

## **Curriculum Vita**

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### **Academic Positions**

Director, UTokyo (University of Tokyo) Center for Contemporary Japanese Studies, 2020-present

Executive Vice President for International Affairs, University of Tokyo, 2019-2021

Vice President for International Affairs, University of Tokyo, 2018-2019

Associate Dean of the Graduate School of Humanities and Sociology, University of Tokyo, 2015-2016

Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Tokyo, 2010-present

Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Tokyo, 2006- 2010

Associate Professor, Institute of Policy and Planning Sciences, University of Tsukuba, 2003- 2006

Senior Research Fellow (*shitsu cho*), National Institute of Population and Social Security Research, 1997 -2003

Research Assistant (*kyoumu hosain*), Ochanomizu University, 1995-1997

Junior Research Fellow, East Asian Institute, Columbia University, 1989-1995

### **Education**

University of Oxford, graduate student 1986-89; D.Phil. in sociology, 1997

Harvard University, visiting graduate student in sociology, 1985-86

Ochanomizu University, Tokyo, M.A., 1983

Doshisha Women's College of Liberal Arts, Kyoto, B.A., 1981

### **Doctoral Dissertation**

“Women in the Labour Market: Mobility and Work History of Japanese Women,”  
submitted to the University of Oxford (university supervisor, Dr. John H. Goldthorpe)

### **Fields of Specialization**

Social Stratification and Inequality, Social Demography, Generation and Gender Studies,  
Family and Social Security System, Cross-national Studies of Welfare States

### **Awards and Fellowships**

Best Research Award, Consumer Cooperative Institute of Japan, 2011  
Award for best paper on labor relations, Japan Institute of Labour, Tokyo, Japan, 2002  
Abe Fellowship, Social Science Research Council, U.S.A. and the Center for Global Partnership, Japan, 2000  
Toyota Foundation Grant, Toyota Foundation, Tokyo, Japan, 1989-91  
Studentship Award, Nuffield College, University of Oxford, England, U.K., 1988-89  
Overseas Research Student Award, University of Oxford and Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals of the Universities of the United Kingdom, 1986-89  
Graduated with honors, Doshisha Women's College of Liberal Arts, Kyoto, Japan, 1981  
Takiyama Merit Scholarship for Academic Excellence, Doshisha Women's College of Liberal Arts, Kyoto, Japan, 1980

### **Grants (award amount in approximate US dollars)**

Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (A), Principal Investigator. “An Empirical Analysis on the Mechanism of Generating Social Stratification in the Aged Society with Low Fertility,” funded by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, 2018-2020 (\$322,000)

This project focused on the dissemination of the findings of the previous project based on the 2015 SSM survey. The major findings of the study appeared in a series of three books published by the University of Tokyo Press in 2021; the English series is expected to be published by Springer. The Japanese book series was divided into three distinct stages in the life course: youth, middle age, and old age. About 40 authors contributed to this series, and Shirahase, who was the chief editor as well as the author of two chapters, organized this book project.

Grant-in-Aid for Specially Promoted Research, Principal Investigator. “A Comprehensive Study of the Structural Change in Social Stratification and the Mechanism of Generating Inequality in the Aging Society with Low Fertility,” funded by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, 2013-2017 (\$3,321,000).

This is the most prestigious grant awarded by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science. The main objective of this project was to conduct the seventh survey of social stratification and social mobility in 2015 (2015 SSM survey). SSM surveys have been conducted every 10 years since 1955. An innovative change made in the seventh survey was to expand the respondents' age range from 20 to 69 to 20 to 79, in line with the rapid aging of the population. Over 100 sociologists participated in this project, and the first reports based on the survey are available on the project web page, <https://www.l.u-tokyo.ac.jp/2015SSM-PJ/report.html>.

Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (S), Principal Investigator. “A Comprehensive Study Examining the Forms of Social Stratification in an Aging Society and Constructing Public Norms,” funded by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, 2008-2012 (\$1,323,000).

