

Profile of Professors

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➤ Academic Career

- BA in Music Education of Sichuan Normal University in 2003
- MS in Environmental Sciences of University of Tsukuba in 2014
- PhD in Area Studies of Kyoto University in 2017
- Post-doctoral fellow of Faculty of Health & Sport Sciences, University of Tsukuba, 2017-2018
- Assistant Professor of Faculty of Health & Sport Sciences, University of Tsukuba, 2018

➤ Research Theme

My research focuses on the *in-situ* learning and socio-cultural development of children in time and space. I conducted ethnographic research on this topic through documenting children's daily work and play, and analysing their relation to the ethnobiological knowledge (re)generation in contemporary pastoral Maasai society in Southern Kenya. Recently, I am interested in the influence of socio-cultural contexts on the motor development of pastoralist children, and how this may link with their cultural learning and knowledge generation. I explore this issue through the case study of Maasai Olympic.

