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Stefan Heeb – a Swiss citizen – has been working as an Assistant Professor at Kanagawa University since 2021.

His thinking has been centred around society, ideas, and languages, with main research axes recently being civilizational studies (“What is ‘the West’?”), Western European language teaching for Japanese mothertongue speakers (“linguistic, societal and civilizational similarities of German, French and English”), as well as socio-economic institutional analysis (particularly focusing on the transition from education to employment in Japan, Switzerland, Germany and France).



He holds triple BAs from the University of Geneva, Switzerland, in Sociology from the Faculty of social sciences (2004-2008), in Philosophy and Russian Studies (2005-2010), and in Japanese and Chinese Studies (2006-2010/2017-2018) from the Faculty of humanities, an MA in Asian Studies (2008-2010 – thesis on Confucian moral philosophy) from the Graduate Institute for International and Development Studies, Geneva, and the University of Geneva, Faculty of humanities, as well as a PhD in Sociology from the University of Geneva, Faculty of social sciences (March 2020).

In 2015/16 and in the summer of 2018, he was a Visiting Research Scholar at the Institute of Social Science at the University of Tokyo, and in the spring semester 2018 a Visiting Research Fellow at the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies in Cologne, Germany.

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“The Japanese Financial Sector: From high growth to lost decades: Economic transitions from the perspective of market economy orientation” in East Asian Capitalism: Diversity, Change and Continuity, Oxford University Press, 2012

“Financial Cooperation in East Asia: Potential Future Directions,” in Volume2: Trade, Investment and Economic Integration, World Scientific, 2014

“Central Bank Independence in a Changing Environment” in Monetary Theory in the Age of Uncertainty, Springer Briefs in Economics, 2021

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