This research project was one of the first systematic studies to examine the aging population within the theoretical framework of social stratification in Japan. The study showed that an increasing trend of economic inequality in the society was mainly derived from an increase in the size of the older population, which was characterized by a high degree of inequality. The project discussed what kind of public norms should be constructed for the rapidly aging population in Japan, and what kind of social reform is necessary to make the social security system sustainable.

Health and Labor Science Research Grant, Principal Investigator. “Cross-national Study of Socio-economic Inequalities,” funded by the Japanese Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare, 2004-2006 (\$90,000).

This project is of great significance because the degree and the structure of income inequality calculated using international micro-data among OECD countries (Luxembourg Income Studies) were compared with those based on the Japanese government’s micro-data, Comprehensive Survey of People’s Living Conditions conducted by the Ministry of Health, Labour, and Welfare. The study found that the degree of income inequality was much higher among the older persons in Japan than in other nations, partly due to the effect of differential family types in which they reside. There was a high degree of inequality in economic well-being between one-person and three-generation families in Japan.

Health and Labor Science Research Grant, Principal Investigator. “The Long-term Care system and the Family in the Aging Society,” funded by the Japanese Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare, 2002-2004 (\$326,000).

The project aimed to examine the impact of a long-term care system that was introduced by the Japanese government in 2000. Socialization of care was one of the main motivations for introducing this new social insurance system in Japan, in light of the large increase in frail older persons that required being taken care of in the family. The situation was aggravated since middle-aged married women, the main care-givers, were more likely to be away at work, than before. In this project, we examined the extent to which the introduction of the long-term care system eased the burden of families in taking care of frail older members, and we concluded that the impact of the long-term care system on lowering the burden of care provided by family members was limited.

Health and Labor Sciences Research Grant, Investigator. “The Generation and Gender Survey,” funded by the Japanese Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare, 2002-2004 (\$400,000).

This is a part of the international research project, the Generations and Gender Programme (GGP), launched by the Population Unit of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE). There was a difficulty in harmonizing the Japanese survey with the core version of GGP, which was designed for European family situations. For instance, respondents were unwilling to answer various kinds of

privacy-related questions, especially those pertaining to partnerships. This project addressed these issues and made comparative study possible.

Health and Labor Science Research Grant, Investigator. “The Impact of Changes in the Family Structure on the Social Security System in Japan,” funded by the Japanese Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare, 2002-2004 (\$170,000).

This project aimed to conduct the first systematic survey on Japanese family and social security systems. Families play a large role in guaranteeing basic livelihood security to its members, and various social systems in Japan, including social security systems heavily depend on the family. Therefore, belonging to a secure family is crucial to protect people’s quality of life. However, there is a substantial increase in the number of single-parent families with high poverty, and this change challenges the sustainability of the Japanese social security system.

Health and Labor Science Research Grant, Principal Investigator. “The Assessment of the Extent of Income Inequality in Japan,” funded by the Japanese Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare, 2000-2001 (\$100,000).

The research that Shirahase initiated was well-received by both the academic community and the media because, at that time, economic inequality of Japanese society was being hotly debated. After believing in the myth of Japan’s middle-class society for long, it was found that Japan was no longer a very equal society and the degree of economic inequality was at the half-way mark in the rankings of the OECD countries.

Health and Labor Science Research Grant, Investigator. “National Survey of Unmarried People Living with Parents,” funded by the National Institute of Population and Social Security Research, 1999-2001 (\$350,000).

The survey of 2000 was the first to focus on unmarried adult children, 18 years old and above, living with their parents. Japan has already suffered from low fertility, which was not high enough to reach the replacement rate, and the increasing phenomenon of delays in leaving their parental homes and remaining unmarried concerned policy makers, academics, and media. Shirahase took the lead in designing the survey to determine how young people behave at home. The results were disseminated and publicized in both academia and media.

