

# Taika Nagano

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## Current Title/Affiliation

- 2024 – ····    📖 **Ph.D. Student** The University of Osaka (Osaka, Japan), Graduate School of Humanities, Division of Language and Culture
- 2025 – ····    📖 **Research Assistant** The University of Osaka (Osaka, Japan), Graduate School of Humanities, Division of Language and Culture

## Research Interests

- 📖 **Theoretical Linguistics;** Generative Grammar, Distributed Morphology  
I am working on the current framework of Generative Grammar, the Minimalist Program, and its application to morphology, Distributed Morphology. My special interest focuses on what Chomskian calls Externalization, to which language variation can be attributed. I wish to find out what Externalization contributes to in detail by means of several morphological theories.
- 📖 **Comparative Morphology;** Allomorphy, Conjugations in Japanese and other languages  
As a morphologist, I am engaged in cross-linguistic variations in verbal morphology. One of my interests is allomorphy, whose distribution is different from language to language. For example, English is abundant in tense allomorphs while Japanese is not, being rich in voice allomorphs instead. Also, I am interested in conjugation systems in Japanese. Though there are thousands of descriptive studies on this topic, few issues have yet reached a certain consensus. My hope is to submit solutions to them with the help of linguistic theories.
- 📖 **Comparative Syntax;** Argument Alternations  
I have been pursuing my syntactic research into argument alternations, such as causative-inchoative, and dative-ditransitive alternations. Most of phenomena I am interested in accompanies a dative case. Theoretically, the assignment (or licensing) of a dative case is relatively unclear. This is partly because, in not a few languages, the form of dative corresponds to that of an adpositional element. Also, I am doing research into argument suppression, which is cross-linguistically observed in passive constructions, nominalization, and so on. A suppressed external argument is sometimes realized with an adposition, which is called a demoted argument. I would like to discover how the suppression and demotion of an argument happen.

## Education

### Degrees





- 2022 – 2024    📖 **M.A. in Language and Culture.** The University of Osaka, Osaka, Japan.  
*Thesis title:* *Locality Constraints on Allomorphy: Japanese Verbal Morphology in the Causative-Inchoative Alternation.*
- 2018 – 2022    📖 **B.A. in Foreign Studies.** Kobe City University of Foreign Studies, Kobe, Japan.  
*Thesis title:* *Syntactic Asymmetry in the Dative Alternation: A Case of the English Verb-Particle Construction.*

## Employment History

### Work Experience (Universities)

- May 2025 – . . . . .  **Research Assistant. The University of Osaka (Osaka, Japan)**, Graduate School of Humanities, Division of Language and Culture
- Apr 2025 – . . . . .  **Part-time Lecturer. Setsunan University (Osaka, Japan)**, Faculty of International Studies
- Jan 2023 – Feb 2023  **Research Assistant. The University of Osaka (Osaka, Japan)**, Center for International Education and Exchange
- Oct 2022 – Feb 2024  **Teaching Assistant. The University of Osaka (Osaka, Japan)**, Center for International Education and Exchange

### Work Experience (Others)

- Apr 2024 – . . . . .  **Part-time Lecturer. Josho Gakuen High School / Junior High School (Osaka, Japan)**, Division of English
- Apr 2024 – Mar 2025  **Part-time Lecturer. Naniwa Gakuin High School (Osaka, Japan)**, Division of English
- Apr 2023 – Mar 2024  **Part-time Lecturer. Sakai Liberal Junior High School (Osaka, Japan)**, Division of English
-  **Part-time Lecturer. Kyoto Nishiyama High School (Kyoto, Japan)**, Division of English

## Research Publications

### Conference Proceedings



- 1 **T. Nagano** and K. Tateno, “Morpho-semantic notes on *unhappier*,” in *Proceedings of The 33rd Edition of the Conference of the Student Organisation of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE)*, To Appear.
- 2 A. Yamada and **T. Nagano**, “Not always introducing arguments: The syntax of high-applicative constructions in Japanese,” in *Proceedings of Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics 17*, E.-O. Tumen-Ochir, J. Sinitsyna, and S. Miyagawa, Eds., MIT Working Papers in Linguistics, 2024, pp. 299–306.
- 3 A. Yamada and **T. Nagano**, “The ‘passivized’ high applicative construction in Japanese,” in *Proceedings of the 166th Meeting of the Linguistic Society of Japan*, 2023.

### Unpublished Papers

- 1 **T. Nagano**, “Phonological allomorphs of *sase*,” Ms., The University of Osaka, To Appear.

## Conference Presentations

### Oral Presentations

- Jan 29, 2025  **Nagano, T.** and K. Tateno. Morpho-Semantic Notes on *unhappier*. *The 33rd Edition of the Conference of the Student Organisation of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE 33)*, The University of Göttingen, Göttingen, Germany.
- Sep 4, 2021  **Nagano, T.** Phonological Rules and Syntactic Structure of Deverbal Complex Nouns in Japanese. *Morphology and Lexicon Forum (MLF) 2021*, via Zoom.

