

**Current Position:** Visiting Lecturer, Yale University, EALL

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**Research interests:** Early modern Japanese literature, language and culture; genders and sexualities; textual scholarship and history of the book; medicine and the body; science and time

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 1/2017-5/2017 **Visiting Lecturer, Yale University**, Department of East Asian Languages and Literature
- Lecturer for courses 'Literary Japanese' and 'Genders and Sexualities in Japanese Literature and Culture, 1600-Present'
- 10/2016-present **BOF Post-doctoral Fellow, University of Ghent**, Department for Japanese Language and Culture (on leave until June 2017)
- Three-year post-doctoral fellowship for project 'Imagining Health, Disease and the Body in Early Modern Japan'
- 9/2016-12/2016 **Japan Society for the Promotion of Sciences (JSPS) Post-doctoral Fellow, University of Tokyo**, Department of the History and Philosophy of Science
- 12-month post-doctoral fellowship for project 'Timescapes in Premodern Japan'
- 10/2014-9/2016 **Research Associate, University of Cambridge**, Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies
- Researcher on project 'Timing Day and Night: Timescapes in Premodern Japan'
  - Adjunct lecturer and supervisor

## EDUCATION

- 1/2010 – 10/2014 **PhD in Japanese Studies, University of Cambridge**, Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies
- Dissertation Title: *Sexual Healing. Sexuality, Health and the Body in Early Modern Japan* (1600-1868)
  - Pass with no corrections
- 9/2011 – 3/2012 **Japan Foundation PhD Research Fellow, Ritsumeikan University**, Arts and Humanities Research Centre
- Archival research for PhD with unpublished primary sources
- 10/2000 – 11/2008 **Joint BA/MA (Mag. phil.) in Japanese Studies (Minor in Italian Studies), University of Vienna**, Department of Japanese Studies
- Thesis Title: *Between the Back and the Front. Male Love in Humorous Tales of the Edo Period* (graded 'Excellent')
  - Pass with Distinction
- 3/2001 – 6/2009 **BA in Anglophone Literatures (Minor in French Studies), University of Vienna**, Department of English Studies
- Pass with Distinction
- 9/2004 – 8/2005 **Year Abroad, Meiji University (Tokyo)**

2/2003 – Term Abroad, Università Ca' Foscari (Venice), Department of East Asian Studies  
7/2003

## GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2016 **BOF Post-doctoral Fellowship**, Ghent University (3 years)  
2016 **Japan Society for the Promotion of Sciences Fellowship** (12 months)  
2015 **GBSF Conference Grant** for co-organized conference 'Timescapes in Premodern Japan' (£ 3500)  
2014 **Cambridge Humanities Research Grant** for archival work in Japan for 'Japanese timescapes' project (£ 8500)  
2011 **Japan Foundation Fellowship** for PhD research in Kyoto (6 months, £ 15 000)  
2011 **Conference grants** (University of Cambridge, Selwyn College) for conference attendance at Harvard and Columbia University (£ 750)  
2010 **Postgraduate Studentship, British Association of Japanese Studies**  
one of four studentships in 2010/11 awarded for PhD project (£4000)  
2010 – 2012 **Yasuda Fund Scholarship** for PhD at Cambridge University (3 years, all fees)  
2009 and 2006 **Awards from the Department of English Studies (University of Vienna) for outstanding academic performance**  
2004/05 **11-month Joint Study Scholarship** for studies at Meiji University Tokyo  
2003 **5-month Erasmus Scholarship** for studies at Università Ca' Foscari Venice  
2003 **Award from the University of Vienna for outstanding academic performance** (€ 1500)  
2002 **Winner of essay competition** sponsored by the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs

## PUBLICATIONS

### BOOKS

(in preparation) *Sexual Healing. Sexuality, Health and the Male Body in Early Modern Japan* (book proposal accepted by Cambridge University Press 5/2016)

Brigitte Steger and Angelika Koch (eds.)

2013 *Manga Girl Seeks Herbivore Boy. Studying Japanese Gender at Cambridge*. LIT Publisher

### ARTICLES (PEER-REVIEWED)

(in preparation) 'Fictionalizing the Medical Body and Health in 18<sup>th</sup>-century Japan. With an Annotated Translation of Jippensha Ikku's *Essentials of Healthy Living, from Inside the Body (Hara no uchi yōjō shuron)*' (for submission to *East Asian Publishing and Society*)

2/2017 'Nightless Cities. Timing the Pleasure Quarters in Early Modern Japan', *Kronoscope: The International Journal for the Study of Time* 17/1 (Special Issue *Timing Day and Night in Japan's Past*)

2013 'Sexual Healing. Regulating Male Sexuality in Edo Books on "Nurturing Life"', *International Journal of Asian Studies* 10/2, pp. 143-170