Health and Labor Science Research Grant, Principal Investigator. “Comparative Study of Welfare States in Transition,” funded by the National Institute of Population and Social Security Research, 1998-2000 (\$100,000).

This project was aimed to follow up on previous research on the state of welfare of Japan, conducted in the mid-1980s, to examine the maintenance of people’s livelihood security. Whether Japan was a real welfare state with measures initiated by the government, since the corporate welfare system was well established to guarantee security for their employees and family members, was actively discussed. Our findings

are that Japan is a type of ad-hoc welfare state, and its social expenses are still limited when compared to Europe.

Health and Labor Science Research Grant, Investigator. “National Survey of Family in Japan,” funded by the National Institute of Population and Social Security Research, 1997-1999 (\$200,000).

The main aim of this project was to conduct the third National Survey of Family in Japan, which was the first large-scale nationally representative survey on families. This survey was particularly important to see how couples share household chores and childbearing, and it was one of the earliest surveys to examine the relationship between adult children and parents regardless of whether they co-reside or not.

## **Publications**

### **[Books]**

- Sawako Shirahase (series ed.). 2021. *Social Stratification in the Aged Society with Low Fertility*, Vol. 1-3 (in Japanese). Tokyo: University of Tokyo Press.
- Sawako Shirahase (ed.). 2019. *Demography and Society: Looking for the Future in Japan* (in Japanese). Tokyo: University of Tokyo Press.
- Sawako Shirahase. 2014. *Social Inequality in Japan*. London: Routledge.
- Sawako Shirahase (ed.). 2011. *Demographic Change and Inequality in Japan*. Melbourne: Trans Pacific Press.
- Sawako Shirahase. 2010. *Inequality in Individual Life Course: Looking for Mutually Supportive Society* (in Japanese). Tokyo: Iwanami Shoten (publisher).
- Sawako Shirahase. 2009. *Thinking about Inequality in Japan: A Comparative Study of Ageing Societies* (in Japanese). Tokyo: University of Tokyo Press.
- Sawako Shirahase. (ed.) 2006. *Inequality in a Changing Society: Hidden Disparities behind the Demographic Shift in Japan* (in Japanese). Tokyo: University of Tokyo Press.
- Sawako Shirahase. 2005. *The Unseen Gaps in an Aging Society: Locating Gender, Generation, and Class in Japan* (in Japanese). Tokyo: University of Tokyo Press.

### **[Articles]**

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- Sawako Shirahase. 2021. “A Study on the Aging Population from a Theoretical Perspective of Social Stratification.” *Social Science Japan Journal* (<https://doi.org/10.1093/ssjj/jyab010>).
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- Sawako Shirahase. 2021. “Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on Women’s Work and their Daily Lives.” (in Japanese) *Local Public Health* (July): 8-10.

