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I have been a member of the RC28 Research Committee on Social Stratification of the ISA for more than three decades since I was a graduate student at Oxford, and I became the member of RC19 Research Committee on Poverty, Social Welfare, and Social Policy in 2004. My research interests include social stratification and inequality and demographic and family change. I benefited greatly from this intellectually stimulating network of RC28 and RC19 throughout my professional career.

I have had the honor to serve as the Vice-Chair of the Local Organizing Committee at the ISA World Congress of Sociology, Yokohama, Japan in 2014, RC28 Board Member 2014-18, and the ISA Executive Committee member 2014-18. In particular, I have gained valuable experience by successfully organizing the ISA World Congress in Yokohama in 2014, and by being involved in the National Association Committee and Research Coordinating Committee of the ISA. I believe that it is my turn to contribute to strengthening the ties among sociologists between the East and the West and to expanding global network. My candidacy is supported by the Japanese Sociological Society, the national sociological association in Japan.

My recent publications in English include two books *Social Inequality in Japan* (Routledge, 2014) and *Demographic Change and Inequality in Japan* (ed.) (Trans Pacific Press, 2011), and various articles: "Income Inequality among Older People in Rapidly Aging Japan," (*Research in Social Stratification and Mobility* 41: 1-10, 2015), "Demography as Destiny: Falling Birthrates and the Allure of a Blended Society," (in F. Baldwin and A. Allison (eds.) *Japan: the Precarious Future* (New York University Press, 2015), pp. 11-35), and "Single Mothers and Poverty in Japan: The Role of Intergenerational Coresidence" (with James M. Raymo) *Social Forces* 93(2): 545-569, 2014).