2011 'Between the Back and the Front: Male Love in Humorous Tales of the Edo Period', *Vienna Journal of East Asian Studies* 1, pp. 1-32

## BOOK CHAPTERS

Angelika Koch and Brigitte Steger

2013 **'Introduction: Gender Matters'**, Brigitte Steger and Angelika Koch (eds.) *Manga Girl Seeks Herbivore Boy. Studying Japanese Gender at Cambridge*, pp. 7-22

## TRANSLATIONS

2017 (*forthcoming*) Shimizu Yuichirō **'Lessons Learned: Japanese Bureaucrats and the First World War'**, Jan Schmidt and Katja Schmidtpott (eds.) *The East Asian Dimension of the First World War. The 'German-Japanese War' and China, 1914-1919*. Frankfurt, New York: Campus

2017 (*forthcoming*) Kudō Akira **'Mobilizing the Masses: The Japanese Army's Studies of Germany during the First World War'**, Jan Schmidt and Katja Schmidtpott (eds.) *The East Asian Dimension of the First World War. The 'German-Japanese War' and China, 1914-1919*. Frankfurt, New York: Campus

2015 Asahi Shimbun Company. *Media, Propaganda and Politics in 20<sup>th</sup>-Century Japan*. Bloomsbury [joint translation project coordinated by Dr. Barak Kushner, Senior Lecturer in Modern Japanese History, Cambridge University]

## MEDIA APPEARANCES

2015 **'Sex pa japanska'** (in Swedish), *Modern Psykologi* 5/2015 [excerpts of interview]

2015 **'Why don't Japanese Men Like Having Sex?'** *The Telegraph* (22/1/2015) <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/men/thinking-man/11362306/Why-dont-Japanese-men-like-having-sex.html> [excerpts of interview]

2013 **'Herbivore boys' and other fault lines in Japan's gender crisis'** *Cambridge University Research News* (21/2/2013) <http://www.cam.ac.uk/research/news/herbivore-boys-and-other-fault-lines-in-japans-gender-crisis#sthash.wcF9mUkP.dpuf> [excerpts of interview]

## CONFERENCE PAPERS AND TALKS

6/2016 **Tokugawa Ieyasu Conference**, University of Durham  
'Ieyasu's Time: His Clock(s) and their Legacy'

9/2015 **Japan Foundation Alsace Japan Research Seminar**, Kientzheim (France)  
'Fuyajō no jūnitoki. Kinsei yūri ni okeru jikan ishiki' (Time Awareness in Early Modern Japanese Pleasure Quarters)

4/2015 **Conference 'Timing Day and Night: Timescapes in Premodern Japan'**, University of Cambridge  
'"Nightless Cities": Timing the Pleasure Quarters in Edo Japan'

4/2015 **Outreach talk at Japanese story-telling (rakugo) event**, University of Cambridge  
'Burning Flowers: Measuring Time in Early Modern Japan's Pleasure Quarters'; introductory talk and themed *rakugo* evening for research project 'Timing Day and Night'

5/2012 **8<sup>th</sup> European Association of Japanese Studies PhD Workshop**, Newcastle  
'Sexual Healing. Sexuality, Health and the Body in Edo Japan'

- 4/2012 **European Social Sciences History (ESSH) Conference**, Glasgow  
'Undesirable Desires. Regulating Male Sexuality in Early Modern Japanese Health Discourses'
- 8/2011 **13<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the European Association of Japanese Studies (EAJS)**, Tallinn  
'Don't Waste the Oil in the Lamp. Sexuality and the Healthy Body in Edo-period Writings on Nurturing Life'
- 2/2011 **14<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvard East Asia Society Conference**, Cambridge/Massachusetts  
'Sexuality and Edo-period Health Cultivation'
- 2/2011 **Columbia University 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Student Conference on East Asia**, New York  
'The Pleasures of Knowledge. Informing Sexuality in the Edo Period'

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### LECTURING

- 10/2015-4/2016 **Lecturer for course 'Japanese Academic Text Reading'** (for Sinologists), University of Cambridge, Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies
- 10/2014-1/2015 **Lecturer for course 'Modern Japanese Society'** (2<sup>nd</sup>-year undergraduates), University of Cambridge, Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies
- Four one-hour lectures, four one-hour seminars and individual supervisions for essays
  - Contents included methodological approaches to studying society, basic gender theory, as well as select themes in modern and contemporary Japanese genders and sexualities (e.g. 'salaryman' masculinity in post-war Japan and its troubles; Japanese femininities from Meiji-period 'good wife, wise mother' to 'defecting' women in current society)
- 10/2012-9-2014 **Teaching Assistant for course 'Modern Japanese Society'** (2<sup>nd</sup>-year undergraduates), Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Cambridge
- One-hour lectures on genders and sexualities in modern and contemporary Japan
  - Setting of reading lists, leading group discussions, marking coursework essays
  - Topics included Japanese masculinities from samurai to Herbivore Boys, homosexuality and transsexuality in Japan from early modern times to the present; abortion and birth control