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- Sawako Shirahase. 2015. "Income Inequality among Older People in Rapidly Aging Japan" *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility* 41: 1-10.
- Sawako Shirahase and James M. Raymo. 2014. "Single Mothers and Poverty in Japan: The Role of Intergenerational Co-residence." *Social Forces* 93(2): 545-569.
- Young-Mi Kim and Sawako Shirahase. 2014. "Understanding Intra-regional Variation in Gender Inequality in East Asia: Decomposition of Cross-national Differences in the Gender Earnings Gap." *International Sociology* 29(3): 229-248.
- Sawako Shirahase. 2013. "Demography as Social Risk: Demographic Change and Accumulated Inequality." *Development and Society* 42(3): 213-235.
- Sawako Shirahase. 2012. "Economic Inequality from the Perspective of the Generational and Household Structures of Contemporary Japan." (in Japanese) *Annals of Sociology* 41:9-21.
- Sawako Shirahase. 2010. "Japan as a Stratified Society: With a Focus on Class Identification," *Social Science Japan Journal* 13(1): 31-52.
- Sawako Shirahase and Toshiko Takeuchi. 2009. "Re-thinking about Ageing Population and the Expansion of Income Inequality in Japan." (in Japanese) *Japanese Sociological Review* 60 (2): 259-278.
- Sawako Shirahase. 2009. "Age, Change, and Poverty: Coping with Social Transformation." *Global Asia* 4 (1): 38-42.
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- Sawako Shirahase. 2008. "Social Policy towards the Decline in Fertility, Now." (in Japanese) *Prospectus of Sciences*: 35-39.
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- Sawako Shirahase. 2000. "A Study of Gender Division of Labor within the Household and Needs towards the Social Support." (in Japanese) *Quarterly of Social Security Research* 36: 256-68.
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- Sawako Shirahase. 1999. "Gender Differences in Intergenerational Mobility: A Cross-national Comparison with Europe." (in Japanese) *Japanese Sociological Review* 50: 41-58.
- Sawako Shirahase. 1999. "Family Policies in Western Industrial Societies: From the Perspective of Child Care Support." (in Japanese) *Pension and Work* 18: 16-24.
- Sawako Shirahase. 1999. "Class, Marriage, and Gender: Class Homogamy through Marriage." (in Japanese) *Sociological Theory and Methods* 14: 5-18.
- Sawako Shirahase. 1998. "A Study of the Increase of Women with Higher Education and the Decline of the Fertility Rate." (in Japanese) *Quarterly of Social Security Research* 34: 392-401.
- Sawako Shirahase. 1998. "Family Policies towards Families with Children in Industrial Societies." (in Japanese) *Kodomo Katei Joho* (Current Information on Child and Family Welfare) 14: 31-36.
- Sawako Shirahase. 1996. "Female Part-time Work in Britain: An Analysis of Women and Employment Survey." (in Japanese) *Journal of Social Sciences and Family Studies* 3: 89-103.
- Sawako Shirahase. 1995. "Diversity in Female Work: Female Part-time Workers in Contemporary Japan." *American Asian Review* 13: 275-282.
- Sawako Shirahase and Hiroshi Ishida. 1994. "Gender Inequality in the Japanese Occupational Structure: A Cross-national Comparison with Great Britain and the United States." *International Journal of Comparative Sociology* 35: 188-206.
- Sawako Shirahase. 1984. "Coping with Family Stress." (in Japanese) *Annals of Family Studies* 10: 66-80.

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- Sawako Shirahase. 2010. "Marriage as an Association of Social Classes in a Low Fertility Society." Pp. 57-84 in *Social Class in Contemporary Japan*, edited by Hiroshi Ishida and David Slater. London: Routledge.
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Sawako Shirahase. 2003. "Wives' Economic Contribution to the Household Income in Japan with Cross-national Perspective." *Luxembourg Income Study Working Paper Series* No. 349.

Sawako Shirahase. 2001. "Japanese Income Inequality by Household Types in Comparative Perspective." *Luxembourg Income Study Working Paper Series* No. 268.

**[Other articles]**

55 General articles for newspapers and general books

23 reports

24 book reviews

**Conference Participation** (selected since 2000)

Sawako Shirahase. "Gender Inequality under the COVID-19 pandemic." (in Japanese) JILPT Forum, June 2021. (invited presentation)

Sawako Shirahase. "Social Inclusion to Achieve the Sustainable Society, Focusing on the Super-aged Society, Japan." The 20<sup>th</sup> Science Council of Asia, May 2021. (invited presentation)

Sawako Shirahase. "Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on Gender Equality in Japan" Symposium, Japanese-German Center Berlin, March 2021. (invited presentation)

Sawako Shirahase, "Women and COVID-19: A Serious Impact on Work and Family." Lunch Seminar on Japanese Economy and Society, Maison de franco-japanaise, March 2021. (invited presentation)

Sawako Shirahase. "Families and Wealth Accumulation in Japan: How Is Wealth Passed on between Generations?" IV ISA Forum of Sociology (on line), February 2021.

