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Ms Funakoshi is an award-winning journalist and author. Her objective is to report on people who are not “mainstream” in Japanese media but are valuable witnesses to the history of society. These include victims, bystanders, perpetrators of war, terrorism, and genocide; communities confronting Ebola and other infectious diseases; and LGBTQ society in Asia and Europe.

Her three books focus on the theme of “the roots of human cruelty”; the award-winning “Interview With Khmer Rouge Leaders”; “I Learnt What Love Is, Only After Days Led to Executions”; and, “We All Pretended Not to Have Witnessed the Massacre”.

She contributes to “with Planet”, a Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation initiative in the Asahi Shimbun; - a newly launched internet-based magazine that explores and seeks solutions to major global issues, such as planetary health, poverty, gender inequity, and infectious disease. She has also written for various internet news sites and magazines, including YahooNews.

She started her career in journalism with Japan’s Kyodo

News service in 1989 and served as Kyodo's Bureau Chief in Phnom Penh, Cambodia (2001-2002); Hanoi, Vietnam (2004-2006); and Manila, Philippines (2006-2008). During her time in Asia, she covered a wide range of issues such as the U.S. war in Afghanistan (2001-2021), the Indochina earthquake and tsunami in 2004, the Saffron Revolution in Myanmar (2007-2008), and the long-term legacy and effects of the Indochina Wars in Southeast Asia. After she returned to Tokyo, she expanded her interests to the former Soviet Union, Africa, the Middle East, and Western countries. She became a freelance journalist in 2019.

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上智大学ロシア語学科卒。1989年共同通信社入社。2000年代にプノンペン、ハノイ、マニラ各支局長。この間、カンボジアのポル・ポト派最高幹部を含むインドシナ戦争の残像を多角的に報じたほか、米軍主導のアフガニスタン戦争とその後、スマトラ沖地震津波、ミャンマーのサフラン革命なども現地から報道した。その後、東京本社を拠点に、旧ソ連、アフリカ、中東、欧米各国に取材範囲を拡大。戦争やテロ、虐殺を生き延びた被害者、加害者と傍観者、エボラ出血熱など感染症と戦う社会と人々、アジアや欧州のLGBT問題など、日本の報道では「主流」からこぼれ落ちている、貴重な時代の証言者たちに焦点を当て続けた。2019年、共同通信を退社し、YahooNewsなどインターネットニュースや雑誌を中心に執筆中。朝日新聞がビル&メリンダ・ゲイツ財団とパートナーシップを結び、地球規模課題の解決を目指して立ち上げた新ウェブサイト「with Planet」には、ルポルタージュで参加している。著書に「人はなぜ人を殺したのか ポル・ポト派語る」(平和・協同ジャーナリスト基金奨励賞)「愛を知ったのは処刑に駆り立てられる日々の後だった」「その虐殺は皆で見なかったことにした」がある。