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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. (Doctor of Philosophy), expected March 2027** 2022–present
Department of Advanced Social and International Studies, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, The University of Tokyo
Dissertation: Substantive Freedom and Basic Income: A Justification Grounded in Liberal Neutrality
Supervisor: Prof. Akira Inoue
- M.A. in Law** 2020–2022
Graduate School of Law, University of Kitakyushu
Thesis: A Critical Examination of Van Parijs's Basic Income Theory from the Perspective of Liberal Neutrality
- B.A. in Comparative Culture** 2015–2019
Faculty of Humanities, University of Kitakyushu

POSITIONS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- JSPS Research Fellow (DC2), The University of Tokyo 2026–present
Project: How Do Institutions Realize Ideals? A Normative Analysis of Basic Income
- Part-time Lecturer, The Open University of Japan (Tokyo Adachi Study Center) 2026–present
Course: Introduction to Political Science
- Part-time Lecturer, Kogakuin University 2025–2026
Courses: Basic Communication I & II, Basic Academic English II
- Non-tenured Researcher, University of Tsukuba 2025–2026
- Research Assistant, The University of Tokyo 2022–2024
- Teaching Assistant, The University of Tokyo 2023–present
Komaba Academic Writing Center (CAWK), English, Social Sciences II, First-Year Seminar, Information, Japanese Tutorial

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Sakakibara, K. (forthcoming, Dec 2026). What Should the Concept of Labor Be? Conceptual Engineering of “Labor.” *Nenpo Seijigaku [Annals of the Japanese Political Science Association]*. [In Japanese]
- Sakakibara, K. (2026). Emergent Social Inequality and Relational Egalitarianism: The Tension between Individual Choice and Social Norms. *Ho to Tetsugaku [Law and Philosophy]*, 12, 235–263. [In Japanese]
- Abe, T. & Sakakibara, K. (2026). Rethinking the Recognition of Labor: Relational Egalitarianism, Labor Choice for Self-Realization, and Basic Income. *Seiji Shiso Kenkyu [Studies in Political Thought]*, 26, 223–255. [In Japanese] (first and corresponding author)
- Abe, T. & Sakakibara, K. (2024). In Defense of Unconditional and Uniform Basic Income: From the Perspective of Equal Respect. *Shakai to Rinri [Society and Ethics]*, 39, 81–93. [In Japanese] (first and corresponding author)

BOOK REVIEWS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Sakakibara, K. (forthcoming, 2026). [Book Review] Christian Schemmel, *Justice and Egalitarian Relations* (2021). *Tokyo Academic Review of Books* (TARB).
- Sakakibara, K. (2026). [Book Review] What Should Workplace Justice Aim For? Substance or Procedure? (on Osawa 2025, *Shigoto no Seigi*). *Sokan Shakai Kagaku*, 35, 9–14. [Peer-reviewed; In Japanese]
- Sakakibara, K. (2024). [Book Review] Is Forward-Looking Responsibility Sufficient for Motivation? (on Tamate 2022, *Koshu Eisei no Rinrigaku*). *Sokan Shakai Kagaku*, 33, 61–66. [Peer-reviewed; In Japanese]

TRANSLATIONS

- Halliday, D. (2026). *The Inheritance of Wealth: Justice, Equality, and the Right to Bequeath* (*Zaisan wo Sozoku suru to iu Koto*). Trans. supervised by Osawa, S. & Harada, K. (Ch. 7 co-translated by Sakakibara, K.). Keiso Shobo. [Japanese translation]
- Brennan, J. (2025). *The Ethics of Voting* (*Tohyo no Rinrigaku*). Trans. Tamate, S., Misaki, F., Shibata, R., & Sakakibara, K. (Chs. 6–7; translators' afterword with Shibata, R.). Keiso Shobo. [Japanese translation]

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

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| Reconstructing Capability as Freedom: Substantiality, Trivalence, and the Ideal Distribution Criterion
24th Pavia Graduate Conference in Political Philosophy | Sep 2026 |
| Workplace Democracy for Non-human Animals (with M. Takeshita)
IVRJ 2026 | Mar 2026 |
| The Violence of Linguistic Injustice: Harms of Anglocentrism [In Japanese]
Korea-Japan Political Thought Association | Nov 2025 |
| The Limits of Human-Centered Universality: A Defense of Animal Basic Income [In Japanese]
Kick-off Event, Beyond Anthropocentrism Project (Toyota Foundation) | Jun 2025 |
| What Is Labor for Non-Human Animals? (Takeshita, M. & Sakakibara, K.) [In Japanese]
75th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society for Ethics | Sep 2024 |
| Equal Respect for All: A Moral Justification for Universal Basic Income
2nd IVRJ International Conference | Sep 2023 |
| Moral Basic Income as Intra-Personal Distribution (invited)
Workshop: Perspectives on Just Work for a Post-Covid World | Apr 2023 |

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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| JSPS KAKENHI Grant-in-Aid for JSPS Fellows (Principal Investigator)
How Do Institutions Realize Ideals? A Normative Analysis of Basic Income | 2026–2028 |
| Nippon Foundation HUMAI Program, Giant Step (Co-Investigator; PI: D. Ishii)
Will AI Dismantle or Rebuild Academia? Rethinking and Launching Academia in the Age of AI | 2026–2027 |
| Toyota Foundation 50th Anniversary Grant (Co-Investigator; PI: M. Takeshita)
Beyond Anthropocentrism: Envisioning Future Human Society through Animals, AI, and Cyborgs | 2025–2027 |

Nippon Foundation HUMAI Program (Principal Investigator) 2025–2026
Basic Income in an AI Society: A Normative Reconstruction of Freedom, Equality, and Social Participation

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Assistant, Online Political Theory Forum (OPTF)	2026–present
Annual Secretary, Online Political Theory Forum (OPTF)	2024–2026
General Affairs Officer, Philosophy Young Researchers Forum (Wakatetsu)	2025–present
Treasurer, Philosophy Young Researchers Forum (Wakatetsu)	2024–2025

OTHER TRAINING

University of Tokyo Future Faculty Program (UTokyo FFP), 24th cohort, completed	2024–2025
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MEMBERSHIPS

Agricultural Economics Society of Japan; Society for Environmental Economics and Policy Studies (SEEPS); Japan Association of Legal Philosophy; Japanese Political Science Association; Japanese Conference for the Study of Political Thought; Japan Association for Contemporary and Applied Philosophy; Philosophy of Science Society, Japan; Online Political Theory Forum (OPTF)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Animal ethics and animal welfare economics (welfare standards, meat taxation, social welfare functions including animals); population ethics; political philosophy (basic income, relational egalitarianism, liberal neutrality); philosophy of labor, including animal labor

Current project: Minimum animal welfare standards as second-best substitutes for politically infeasible meat taxes