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Education

- Graduate School: Princeton School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey / Degree: Master in Public Affairs (MPA, June 1987) / Field: Economics and Development Policy
- College: Tsuda College, Tokyo, Japan (March 1981) / Field: Economics and International Relations

Professional Experience

- 2020-present: Professor, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) (Oct. 2020-present)
- 2020-present: Senior Research Advisor, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Ogata Research Institute for Peace and Development (Oct. 2020-present)
- 2018-2020: Director, JICA Research Institute (current JICA Ogata Research Institute) (Oct. 2018-Sept. 2020)
- 2018-2020: Visiting Professor, GRIPS (Oct. 2018-Sept. 2020)
- 2002-2018: Professor, GRIPS
- 1999-2001: Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) – Director, Division for LAC.
- 1998-1999: Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund of Japan (OECF) – Director, Environment & Social Development Div.
- 1995-1998 : The World Bank – Public Sector Management Specialist (Poverty Reduction & Economic Management Unit, LAC)
- 1993-1995: Research Institute for Development Assistance, Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund of Japan (OECF) – Economist & Deputy Director, Development Assistance Div.
- 1988-1998: The World Bank – Economist (Strategic Planning and Review Dept., SPRSP), Country Officer for Peru (Country Operations Dept. III, LAC) etc.
- 1981-1988: Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) – Mining & Industrial Planning Dept., Training Dept., Social Development Cooperation Dept.

Area of Specialization

- International development strategies
- Japanese ODA/development cooperation policy
- Business and development (incl. inclusive business, growth support and industrial development)
- Aid and development partnerships
- Internationalization of Japanese *Monozukuri* SMEs

Major Activities

- Prof. Izumi Ohno specializes in international development policy, Japanese development cooperation, industrial development cooperation, and business and development. Since 2002, she has been Professor of GRIPS and leads the GRIPS Development Forum, which aims at pragmatic and policy-oriented research in these fields (<https://www.grips.ac.jp/forum-e/index.htm>).
- During Oct. 2018-Sept. 2020, she was Director of the JICA Ogata Sadako Research Institute for Peace and Development. In that capacity, during the Think 20 (T20) 2019 Japan process, she served as lead Co-Chair of Task Force on 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and contributed to formulating policy recommendations for the G20 Osaka Summit.
- Over the past years, Prof. Ohno has been engaged in a number of advisory committees in the areas of international development, such as a member of the Advisory Panel to the Minister of Foreign Affairs on the ODA Charter Review (March-July 2014), chair of the Advisory Committee for the Japan Inclusive Business Support Center of the Ministry of Trade and Industry (2010-2014).
- Since 2009, she has been engaged in JICA-supported intellectual cooperation, “Japan-Ethiopia industrial policy dialogue” (led by Prof. Kenichi Ohno, GRIPS), which aims to share the East Asian development experiences with senior policymakers in Ethiopia.
- In light of increasing interface between business and development, she led research projects for “Strategic Network Building with ‘Pro-Japan’ Asian *Monozukuri* Human Resources” (2016-2017) and “Internationalization of Japanese Small-and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)” (2012-2015) in collaboration with an Osaka-based thinktank, the Asia-Pacific Institute of Research (APIR).
- At GRIPS, she organized private, multi-stakeholder discussion groups covering such topics as “business and development” (ongoing) and “renovating Japanese ODA”. The latter produced proposals: Japan’s ODA Reforms: Five Recommendations for Future Development Cooperation (June 2010); and ODA Manifesto: 30 Proposals for Enhanced International Cooperation (October 2007).
- Served Executive Chair of the 31st JASID Annual Conference, held on December 5-6, 2020, hosted by Tsuda University, under the theme “Time for Change: Innovation for Inclusive Society.”

Other Professional Engagement

- Senior Research Advisor, JICA Ogata Research Institute (Oct. 2020- present).
- Senior Research Fellow, The Asia Pacific Institute of Research (APIR) (2015- present).
- Member of the Board of Directors, The Association for Overseas Technical Cooperation and Sustainable Partnerships (AOTS) (2019- present).
- Member of the Board of Directors, The Japan-Thailand Economic Cooperation Society (JTECS) (2019- present).

Recent Publications

<Books>

- Yamada, Shoko and Izumi Ohno (eds.), *Industrial Human Resource Development in Developing Countries: Knowledge and Skills in the Era of SDGs*, Nippon Hyoronsha (in Japanese), February 2021.
- Homi Kharas, John McArthur, and Izumi Ohno (eds.), *Leave No One Behind: Time for Specifics on the Sustainable Development Goals*, Brookings Institution, 2019.
- JASID (ed.), *Encyclopedia on International Development*, Ch. 13: Industry, Finance & Business, Maruzen Publishing, November, 2018.

