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## *Current position*

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- 2020 – present **ESRC Doctoral Researcher, Department of International Relations, LSE**
- Supervisor: Professor William A. Callahan
  - Thesis title: Unending past? Identity, memory and the ‘history problem’ in Japan-South Korea relations
  - Expected submission: July 2024

## *Visiting positions*

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- 2022 - 2023 **Visiting PhD Student, Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies, Waseda University**
- Five-month visiting research position in Tokyo, conducting fieldwork for PhD thesis
- 2022 **Visiting Scholar, Asiatic Research Institute, Korea University**
- Three-month visiting research position in Seoul, conducting fieldwork for PhD thesis

## *Higher education*

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- 2019 – 2020 **MSc International Relations (Research)**  
*LSE*
- Grade: Distinction
  - Dissertation scored 82%, won the Martin Wight Dissertation Prize, and revised version published as peer-reviewed article
- 2017 – 2019 **MA Korean Studies & East Asian Politics with intensive Korean language**  
*SOAS University of London*
- Grade: Distinction
  - Dissertation scored 75%
- 2008 – 2012 **BA Asian & Middle Eastern Studies (Japanese Studies)**  
*University of Cambridge, Trinity College*
- Grade: First class honours
  - Dissertation published in edited volume

## *Other qualifications and training*

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### **Professional legal qualifications**

- Admitted as a Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales (2016)
- Legal Practice Course, BPP Law School (2014)
- Graduate Diploma in Law, BPP Law School (2012 – 2013)

### Specialist methodology training in addition to core PhD training

- Institute for Qualitative and Multi-method Research (IQMR) 2021, Syracuse University
- MY400 Fundamentals of Social Science Research Design, LSE (Grade: Distinction)
- MY421 Qualitative Methods, LSE (Grade: Distinction)
- MY451 Introduction to Quantitative Methods, LSE (Grade: Distinction)
- MY528 Qualitative Text and Discourse Analysis, LSE (Grade: Distinction)

### *Professional experience*

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- 2016 – 2017    **Associate (qualified solicitor)**  
*EU, Competition & Regulatory Department, Slaughter and May, London*
- 2016            **Foreign Legal Associate (seconded from Slaughter and May)**  
*Anderson Mori and Tomotsune, Tokyo*
- 2014 – 2016    **Trainee Solicitor**  
*Slaughter and May, London and Brussels*

### *Research publications*

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#### Journal articles

2024, Mnemonic encounters: the construction and persistence of international ‘history wars’ and the case of Japan-South Korea relations. *International Studies Quarterly* (accepted/in press).

2023, Perpetual ontological crisis: national division, enduring anxieties and South Korea’s discursive relationship with Japan. *European Journal of International Relations* 29(4), 1041-1065. [\[Link\]](#)

2022, (Re)producing the ‘history problem’: memory, identity and the Japan-South Korea trade dispute. *The Pacific Review* 35(5), 789-820. [\[Link\]](#)

#### Book chapter

2013, All the world’s a stage: herbivore boys and the performance of masculinity in contemporary Japan. In Brigitte Steger and Angelika Kock (eds.), *Manga Girl Seeks Herbivore Boy: Studying Japanese Gender at Cambridge*. Lit Verlag. (Adapted from undergraduate dissertation)

### *Works in progress*

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International history wars and everyday foreign policy: memory and Othering in South Korean and Japanese popular culture. (Shortly submitting to *International Political Sociology*)

(In)significant Others: relational imbalance in international politics. (In preparation)

### *Other publications*

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Japan’s ‘history problem’ lingers on after Abe. *9DASHLINE*, 8 December 2022. [\[Link\]](#)

*Conference papers*

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International history wars and everyday foreign policy: memory and Othering in South Korean and Japanese popular culture

*European Workshops in International Studies 2024 (European International Studies Association). Istanbul, Turkey. 3-5 July 2024.*

International history wars and everyday foreign policy: memory and Othering in South Korean and Japanese popular culture

*British International Studies Association Conference 2024. Birmingham, UK. 5-7 June 2024.*

Everyday inter/transnational history wars: memory and Othering in South Korean and Japanese popular culture

*International Studies Association Convention 2024. San Francisco, USA. 3-6 April 2024.*

Mnemonic encounters: the construction and persistence of international 'history wars' and the case of Japan-South Korea relations

*International Studies Association Convention 2023. Montréal, Canada. 15-18 March 2023.*

Ontological insecurity and the crisis of national division: securing the Korean Self through anti-Japanese nationalism.

*International Studies Association Convention 2022. Nashville, USA. 28 March – 2 April 2022.*

Othering to secure a divided Self: ontological insecurity, memory and anti-Japanese nationalism in South Korea

*Association for Asian Studies Conference 2022. Honolulu, USA. 24-27 March 2022.*

(Re)producing the 'history problem': memory, identity and the Japan-South Korea trade dispute.

