

Hikaru Yamashita

Email: hikaru@u-shizuoka-ken.ac.jp



Education

April 1991-March 1995: Department of Political Science and Economics,
Waseda University, B.A. in Political Science

October 1995-July 1996: Department of International Relations, London
School of Economics & Political Science, M.Sc. in International Relations

September 1999-March 2003: Department of International Politics, University
of Wales Aberystwyth, Ph.D. in International Politics

Employment

April 2020-present: Professor, Department of International Relations, University of Shizuoka

April 2003-March 2020: National Institute for Defense Studies (NIDS), Ministry of Defense (formerly
Japanese Defense Agency).

April 2003-: Research Fellow

October 2007-: Senior Fellow

April 2015-: Head of the Government and Law Division, Security Studies Department

August 2008-May 2009: Fulbright Visiting Scholar, Saltzman Institute for Defense Studies, Columbia
University

Books

Peacekeeping as Political Thought: A Concept in Practice (Japanese, The University of Nagoya Press,
2025)

International Peace Cooperation (Japanese, Sogensha, 2022)

Evolving Patterns of Peacekeeping: International Cooperation at Work (Lynne Rienner, July 2017)

Humanitarian Space and International Politics: The Creation of Safe Areas (Ashgate/ Routledge, August
2004)

Articles

Articles in academic journals

“New Humanitarianism and Changing Logics of the Political in International Relations” (*Millennium:
Journal of International Studies* vol.43, no.2, January 2015, pp.411-428)

“Group of Eight and Global Peacekeeping, 2004-2010” (*Global Governance*, vol.19, no.3, July-September
2013, pp.333-352)

“Peacekeeping Cooperation between the United Nations and Regional Organisations” (*Review of
International Studies* vol.38, no.1, January 2012, pp.165-186)

- “‘Impartial’ Use of Force in United Nations Peacekeeping” (*International Peacekeeping* vol.15, no.5, November 2008, pp.615-630)
- “Reading ‘Threats to International Peace and Security,’ 1946-2005” (*Diplomacy & Statecraft* vol. 18, no.3, September 2007, pp.551-572)
- “Fighting Terrorism and Fighting Humanitarian Emergencies: Two Approaches to ‘Elastic’ Sovereignty and International Order” (*Cambridge Review of International Affairs* vol.18, no.1, pp.105-117, April 2005)

Other publications

- “Peace Operations and Military Organizations: Between Internationalism and Statism,” in: Bernard Loo (ed.), *Strategy and Defence Policy for Small States: Problems and Prospects* (Singapore: World Scientific Publishing, 2021), pp. 131-149.
- “The NGO Game: Post-Conflict Peacebuilding in the Balkans and Beyond, by Patrice C. McMahon” (book review, *Perspectives on Politics*, Vol. 16, No. 1, March 2018)
- “Debating Peacekeeping Cooperation at Multiple Levels” (review article, *International Peacekeeping* vol. 23, no.2, April 2016, pp.354-362)
- “Capacity-building Assistance in the International Community: The Cases of the United States and China” (with Masafumi Iida, *NIDS Journal of Defense and Security* no. 16, December 2015)
- “Peacekeeping Trends and National Responses: A Japanese Perspective” (*New Trends in Peacekeeping: In Search for a New Direction*, NIDS, October 2015)
- “Peacebuilding and ‘Hybrid’ Peace” (*NIDS Briefing Memo*, March 2014).
- “Peacekeeping Capacity-building Assistance: The Role of the Group of Eight (G8)” (*NIDS Journal of Defense and Security* no.13, December 2012, pp.39-52).
- “Specialized Units for International Peace Cooperation: Concept and Practice” (*NIDS Security Reports* no.8, December 2007)
- “Reexamining Peacekeeping: The ‘Brahimi Report’ and Onward” (*NIDS Security Reports* no.7, pp.41-77, December 2006)
- “The Iraq War, the United Nations Security Council, and the Legitimacy of the Use of Force” (*NIDS Security Reports* no.6, pp.38-92, September 2005)

Conference papers and presentations

- “Stabilization and Peacekeeping: A(nother) Fork on the Road?” (International Peace Cooperation Symposium 2024, IPC Headquarters, Cabinet Office, 28 August 2024)
- “State-building Unraveled? Peace Operations after the post-Cold War period” (Japan Peacekeeping Training & Research Center, International Peace & Security Symposium 2019, 2 December 2019)
- “Global Peacekeeping Cooperation: Contexts, Patterns, and Implications” (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies African Studies Center, ASC Seminar No.16, 8 June 2018)
- “Japan’s Peacekeeping: Changes and Potentials” (International Committee of the Red Cross, April 2016)
- “Peacekeeping Trends and National Responses: A Japanese Perspective” (NIDS International Symposium

on Security Affairs 2014, 5 November 2014, Tokyo)

“Crisis in Humanitarian Assistance, New Humanitarianism and the Meaning of the Political in Post-Cold War International Relations” (Japanese) (Japan Association of International Relations Annual Convention, 21 October 2012, Nagoya)

“The Evolution of Peacekeeping: Trends and Policy Implications” (Conference “Korea’s Global Leadership: Accomplishments and Challenges,” 8 May 2012, Seoul, South Korea)

“Peacekeeping Partnerships between the UN and Regional Organizations and the Future of UN Peacekeeping” (Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies, Columbia University, 24 March 2009)

“Peace Operations 2010 and the Future of UN Peacekeeping: The Issue of Partnership and Its Implications” (International Studies Association Annual Conference, 16 February 2009, New York)

“Fighting Terrorism and Fighting Internal Displacement: Two Approaches to ‘Elastic’ Sovereignty and International Order” (International Studies Association Annual Conference, 5 March 2005, Honolulu)

“The Politics of Humanitarian Space: Safe Areas in the 1990s” (British International Studies Association annual conference, December 2001, Edinburgh).

Professional societies

British International Studies Association, International Studies Association, Academic Council on the United Nations System, Japan Association of International Relations, Japanese Political Science Association

Courses at the University of Shizuoka

Department of International Relations

Studies of International Security A/B; Introduction to International Politics A/B

Seminar I&II A/B; Graduation Study

Introduction to International Relations (omnibus)

Graduate School of International Relations

Study on International Politics IIA/B; Seminar in International Relations I&II A/B