

List of NIDS Experts

As of 3 August 2026

Vice President for Academic Affairs	HYODO Shinji	Russia and Eurasia, East Asian Strategic Environment, International Security
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Department of Policy Studies

Affiliation	Name	Areas of Expertise
Director	KIKUCHI Shigeo	U.S. military strategy, operational concepts, doctrine, and U.S. civil-military relations
Defense Policy Division	ICHIMASA Sukeyuki	Arms Control, Disarmament and Non-proliferation, Security Studies
	ISHIHARA Yusuke	International Relations of the Asia-Pacific, Japan's regional relations, the Yoshida Doctrine and its evolution
	HAYASHI Koichi	Studies in Japanese Legal Framework for National Defense; Policy Process Studies
	KOZUKA Ikuya	International relations and Security in the Middle East
	MAEDA Yuji	International relations theory, international security, U.S.-China relations
	OGUMA Shinya	Japan's Security Policy, Indo-Pacific Security, Foreign Policy Analysis
Military Strategy Division	TERAUCHI Shinju	Air Force OPS, Team Building
	SHIGEHISA Shinichi	Air Defense Strategy and Civil Engineering
	NOSHITA Shigehiro	Land Operations, Defense Diplomacy, Logistics
	OOI Kazunao	Naval Operations, Military Sociology
Global Security Division	TOMIKAWA Hideo	Economic Security, Defense Industry · Defense Innovation, Political Economy in South-east Asia
	OHNISHI Ken	Compellence/Coercive diplomacy, Peace operations
	KIRIDORI Ryo	Indo-Pacific Security
	MOTOYAMA Isao	Formal Analysis of International Relations, Concession in Crisis Bargaining.
Defense Management Division	NISHINO Masami	Middle East Area Studies, Islamist Extremism
	IKEGAMI Ryuzo	Strategy, Military Sociology, Organizational Theory
	EIFUKU Seiya	International Law (Law of the Sea, Law of Armed Conflict and Use of Force, International Criminal Law), Criminal Law
	KOIKE Osamu	Korean Studies
	KATSURA Hirotaka	U.S. military doctrine (Marine Corps and Army), Mission Command, History of Military Thoughts
	ARIE Koichi	Nuclear Strategy and Nuclear Deterrence, U.S. National Security Policy

Department of Advanced Domain Studies

Affiliation	Name	Areas of Expertise
Director	IIDA Masafumi	China's foreign and security policies, Security of Indo-Pacific
Space Security Division	ARAKAKI Hiromu	Nuclear deterrence, Nuclear proliferation, and U.S. security policy
	KAWAMURA Koki	Cyber, Electromagnetic, and Space domains and Emerging Technologies (ICT, AI, Drones)
	TANAKA Yoshikazu	Air Power
	OSHITE Junichi	Electromagnetic Spectrum Operations, U.S. Security Policy
Cyber Security Division	HARADA Yu	Maritime Security, Cybersecurity (Cyberspace Governance)
	SETO Takashi	Intelligence Studies, Cyber and Information Warfare, European security and defense
	YAMAGUCHI Akihiro	International Law and Cyber Security
	KANEKO Reito	Cyber and Cognitive Warfare, Deterrence Theory, Missile Strategy
	SASAKI Hayato	Cyber Threat Intelligence, Analysis of Cyber threat actors, Attribution, Incident Response (Primary duty: Threat analyst at JPCERT/CC)
Defense Industry and Technology Division	WATANABE Takeshi	The Korean Peninsula's Security and Politics
	USHIWAKA Kengo	Cognitive Warfare
	YAMANOUCHI Ryuji	Military Strategy, Defence Policy, Military Operation's Lessons Learned
	ONO Keishi	Military/Defense Economics, War Economic Thought
	YOSHIDA Tomoaki	Middle East Area Studies (Security of Gulf and Yemen), Contemporary Yemeni Politics, Political & Military Strategy of the Houthis
	KIYOOKA Katsuyoshi	Defense Industrial Policy, Technology and Security, Arms Control

Department of Area Studies

Affiliation	Name	Areas of Expertise
Director	SHOJI Tomotaka	Southeast Asia
China Division	MASUDA Masuyuki	Chinese Foreign Policy and Security; Indo-Pacific Geopolitics and Strategy
	YAMAGUCHI Shinji	China's Security Concept and Policy, Contemporary Chinese History
	YATSUZUKA Masaaki	Politics of China, China's diplomacy, International Relations in East Asia
	GOTO Yohei	China's Diplomatic and Security Policy, Cross-Straits Relation
Asia and Africa Division	SUGIURA Yasuyuki	Modern Chinese Diplomatic History, Cold War History in East Asia, PLA Studies
	JINGUSHI Akira	African Politics and Security, Peacebuilding, Security Sector Reform
	IZUYAMA Marie	Indian foreign and security policy, International relations of South Asia
	ASAMI Asaki	Diplomacy and Security Studies on the Korean Peninsula
	TSUJITA Yuki	Philippine security policy and international relations in Southeast Asia
	Ito Rikuto	Indian Politics, Foreign Policy, and Security; International Relations of South Asia