Sawako Shirahase. "Class Inequality Focusing on Private Transfer between Parents and Children." (in Japanese) Japan Sociological Society (Tokyo, Japan), October 2020.

Sawako Shirahase. "Economic Inequality in Super-Aged Society: Focusing on Wealth Gap." (in Japanese) Japanese Association for Mathematical Sociology (Osaka, Japan), September 2020.

Sawako Shirahase. "Aging Population in Japan: From the Theoretical Perspective of Social Stratification." (in Japanese) Japan Sociological Society (Tokyo, Japan), October 2019.

Sawako Shirahase and Ryota Mugiya. "The Impact of Class Origin throughout the Life Course: Focusing on the Most Aged Society, Japan." International Sociological Association Research Committee 28 (Princeton, U.S.A.), August 2019.

Sawako Shirahase. "Paradox in the Society with Very Low Fertility: Family Policy or Support for Working Mothers?" (in Japanese) Japan Society of Family Sociology (Kobe, Japan), September 2019.

Sawako Shirahase. "The Shape of Post-war Japan Looking from SSM Surveys and Government Statistics: Re-examination of Social Stratification Theory." (in Japanese) Japan Sociological Society (Kobe, Japan), September 2018. (invited presentation)

Sawako Shirahase and Hiroshi Ishida. "How to Transmit the Social Advantage to Next Generations? Focusing on the Educational Advantage in the Multigenerational

- Perspective.” International Sociological Association Research Committee 28 (Toronto, Canada), July 2018.
- Sawako Shirahase.” Protecting Socially Vulnerable People in Japan, the World’s Most Aged Society: Focusing on Multi-Generational Co-residence.” International Sociological Association Research Committee 19 (Toronto, Canada), July 2018.
- Sawako Shirahase. “What Can We See in the Social Stratification of Japan as We Focus on Gender, Family and Population?” International Sociological Association, Research Committee 28 (Seoul, South Korea), May 2018. (invited presentation)
- Sawako Shirahase. “Re-examination of the Theory of Social Stratification Taking into Account Aging population.” (in Japanese) Japan Sociological Society (Tokyo, Japan), November 2017.
- Kazuhiro Kezuka, Sawako Shirahase, and Hirotaka Takikawa. “Expansion in Social Inequality, Focusing on the Growth of the Number of Those with Higher Education.” (in Japanese) Japan Society of Family Sociology (Tokyo, Japan), September 2017.
- Sawako Shirahase. “The Decline in the Household Size from the Perspective of Social Stratification.” (in Japanese) Japan Society of Family Sociology (Tokyo, Japan), September 2017.
- Sawako Shirahase. “Social Inequality in Occupational Inheritance and Wealth Accumulation in Japan from an Intergenerational Perspective.” International Sociological Association Research Committee 28 (New York, U.S.A.), August 2017.
- Sawako Shirahase. “Mother’s Work and Economic Inequality among Children in Low-fertility Societies: Focusing on Japan from a Cross-national Perspective.” EAJIS International Conference (Lisbon, Portugal), August 2017.
- Sawako Shirahase. “Generational Cohesion through Making a Bequest.” International Sociological Association Research Committee 28 (Singapore, Singapore), May 2016.
- Sawako Shirahase. “Economic Inequality among Children in Low-fertility Societies: Focusing on Japan from Cross-national Perspective.” International Sociological Association Research Committee 28 (Bern, Switzerland), August 2016.
- Sawako Shirahase. “Wealth Distribution in the Aged Society with Low Birthrate.” (in Japanese) Japan Sociological Society (Fukuoka, Japan) October 2016.
- Sawako Shirahase. “Income Inequality in the Rapidly Aging Society of Japan.” LERA/ASSA Meeting (San Francisco, U.S.A.), January 2016. (invited presentation)
- Sawako Shirahase. “An Empirical Analysis of Economic Inequality among the Elderly, Focusing on the Change in Household and Income Structures.” (in Japanese) Japan Sociological Society (Tokyo, Japan), September 2015.
- Sawako Shirahase. “Income Inequality among Older People in Rapidly Aging Japan.” International Sociological Association Research Committee 28 (Philadelphia, U.S.A.), August 2015.
- Sawako Shirahase. “Intergenerational Transfer within Families from the Perspective of Social Inequality in Japan” ISA World Congress of Sociology Research Committee 11&41 (Yokohama, Japan), July 2014.
- Sawako Shirahase. “Intergenerational Transfer, Social and Private, in Japan” ISA World Congress of Sociology Research Committee 19 (Yokohama, Japan), July 2014.