## Conference Presentations (continued)

### Poster Presentations

- Nov 9, 2024    ■ **Nagano, T.** Deriving Japanese Causative Morphemes from a Single Phonological Form. *The 169th Meeting of the Linguistic Society of Japan*, Hokkaido University, Hokkaido, Japan.
- Sep 27, 2023    ■ Yamada, A. and **T. Nagano**. Not always introducing arguments: the syntax of high-applicative constructions in Japanese. *The 17th Workshop on Atlantic Formal Linguistics (WAFL 17)*, National University of Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.
- Jun 17, 2023    ■ Yamada, A. and **T. Nagano**. The 'passivized' high applicative construction in Japanese. *The 166th Meeting of the Linguistic Society of Japan*, Senshu University, Tokyo, Japan.

## Miscellaneous Works

### Talks (Non Peer-Reviewed)

- Jul 5, 2025    ■ Decomposing Causative/Passive Morphemes in Japanese. *Meeting of Kansai Lexicon Program (KLP)*, The University of Osaka, Osaka, Japan.
- Apr 26, 2025    ■ Decomposing *sase* and *rare*. *Member internal seminar of JSPS Core-Core Program "International Research Network for the Human Language Faculty"*, via Zoom.
- Feb 6, 2025    ■ Get Passive/Causative in Japanese. *The 453th Meeting of Language, Computer, Communication Circle (LCCC)*, The University of Osaka, Osaka, Japan.
- Sep 5, 2024    ■ (with Kanta Tateno) On the Morpho-Semantic Issues of *more unhappy*. *The 448th Meeting of Language, Computer, Communication Circle (LCCC)*, The University of Osaka, Osaka, Japan.
- Aug 1, 2024    ■ On the Transitivity Marker *e* in Japanese – A Morphosyntactic Account. *The 447th Meeting of Language, Computer, Communication Circle (LCCC)*, The University of Osaka, Osaka, Japan.
- Jul 27, 2023    ■ Voice Morphology in Japanese. *The 438th Meeting of Language, Computer, Communication Circle (LCCC)*, The University of Osaka, Osaka, Japan.
- Jun 9, 2022    ■ Syntactic Asymmetry in the Dative Alternation: A Case of the English Verb-Particle Construction. *The 426th Meeting of Language, Computer, Communication Circle (LCCC)*, The University of Osaka, Osaka, Japan.

### Thesis

- Jan 2024    ■ *Locality Constraints on Allomorphy: Japanese Verbal Morphology in the Causative-Inchoative Alternation*. M.A. Thesis, The University of Osaka  
Committee: Masao Ochi, Akitaka Yamada, Hirotaka Nakajima
- Jan 2022    ■ *Syntactic Asymmetry in the Dative Alternation: A Case of the English Verb-Particle Construction*. Graduate Thesis, Kobe City University of Foreign Studies.  
Committee: Norio Nasu, Franklin Chang

## Teaching Experience

### Instructor

- Apr 2025 – . . . . ■ **Basic English**. Setsunan University, Osaka, Japan  
Introductory English course for freshmen.

### Teaching Assistant

- Oct 2022 – Feb 2024    ■ **JA 100**. The University of Osaka, Osaka, Japan  
Introductory Japanese course for international exchange students  
(Instructor: Associate Professor Kozi Namba)


## Miscellaneous Experience


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### Grants


Apr 2024 – . . . . .  **JST Spring**, The University of Osaka, Grant No. JPMJSP2138

### Academic Services

Apr 2025 – . . . . .  **Tutor of an international student.** **The University of Osaka (Osaka, Japan)**, Graduate School of Humanities, Division of Language and Culture, Supervised by Prof. Masao Ochi


Dec 2024 – Dec 2024  **Local student staff** at International Workshop 2024 of JSPS Core-Core Program "International Research Network for the Human Language Faculty", The University of Osaka, Osaka, Japan.

Oct 2024 – Feb 2025  **Tutor of an international student.** **The University of Osaka (Osaka, Japan)**, Graduate School of Humanities, Division of Language and Culture, Supervised by Prof. Kozi Ueda

Jan 2023 – Feb 2025  **Editor for KLS (Kansai Linguistic Society) Selected Papers**

### Certification

Mar 2022  **High School Teaching Licence in Japan (English).**  
Certified by Hyogo Prefectural Board of Education.

 **Junior High School Teaching Licence in Japan (English).**  
Certified by Hyogo Prefectural Board of Education.

## Skills

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### Languages

Native  Japanese

Fluent  English

Beginner  Spanish

Coursework  Ainu

### Others

Coding   $\LaTeX$

Web Dev  HTML, CSS

## References

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