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Affiliation	Name	Areas of Expertise
America, Europe, and Russia Division	YAMAZOE Hiroshi	Security affairs concerning Russia, History of International Relations
	HASEGAWA Takeyuki	Russian Politics and Security Affairs, Russian Area Studies
	TANAKA Ryosuke	European Security
	AIZAWA Riho	U.S. foreign policy toward China, military coercion

Center for Military History

Affiliation	Name	Areas of Expertise
Director	TACHIKAWA Kyoichi	Military History, History of International Relations, Francophone Studies
Military History Division	KANNO Naoki	Modern Japanese History, Archival Science/ Military History Division, Military Archives
	WATANABE Kuniyoshi	Peacebuilding, Peacekeeping
	IMADA Shogo	Joint Doctrine for the Armed Forces of the United States, Western War History
	SHINDO Hiroyuki	Modern Japanese Military History, 2nd Sino-Japanese War
	SHIMIZU Ryotaro	International History, World War II
	FUJII Motohiro	Modern Chinese History, Second Sino-Japanese War
	MATSUO Koji	History of NATO, History of the Baltic States
	TERASHIMA Taro	History of Military Legislation
	SHINOHARA Hidetoshi	Strategy, Strategic Communications
National Security Policy Division	TSUKAMOTO Katsuya	Security Studies
	KUMAI Ryo	National Security Policy, Japan and Turkey
	HIDA Daisuke	History of Japan's Defense Policy, History of Defense Buildup in the JGSDF
	KUMAGAI Takakazu	Disaster Information Management, Regional Disaster Prevention, School Crisis Management
	ITO Daisuke	Military Doctrine, Military History of Japanese Army and Navy Aviation, PLA Thought on Strengthening the
	KAJIYA Masayoshi	Operations Research, Joint Operations, Information/Cognitive Warfare(DX/AX)
International Conflict Division	TOKUDA Michiyuki	Military History of Modern Japan (Supreme command/ Military law of Japanese Army"GUNREI", Pacific
	HANADA Tomoyuki	Russian Political and Diplomatic History, Russian War History
	NAKANISHI Akikazu	Russian Security, Intelligence
	ISHIDA Tomonori	History of Japan-US-ROK Relations, Postwar Japanese Diplomatic History
	ITO Nobuyoshi	European International History; British Diplomatic/Imperial History
	ISHIZU Tomoyuki	War Studies, European Military History, History of Strategic Thought
	SHINPUKU Yuichi	Military History of Imperial Japanese Army and U.S. Army around 1990
	ISHIHARA Akinori	Naval Military Logistics History, History of Japanese Arms Transfer
Military Archives	OMA Seita	Air force Operations, History of JASDF, Japanese Defense strategy
	KANNO Naoki	Archival Science, Modern Japanese History
	MATSUBARA Jikichiro	Military History of Modern Japan (Imperial Japanese Army/Navy), Japanese Aviation History, International Security Studies, International Relations
	SAITO Tatsushi	Modern Japanese Military History
	YAMAGUCHI Masaya	Modern history of Japan

Directors

Director (International Exchange and Libraries)	Name	Areas of Expertise
	SUKEGAWA Yasushi	Defense Management, Civil-Military Relations
	IWATA Eiko	Global Governance and Inclusive Security, The Impact of Gender Perspectives on Military Organizations
Director (Policy Simulation)	MATSUURA Yoshihide	Area Studies and Security Issues in Southeast Asia, Modern History of Malaysia/Singapore
Policy Simulation Division	KOJIMA Takayuki	Operations in System Communications (EM & Cyber) and Military Logistics
	YATSUZUKA Masaaki	Politics of China, China's diplomacy, International Relations in East Asia
	MAEDA Yuji	International relations theory, international security, U.S.-China relations

Specially Appointed Senior Fellow

Specially Appointed Senior Fellow	Name	Areas of Expertise
	NAKAMAE Takahiro	Diplomacy, Regional Studies (Western Hemisphere)

Research Director

Research Director	Name	Areas of Expertise
	TAKAHASHI Sugio	Nuclear Deterrence, Contemporary Military Strategy, US-Japan Alliance, Space Security

Senior Research Advisor

Senior Research Advisor	Name	Areas of Expertise
	SHOJI Junichiro	Modern Japanese Military and Diplomatic History, War and Memory