- Sawako Shirahase. "Accumulation of Wealth and Transfer: Underestimated Social Inequality." (in Japanese) Japan Sociological Society, October 2013.
- Sawako Shirahase. "Single Mothers and Poverty in Japan: The Role of Intergenerational Coresidence." Population of American Association (New Orleans, U.S.A.), April 2013 and International Sociological Association Research Committee 28 (Brisbane, Australia), July 2013. (invited presentation)
- Sawako Shirahase. "Thinking about the Stratification Structure among Middle-age and Old People." (in Japanese) Japan Sociological Society (Sapporo, Japan), November 2012.
- Sawako Shirahase. "Inequality among Middle-age and Old People, Focusing on Wealth Disparity." (in Japanese) Japanese Association for Mathematical Sociology (Yokoyama, Japan), September 2012.
- Sawako Shirahase. "Does mom Make a Difference in Child's Economic Well-being?" Work and Family Network (New York, U.S.A.), June 2012. (invited presentation)
- Sawako Shirahase. "Social Inequality and the Debate on the Differentiated Society in Japan." German Sociological Association (Bochum, Germany), October 2012. (invited presentation)
- Sawako Shirahase. "Social Inequalities in Contemporary Japan: From Mass-middle-class Society to Class-divided Society" Donald Keene Center of Japanese Culture, Columbia University (New York, U.S.A.), February 2011. (invited presentation)
- Sawako Shirahase. "Economic Disparity among the Elderly, Focusing on the Household Structure and Wealth." (in Japanese) Japan Sociological Society (Kobe, Japan), September 2011.
- Sawako Shirahase. "Attitudes towards Social Stratification and Intergenerational Relations," (in Japanese) Japan Sociological Society (Tokyo, Japan), October 2009.
- Sawako Shirahase. "Socio-economic Inequalities in a Rapidly Ageing Society, Japan," PhD Laboratory of the International Sociological Association (Shonan, Japan), October 2009. (invited presentation)
- Sawako Shirahase. "Youth in Changing Family Formation and Social Inequality in Japan." Conference on Gender Dynamics in Education, Labor Markets and Social Policy-Regulation and Outcomes in Comparative Perspective, at Hanse-Wissenschaftskolleg, Delmenhorst (Bremen), September 2009. (invited presentation)
- Sawako Shirahase. "Class and Inequality in the Society with Unstable Employment." (in Japanese) Summer Seminar of Home Economic Association (Tokyo, Japan), August 2009.
- Sawako Shirahase. "Socio-economic Inequalities in a Rapidly Ageing Society, Japan." International Symposium, Deutsches Institut Japanstudien (Tokyo, Japan), June 2009. (invited presentation)
- Sawako Shirahase. "Failure to Launch in Contemporary Japan: Delay in Marriage and Income Inequality in Comparative Perspective." International Sociological Association Research Committee 28 (Beijing, China), May 2009.
- Sawako Shirahase. "Gender Gap in the Relationship between Delay in Marriage and Income Inequality in Comparative Perspective." International Symposium at the Institute of Social Science (Tokyo, Japan), March 2009.

