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立命館大学国際関係学部教授。毎日新聞社の外信部、政治部、ヨハネスブルク支局、北米総局(ワシントン)などで計 19 年間勤務した後、三井物産戦略研究所へ移り、欧露中東アフリカ室長などを経て2018年4月より現職。大学で国際ジャーナリズム論、アフリカ地域研究について講義する傍ら、近年は日本政府の対アフリカ政策、アフリカの開発に果たす企業の役割などを中心に研究している。毎日新聞ヨハネスブルク特派員時代に取材したアフリカ各地の武力紛争等に関する著書『ルポ 資源大陸アフリカ』(東洋経済新報社)で2010年の日本ジャーナリスト会議賞受賞。他にアフリカ地域情勢、日本アフリカ関係に関する著作及び論文多数。京都大学アフリカ地域研究資料センター特任教授、ササカワアフリカ財団理事などを兼任している。