Japanese Automobile Industry: The Integration of Computable General Equilibrium and Spatial Agent-Based Modeling
Yukiko Tanabe, Assistant Professor	Succession and Response of Polar Lake Ecosystems Under Changing Environment
Miwa Nakajo, Assistant Professor	Mechanisms Shaping Political Trust
Yuka Minagawa, Assistant Professor	Cross-National Comparison of Health Expectancy
Takaaki Monnai, Assistant Professor	Nonequilibrium Statistical Mechanics for Mesoscopic Systems -Operational Approach-
Hideaki Yamamoto, Assistant Professor	Establishment and Application of Surface Engineering Techniques for Designing Well-Defined Neuronal Networks in Vitro

[HP] <http://www.waseda.jp/wias/eng/researchers/list/profile/>



Monthly workshop in the first half of 2013

To promote exchanges across fields of studies, WIAS holds an open workshop with presentations by two researchers every month. Presentations by researchers in various fields of natural science, social science and humanities and active Q&A discussions are popular, as they extend the views of researchers in different fields and stimulate research activities. The schedule for the first half of 2013 is listed on the right. We look forward to your participation.

- Dates: April 12 (Friday), May 10 (Friday), June 14 (Friday), June 21 (Friday), July 12 (Friday), and September 13 (Friday)
 - Hours: 11:00 – 12:30
 - Place : 1st Meeting Room, 5F, Building No. 9, Waseda Campus (scheduled)
 - Application: Please register at the official website.
- [HP] <http://www.waseda.jp/wias/eng/event/monthlyconference/>

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