- Sawako Shirahase. "Gender Inequality in Life Course: The Delay in Leaving Parental Home." (in Japanese) Workshop of Gender Studies, University of Kyoto (Kyoto, Japan), January 2009. (invited presentation)
- Sawako Shirahase. "Income Inequality in a Rapidly Ageing Society: Japan in Cross-national Perspective." the German Association for Social Science Research on Japan, (Düsseldorf, Germany), November 2008. (invited presentation)
- Sawako Shirahase. "What Determines the Differentiation of the Youth? The Position of the Youth in the Social Stratification." (in Japanese) Japan Sociological Society (Sendai, Japan), November 2008.
- Sawako Shirahase. "Inequality in Shrinking Population." Japanese Association of Planning Administration (Tokyo, Japan), September 2008. (invited presentation)
- Sawako Shirahase. "Delay in Marriage and Income Inequality in Japan in Comparative Perspective." International Sociological Association Forum of Sociology Research Committee 02 (Barcelona, Spain), September 2008.
- Sawako Shirahase. "Youth in the Household: Socio-economic Inequality from the Gender Perspective." International Symposium of Declining Fertility in the Society with Disparity at the German Institute of Japanese Studies (Tokyo, Japan), June 2008. (invited presentation)
- Sawako Shirahase. "The Transfer of Resources across Generations, Focusing on the Role of Family in Contemporary Japan." ESF-LiU Conference (Vadstena, Sweden), June 2008.
- Sawako Shirahase. "Change in the Family Structure and Income Inequality in Japan." Workshop on Health Care, Work-Family Responsibilities, and Income Redistribution in Diversified and Aging Societies, Embassy of Canada (Tokyo, Japan), February 2008.
- Sawako Shirahase. "Policy towards Declining Fertility Rate, Now." (in Japanese) Conference at Science Council of Japan (Tokyo, Japan), January 2008.
- Sawako Shirahase. "A Cross-national Study on Income Inequality among Families with Small Children in Japan and the United States." (in Japanese) Japan Sociological Society (Yokohama, Japan), November 2007.
- Sawako Shirahase. "Inequality in an Aging Society with a Declining Birthrate." Workshop on Asian Societies in Comparative Perspectives, Yonsei University (Seoul, Korea), October 2007. (invited presentation)
- Sawako Shirahase. "Socio-economic Inequality and Demographic Change in Japan." Joint-panel between the Korean Sociological Association and the Japanese Sociological Society (Seoul, Korea), June 2007. (invited presentation)
- Sawako Shirahase. "Income Inequality in an Aging Society: Widowhood Later in Life in Japan." Joint-conference between the Seoul National University and the University of Tokyo at Seoul National University (Seoul, Korea), November 2006. (invited presentation)
- Sawako Shirahase. "Economic Inequality in the Ageing Society from Gender Perspective." (in Japanese) Japanese Public Policy Society (Tokyo, Japan), October 2006.