### SMALL-GROUP TUTORIALS AND SUPERVISIONS

- 8/2016 **Sutton Trust Summer School Lecturer**, University of Cambridge, Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies
- 10/2015-1/2016 **Supervisor for course 'East Asian History'** (1<sup>st</sup>-year undergraduate), University of Cambridge, Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies
- Small-group tutorials on select topics in Japanese/East Asian history, instruction on basic research skills, assessment of coursework essays
- 6/2015-7/2015 **Japanese Academic Text Reading**, University of Cambridge, Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies

- one-on-one teaching, including readings of passages in classical language

10/2014-  
1/2015      **Japanese Academic Text Reading**, University of Cambridge, Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, one-on-one teaching for fourth-year undergraduate

## GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SUPERVISION

10/2014-  
7/2015      **Mphil Supervisor**, University of Cambridge, Centre for Gender Studies

- Supervisor for Mphil theses on the 'Sexualization of young girls in Japanese idol culture' and 'Gender stereotypes in Chinese folktales'

10/2014-  
12/2014      **Undergraduate Dissertation Supervisor**, University of Cambridge, Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies

- Supervision for undergraduate dissertation on 'Performativity and Gender in a Japanese Street Dance Circle'

10/2012-  
12/2012      **Undergraduate Dissertation Supervisor**, University of Cambridge, Faculty of East Asian Studies

- Supervision for undergraduate dissertation on 'Gender Relations in Japanese Food Commercials'

## TEACHER TRAINING

9/2015      **Training Course for Admissions Interviewing**, University of Cambridge

9/2012      **Training Course for Small-Group Supervision**, University of Cambridge

6/2012      **Language Teaching Training Weekend**, Cambridge University Language Centre

## NON-UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

3/2005      **Japanese Language Course Teacher** (2 weeks), Austria

## ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION

4/2014-  
12/2014      **Director of Studies (Asian and Middle Eastern Studies)**, Downing College, Cambridge

- Duties include academic monitoring through meetings with undergraduate students, liaison with their supervisors and lecturers, maintaining academic records, providing references and career advice, assisting with College Open Days

## EXAMINATION DUTIES

6/2016 &  
6/2015      **Exam Assessor**, 2<sup>nd</sup>- year undergraduate final exam paper 'Modern Japanese Society', University of Cambridge, Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies

6/2015      **Assessor** for undergraduate dissertations, University of Cambridge, Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies

## ADMISSIONS INTERVIEWING

- 12/2015      **Admissions Interviewer**, Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, Downing College, Cambridge
- 12/2014-      **Admissions Interviewer**, Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, Downing College and Wolfson College, Cambridge
- Duties include assessing applications and interviewing candidates for admission to Downing and Wolfson College, setting assignments for written tests and sample essays, liaising with College Tutor on admission decisions

## CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR ORGANIZATION

- 4/2015      **Co-Organiser and Convenor of Conference ‘Timing Day and Night: Timescapes in Premodern Japan’**, University of Cambridge, Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies
- 1/2011 -      **Organiser of Bi-weekly East Asian Graduate Seminar Series**, University of Cambridge,  
6/2011      Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies

## ORGANIZATIONAL SKILLS

- 3/2012 -      **MCR Annual Dinner Officer**, Selwyn College, Cambridge  
6/2012
- 1/2011-      **MCR Social Secretary**, Selwyn College, Cambridge  
12/2011

## RESEARCH SKILL DEVELOPMENT

- 2013-      **Participation in UK Early Modern Japanese Text Reading Group and J-Pats Network**  
2016
  - Weekly and monthly reading groups for early modern Japanese texts held at Cambridge University
- 3/2015      **International Workshop in Japanese Paleography and Textual Scholarship**, Cambridge University
- 3-day workshop on the materiality of early modern Japanese books and their bibliographic description
- 3/2013      **International Kanbun Workshop**, Cambridge University
- 3-day workshop on Japanese-style Classical Chinese
- 9/2012      **Japanese Translation Workshop**, SOAS, London (1 week)
- 9/2012      **‘Reading Pre-modern Japanese Texts’**, Summer School, Heidelberg University
- 2-week intense summer school on a range of specialist pre-modern language styles (*kanbun*, *sōrōbun*)
- 7/2012      **‘Reading Edo Texts in the Raw’**, British Library
- 3-day *kuzushiji* workshop with materials from the library
- 7/2011      **National Institute of Japanese Literature Kuzushiji-Workshop**, Oxford University
- 1-week workshop on pre-modern Japanese cursive-style script (*kuzushiji*)

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

European Association of Japanese Studies, British Association of Japanese Studies, UK Early Modern Text Reading Group

## REFEREES

**Prof. Peter Kornicki (PhD Supervisor)**

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