- Ohno, Izumi (ed), *From a Small Factory in Japan to a Global Firm in Asia: SMEs' Overseas Expansion Strategy & Policy Support*, Chuo Keizaisha (in Japanese), May 2015.
- Ohno, Izumi and Kenichi Ohno (eds.), *Eastern and Western Ideas for African Growth –Diversity and Complementarity in Development Aid*, Routledge, April 2013.
- Ohno, Izumi, Hideyuki Sugawara and Shino Tsuchiya, *Introduction to BOP Business: Addressing Global Challenges through Partnership*, Chuo Keizaisha (in Japanese), 2011.
- Goto, Kazumi, Izumi Ohno and Toshio Watanabe (eds.), *Japan's International Development Cooperation*, Nippon Hyoronsha (in Japanese), June 2005.
- Ohno, Izumi, *The World Bank: Toward New Development Strategies?*, NTT Publishing Co. (in Japanese), October 2000.
- Ohno, Izumi and Kenichi Ohno (eds.), *Japanese Views of Economic Development: Diverse Paths to the Market*, Routledge, April 1998.

<Reports and Papers>

- Ohno, Izumi and Sayoko Uesu, “A New Partnership between Business and Development: A Case Study of Ethiopia’s Industrial Development”, Ch.10, in *Designing Integrated Industrial Policies Volume II: For Inclusive Development in Africa and Asia*, edited by S. Otsubo and C. Otchia, Routledge, November 2020, pp.203-236.
- Ohno, Kenichi and Izumi Ohno, “A Japanese Perspective on Ethiopia’s Transformation” (with Kenichi Ohno), Ch.7, in *Oxford Handbook on Ethiopian Economy*, edited by F. Cheru, C. Cramer, and A. Oqubay, Oxford University Press, 2019, pp.842-857.
- Ohno, Izumi. "Towards an Enhanced EU-Japan Partnership for Sustainable Development," Friends of Europe website, June 25, 2019.
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- Ohno, Izumi. "Think 20 Japan 2019: The ‘Japan SDGs Model’ and the Task Force on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development," *Global Solution Journal*, Issue 4, March 2019, Global Solutions Initiative, pp.104-113.
- Ohno, Izumi. “Industrial Policy and Kaizen: A Perspective from Japan-Ethiopia Industrial Policy Dialogue”, *Journal of International Development Studies*, (Special Issue: Achievements and Further Issues in Kaizen Research for International Development), Vol. 2, No.1, November 2018, pp.13-26.
- Ohno, Izumi. “Significance and Challenges of ‘The Ishikawa Project’: A Practitioner’s Perspective Based on the Experience of Japan-Ethiopia Industrial Policy Dialogue”, *Journal of International Development Studies*, Vol. 27, No. 1, The Japan Society for International Development, June 2018, pp. 63-76.
- Ohno, Izumi, “Japanese Industrial Development Cooperation and Creation of Pro-Japan *Monozukuri* Human Resources,” Chapter 1, *Strategic Network Building with ‘Pro-Japan’ Asian Monozukuri Human Resources*, Asia Pacific Institute of Research, March 2017, pp.1-28.
- Ohno, Kenichi and Izumi Ohno, “A Proposal for Proactive Utilization of *Monozukuri* Human Resources,” Chapter 9, *Strategic Network Building with ‘Pro-Japan’ Asian Monozukuri Human Resources*, Asia Pacific Institute of Research, March 2017, pp.117-128.
- Ohno, Izumi, “Network-based Development Cooperation as a Way Forward for Japan,” Chapter 10, in *Japanese Development Cooperation: The Making of an Aid Architecture Pivoting to Asia*, eds. By André Asplund and Marie Söderberg, Routledge, December 2016, pp.1659-176.
- "Japanese Development Cooperation in a New Era: Recommendations for Network-Based Cooperation," GRIPS Discussion Paper 14-15, September 2014.
- Ohno, Izumi and Kenichi Ohno, “Eastern and Western Ideas for African Growth”, *World Financial Review*, (with Kenichi Ohno), July/August 2013, pp.41-44.

