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Biography

Tom is a Japanese scholar who joined the School in 2006. After finishing his first degree in International Relations (1997), Tom came to the UK to pursue postgraduate studies. He obtained MA in Theory and Practice of Human Rights at Essex (1998), LLM in International Criminal Law at Sussex (1999), and PhD in Law at Nottingham (2000). Before starting his PhD, Tom worked for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Regional Office of Japan and the Republic of Korea (1999-2000). Prior to joining the School, Tom lectured at University of Dundee (2004-2006).

His research focus has been on trafficking of human beings, and he served as an expert for organisations including the UK Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights, the European Union, and the International Organisation for Migration. He recently completed a monograph entitled *Transnational Organised Crime in International Law* and is currently involved in a research project entitled "North-South Irish Responses to Transnational Organised Crime" as the principal investigator (funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council).

Senior Lecturer : Criminal Law, Confronting Transnational Crime, Human Rights and the Environment

Research : Transnational Organised Crime, International Human Rights Law, European Criminal Justice, Refugee and Migration Law.

Selected Publications

'Key EU Principles to Combat Transnational Organised Crime' (2011) 48 *Common Market Law Review* 801-828

Transnational Organised Crime in International Law (Hart Publishing 2010)

'Global Governance and International Migration: A Case Study of Trafficking of Human Beings' (2010) 29 *Refugee Survey Quarterly* 120-136

'International Legal Framework to Address Migrant Smuggling at Sea,' Ryan and Mitsilegas (eds.), *Extraterritorial Immigration Control: Legal Challenges* (Leiden: Brill Academic Publishers)(2010), pp. 151-166

'Illicit Cycle of Narcotics from a Human Rights Perspective' (2007) 25 *Netherlands Quarterly of Human Rights* 159-187

Trafficking of Human Beings from a Human Rights Perspective: Towards a Holistic Approach (Martinus Nijhoff Publishers 2006)

'Trafficking of Human Beings as a Crime against Humanity: Some Implications for the International Legal System' (2005) 54 *International & Comparative Law Quarterly* 445-457

'EU Council Framework Decision on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings: A Critical Appraisal' (2003) 40 *Common Market Law Review* 917-936