- Sawako Shirahase. "Marriage and Mom's Work in Contemporary Japan." Workshop on Fertility Decline and Balancing Work and Family Life at the University of Chicago (Chicago, U.S.A.), May 2006. (invited presentation)
- Sawako Shirahase. "Ageing Population and Inequality, Focusing on the Household and Gender." (in Japanese) Workshop at Kansai Labor Study Group (Osaka, Japan), February 2006. (invited presentation)
- Sawako Shirahase. "Marital Association of Class Origin and Education and its Consequences to the Gender Division of Labor in the Household in Contemporary Japan." International Sociological Association Research Committee 28 (Oslo, Norway). May 2005.
- Sawako Shirahase. "Marriage in Japan in an Era of Declining Fertility Rate and Aging Society." (in Japanese) DIJ (German Institute for Japanese Studies) Forum (Tokyo, Japan), March 2005. (invited presentation)
- Sawako Shirahase. "Empirical Study on the Relationship between the Long-term Care and Household/Local Areas." (in Japanese) Symposium of Promotion of Policy Study Sciences, the Japanese Ministry of Health, Labor, and Welfare (Tokyo, Japan), February 2005. (invited presentation)
- Sawako Shirahase. "The Pattern of Marital Association and Its Consequences in Japan." paper presented at the workshop of Researching Social Class in Japan, University of Tokyo (Tokyo, Japan), January 2005. (invited presentation)
- Sawako Shirahase. "Gender in the Ageing Society, Focusing on the Relationship between Parents and Adult Children." Eastern Sociological Association (Tokyo, Japan), September 2004.
- Sawako Shirahase. "Marital Association of Class Origin and Education in Contemporary Japan." Conference of Researching Social Class in Japan, University of Michigan, (Ann Arbor, U.S.A.), January 2004. (invited presentation)
- Sawako Shirahase. "Changes in the Household Structure in Japan, Focusing on the Increase of the Single Household of Elderly Women." (in Japanese) Japanese Association for Mathematical Sociology, (Tokyo, Japan), September 2003.
- Sawako Shirahase. "A Study on the Socio-economic Status of Single Elderly Women in Japan." (in Japanese) Japan Public Policy Studies Association (Tokyo, Japan), June 2003.
- Sawako Shirahase. "Wife's Economic Contribution to the Household Income in Cross-national Perspective." International Sociological Association Research Committee 28 (Tokyo, Japan), March 2003.
- Sawako Shirahase. "Household with Unmarried Adult Children: From the Perspective of Income Inequality." (in Japanese) Japan Sociological Society (Osaka, Japan), November 2002.
- Sawako Shirahase. "Mother's Working Pattern and the Support for Childrearing." (in Japanese) Japan Society of Family Sociology (Tokyo Japan), September 2002.
- Sawako Shirahase. "Japanese Income Inequality by Household Type in Comparative Perspective." International Sociological Association Research Committee 28 (Oxford, U.K.), April 2002.

- Sawako Shirahase. "Women's Working Pattern and the Support to Working Mothers in Contemporary Japan." Workshop on Political Economy of Childcare and Female Employment: Japan in Comparative Perspective, Yale University (New Heaven, U.S.A.), January 2002. (invited presentation)
- Sawako Shirahase. "Family, Gender and Intergenerational Support in Japan." Center for Japanese Studies Noon Lecture Series, University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, U.S.A.), November 2001. (invited presentation)
- Sawako Shirahase. "Determinants of Women's Withdrawal from the Labor Market at Marriage and at the First Childbirth." (in Japanese) Japan Sociological Society (Hiroshima, Japan), November 2000.
- Sawako Shirahase. "Family Support towards the Grown-up Children in Contemporary Japan." (in Japanese) Japan Society of Family Sociology (Tokyo, Japan), September 2000.
- Sawako Shirahase. "Family, Gender, and Intergenerational Support in Japan." International Sociological Association Research Committee 28 (Calgary, Canada), August 2000.

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- Contemporary Japan*: Journal of the German Institute for Japanese Studies  
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**Professional Memberships** (currently involved)

- Japan Society of Family Sociology (Board Member), 2017-present
- International Sociological Association (Vice President), Research Committee 28 (Board Member), Research Committee 19 (member), 2018-present
- International Science Council, Committee Member for Freedom and Responsibility in Science, 2019-present
- Science Council of Japan (Council Member) 2020-present
- Japan Sociological Society (Member of Delegation), 2020-present
- Japanese Society for the Study of Social Welfare (Board Member), 2020-present

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- Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Council for Science and Technology, 2016-present
- Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Sub-committee on research grant, 2016-present
- Japanese Reconstruction Agency, Committee on Reconstruction from the Tohoku disaster, 2017-present



Tokyo Metropolitan Government, Bureau of Social Welfare and Public Health, 2017-present

Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Ad hoc-committee on humanities and social sciences, 2019-present

Japanese Cabinet Office, Council for Gender Equality, 2021-present

Tokyo Organizing Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games, 2021-present