*Association of Korean Studies in Europe Conference 2021. La Rochelle, France. 28-31 October 2021.*

Remembering to secure a divided national identity: memory, ontological insecurity and anti-Japanese nationalism in South Korea.

*European International Studies Association Pan-European Conference 2021. Virtual conference. 13-17 September 2021.*

(Re)producing the 'history problem': memory, identity and the Japan-South Korea trade dispute.

*Asian Studies Conference Japan 2021. Tokyo, Japan. 3-4 July 2021. (paper accepted; conference later cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions.)*

*Other invited presentations*

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LSE Department of International Relations 'Security & Statecraft' Research Cluster Workshop, 8 November 2023.

LSE Department of International Relations 'Theory/Area/History' Research Cluster Workshop, 9 February 2022.

Japan Foundation/British Association of Japanese Studies Postgraduate Workshop, 25-26 February 2021.

### **Class teaching**

- 2021 – 2022 Class teacher for ‘IR100 International Relations: Theories, Concepts and Debates’ (LSE)
- First-year undergraduate course introducing International Relations and a broad range of mainstream and critical approaches to the discipline
  - Planning and teaching classes for 3x groups (total 41 students) weekly for full academic year, marking and providing feedback on essays, holding office hours, and providing support to students
  - Winner of Highly Commended LSE Class Teacher Award, as selected by Head of Department
  - Nominated for LSESU ‘Inspirational Teaching’ award by students

### **Other teaching experience**

- 2023 IR MSc dissertation surgeries (LSE)
- ‘Surgery’ meetings across July and August 2023 with master’s degree students in the LSE IR Department
  - Troubleshooting student concerns and queries regarding their MSc dissertation projects
- 2023 Undergraduate summative marking (LSE)
- Summative assessment marking of 50 undergraduates for ‘IR100 International Relations: Theories, Concepts and Debates’
- 2017 – *present* Private tutoring
- Tutoring in International Relations, Politics and Law at undergraduate and postgraduate levels
  - Over 2,000 hours of experience
  - Tutoring through top London agencies (including The Profs, Tavistock Tutors, and Bloomsbury Law Tutors) and independently

### *Competitive funding awards*

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- 2019 – 2024 ESRC 1+3 Doctoral Studentship (c. £125,000)
- Full funding (fees, maintenance stipend, research costs) for four years to study for master’s and PhD degrees at LSE
  - Funding period extended by 22 weeks due to successful Difficult Language Training application
- 2022 – 2023 ESRC Overseas Fieldwork and Difficult Language Training funding (£8,100)
- Funding for PhD fieldwork in Seoul and Tokyo, as well as language training in Korean and Japanese
- 2022 – 2023 Sir Patrick Gillam Scholarship Fund (£5,000)
- Funding for PhD fieldwork in Seoul and Tokyo

- 2021 ESRC Overseas Institutional Visit Funding (£2,200)
- Award made for six-week visit to Asiatic Research Institute, Korea University
  - Subsequently unable to undertake trip due to Covid-19 restrictions
- 2021 IQMR Summer Institute 2021 (fully funded place)
- Award made for the costs of airfare, accommodation and subsistence
  - Institute subsequently moved to an online format due to Covid-19
- 2018 – 2019 Korea Foundation Graduate Studies Fellowship (£9,000)
- Funding contribution towards master's degree study at SOAS
- 2017 – 2019 Ruby and Will George Trust (£3,000)
- Funding contribution towards master's degree study at SOAS
- 2017 – 2019 Sir Richard Stapley Educational Trust (£2,000)
- Funding contribution towards master's degree study at SOAS
- 2017 – 2018 SOAS Centre of Korean Studies (£6,000)
- Funding contribution towards master's degree study at SOAS

#### *Prizes and honours*

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Martin Wight Dissertation Prize (Department of International Relations, LSE) for the best MSc International Relations (Research) dissertation of 2019-20

Trinity College, Cambridge Senior Scholarship (prize awarded for excellent final year degree results), 2012

#### *Service roles and activities*

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Cohort representative, *LSE IR Department Staff-Research Student Liaison Committee* (2022 – 2023)

Editorial Board Member, *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*, Volume 50 (2020 – 2021)

Peer reviewer for: *European Journal of International Relations*, *Geopolitics*, *Journal of East Asian Studies*, *The Pacific Review*

#### *Association membership*

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International Studies Association (2022 – *present*)

British International Studies Association (2020 – *present*)

European International Studies Association (2024 – *present*)

British Association of Japanese Studies (2017 – *present*)

British Association of Korean Studies (2017 – *present*)

#### *Languages*

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English (native), Japanese (advanced), Korean (intermediate), Spanish (intermediate)