- Ohno, Izumi, “China’s Foreign Aid and International Aid Community: From the Perspectives of Traditional Donors and Africa” Chapter 9, in *A Study of China's Foreign Aid* edited by Y. Shimomura and H. Ohashi, Palgrave Macmillan (to be published in November 2013).
- Ohno, Izumi, “Internationalization of Monozukuri SMEs: Support Measures, Case Studies and Policy Proposals” Chapter 2, *Strategy for the Growth and Successful Adaptation of Japanese-Style Manufacturing in East Asia*, Asia Pacific Institute of Research, March 2013, pp.23-55.
- Izumi Ohno “Vietnam as a “Monozukuri” Partner with Japan,” Chapter.2, Asia Pacific Institute of Research, ed., *Kansai in the Asia Pacific: Toward a New Growth Paradigm*, 2012, pp.15-25.
- Ohno, Izumi and Kenichi Ohno, "Dynamic Capacity Development: What Africa Can Learn from Industrial Policy Formulation in East Asia", Chapter 7, in *Good Growth and Governance in Africa: Rethinking Development Strategies*, edited by A. Norman, K. Botchwey, H. Stein, and J. Stiglitz, Oxford University Press, 2012, pp. 221-245.
- Ohno, Izumi, “Japan’s ODA to Vietnam and New Growth Support to Africa: Projecting the East Asian Development Vision into the Global Aid Debate,” Chapter 3, *Japanese Aid and the Construction of Global Development: Inescapable Solutions*, (eds.) David Leheny and Kay Warren, Routledge Contemporary Japan Series, 2010.
- Ohno, Izumi, “East Asian Perspectives of Development and Aid: Towards Japan’s Enhanced Contribution to African Growth Support,” *Journal of International Development Studies*, Vol. 18, No.2, The Japan Society for International Development, November 2009, pp.129-142.
- Ohno, Izumi and Kenichi Ohno, “Ownership of What?: Beyond National Poverty Strategies and Aid Harmonization in the Case of Vietnam,” Chapter 3, *Aid Relationships in Asia: Exploring Ownership in Japanese and Nordic Aid*, (eds.) Alf Morten Jerve, Yasutami Shimomura and Annette Skovsted Hansen, Palgrave Macmillan, 2008.
- GRIPS Development Forum (ed.) *Diversity and Complementarity in Development Aid—East Asian Lessons for African Growth*, February 2008, edited with Kenichi Ohno and Masumi Owa.
- Ohno, Izumi and Masumi Shimamura, *Managing the Development Process and Aid—East Asian Experiences in Building Central Economic Agencies*, GRIPS Development Forum, March 2007.
- Izumi Ohno (ed.), *True Ownership and Policy Autonomy: Managing Donors and Owning Policies*, GRIPS Development Forum, August 2005.
- Ohno, Izumi and Yumiko Niiya, *Good Donorship and the Choice of Aid Modalities—Matching Aid with Country Needs and Ownership*, GRIPS Development Forum, Tokyo, December 2004.
- Ohno, Izumi and Yumiko Niiya, *Linking Economic Growth and Poverty Reduction—Large-Scale Infrastructure in the Context of Vietnam’s CPRGS*, GRIPS Development Forum, Tokyo, November 2003.

JICA/GRIPS Reports on Japan-Ethiopia Industrial Policy Dialogue

Study on Industrial Policy Dialogue in the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (Phase II)
 <Case Study of Key Industrial Policy Measures in Asia and Africa>, Japan International Cooperation Agency & GRIPS, August 2016.

- “Industrial Parks and One-Stop Service”, Chapter 1
- “Creating Industrial Linkage between FDI and Local Firms”, Chapter 2 (with Kenichi Ohno)
- “Handholding for Enterprise Capacity Building”, Chapter 3

Kaizen National Movement: A Study of Quality and Productivity Improvement in Asia and Africa, Japan International Cooperation Agency & GRIPS, December 2011.

- “Overview: National Movements and the Synthesis of Selected Country Experiences”, Chapter 1.

- “Productivity Movement in Singapore”, Chapter 3 (with Daniel Kitaw)

Other Work Related Positions

- Chair, Study Group on Overseas Industrial Human Resource Development, October 2020-March 2021 (for the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry)
- Member, Trade and Economic Cooperation Committee under the Industrial Structure Council, 2010-present (for the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry)
- Member, Advisory Panel to the Minister of Foreign Affairs on the ODA Charter Review (March-July 2014).
- Research Leader, Action-oriented Research for Promoting Overseas Business of Japanese SMEs, April 2012-March 2015(for the Asia Pacific Institute of Research (APIR))
- Chair, Advisory Committee for BOP Business Support, September 2010-2014 (for the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry)
- Member, Trade and Economic Cooperation Committee under the Industrial Structure Council, 2010-present (for the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry)
- Member, Committee for Promoting International Cooperation, 2011-2012 (for the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports, Science and Technology)
- Member, Council on Customs, Tariff, Foreign Exchange and Other Transaction Council on Customs, Tariff, Foreign Exchange and Other Transaction, 2010-2020 (for the Ministry of Finance)
- Member, Advisory Committee for JICA ODA Evaluation, December 2008-March 2010 (for the Japan International Cooperation Agency)
- Member, Advisory Committee for International Cooperation, March 2007-February 2009 (for the Minister of Foreign Affairs)
- Member, Advisory Committee for ODA Evaluation, April 2006-March 2010 (for the Director General of International Cooperation Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
- Member, Advisory Committee for Grant Aid Cooperation, February 2003-July 2010 (for the Director General of International Cooperation Bureau, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

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