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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  
[Project title](#): Theoretical approaches to natural language

## Research Interests

- 📌 **Linguistic Theories**; Syntax, Morphology
- 📌 **Comparative Morphology**; Allomorphy, Conjugation systems in Japanese and other languages

## 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.** **Joshu 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

## Employment History (continued)

- **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 **T. Nagano**, “Decomposing causative/passive morphemes in Japanese,” in *Proceedings of the 27th Seoul International Conference on Generative Grammar (SICOGG 27)*, A. Kang, Ed., The Korean Generative Grammar Circle, 2025, pp. 182–191.
- 3 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.
- 4 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, 2025.

## 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.

### Poster Presentations

- Aug 16, 2025 ■ **Nagano, T.** Deriving Causative/Passive Morphemes in Japanese. *Seoul International Conference on Generative Grammar (SICOGG) 27*, Sogang University, Seoul, South Korea.
- 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 Altaic 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

### 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

## Miscellaneous Experience (continued)

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- 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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