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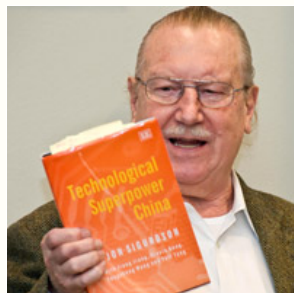
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PhD candidate **Naonori Kusakabe** is a Research Fellow from the [Center for South Asian Studies](#) at Gifu Women's University in Japan. From the spring 2010, Mr. Kusakabe is affiliated to Stockholm School of Economics, and in particular its [European Institute of Japanese Studies](#) as a Visiting researcher, first in Stockholm and then from July 2010 based at the University of Dhaka in Bangladesh. He is currently working on a comparative study of Swedish and Japanese Official Development Assistance (ODA) towards Bangladesh both now and in the past. Naonori Kusakabe is supervised in his thesis work by Prof. Marie Söderberg, Director for the European Institute of Japanese Studies. **NEW!**

His research interests include Civil Society and NGOs, Development studies, Disaster management, and Climate Change. He has spent more than four years in Bangladesh, and in 2006 he wrote his Masters thesis as a student of Sophia University in Tokyo, on "NGOs and Local People: A Case Study of Hatiya Island in Bangladesh". It is available on the Internet, however in Japanese only. [Go for the thesis.](#)

Mr. Kusakabe is also concerned about the effects of damaging cyclones in Bangladesh. Recently, he has written a research paper entitled "The Expansion Factor and Reduction Factor of Cyclonic Damage in Bangladesh – Lessons from the Cyclone Sidr in 2007". It may soon be published.



Until recently, Professor Emeritus Jon Sigurdson worked as Director for the [East Asia Science & Technology and Culture Programme](#) at the Stockholm School of Economics. Earlier, during the period 1978–1996, he was Director for the [Research Policy Institute](#), Lund University. From 1995 till 2000, Sigurdson held the endowed ASTRA

Professorship of East Asia Science & Technology and Culture at the Stockholm School of Economics, and between 2001 and 2003 he was Director for the Swedish School of Advanced Asia Pacific Studies (SSAAPS) – *see information in the box.*

As a researcher in science policy Jon Sigurdson has developed special expertise in technology management at national and company level with a focus on areas such as: 1) Global structures for research and development (R&D) and their interaction with national systems for innovation; 2) Structural changes in the electronics and information technologies industries. Sigurdson held government posts in Swedish ministries of Foreign Affairs, Finance, and Industry before embarking on an academic career. Recent research has focused on China as an emerging technological superpower.

Even though Prof. Sigurdson's research mainly focused on China, he has also made a number of comparative studies that have included India. In 1997 he published an article together with the Dr. [Prasada Reddy](#) at Lund University's Research Policy Institute entitled "Strategic location of R&D and emerging patterns of globalization: the case of Astra Research Centre India" in the International Journal of Technology Management. The main objectives of the paper were

The Swedish School of Advanced Asia-Pacific Studies – SSAAPS

In 2001 the Swedish Foundation for International Cooperation in Research and Higher Education (STINT), and Riksbankens Jubileumsfond (RJ) decided on a five-year (2001-2006) joint graduate school initiative concerning Swedish research on Asia Pacific – SSAAPS, the Swedish School of Advanced Asia Pacific Studies. During this period SSAAPS financed post-doc positions, PhD-positions, workshops, publishing grants, visiting fellow grants and travel grants, amongst other things. The focus was entirely on East and South-East Asia, not involving South Asia. Professor Jon Sigurdson was the programme's first coordinator up until 30 June 2003. After an initial phase STINT decided to continue SSAAPS for three more years, 2007-2009. SSAAPS was included in the [European Alliance for Asian Studies](#), together with, among others, the School of Oriental and African Studies in London, Science-Po in Paris, the Dutch post-doctoral institute, International Institute of Asian Studies in Leiden and the German national institute for contemporary Asian studies, and Institut für Asienkunde in Hamburg. SSAAPS has contributed to the financing of the Alliance's qualified [Asia-Europe](#)

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to analyse the driving forces behind the move by transnational corporations (TNCs) to carry out some of their strategic R&D in some developing and East European countries. The results of the study indicate that the primary driving forces behind the emerging phenomenon are the companies' efforts to gain access to scientific personnel as well as to reduce R&D costs. The companies involved are observed to be mostly those dealing with science-based technologies.

[More information about the article.](#)

[workshop Series](#), in collaboration with the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF), whose largest contributor is the EU Commission. All activities within SSAAPS were phased out during 2010.

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In November 2006 Jon Sigurdson wrote a book entitled "Kina och Indien – Sagan om de två giganterna (in Swedish: *China and India – A tale of the two giants*), that was published by the Swedish Institute of Foreign Affairs (Utrikespolitiska Institutet). Here, Sigurdson shows how both India and China started to open up their economies during the 1980s and 1990s, and especially China has managed to attract a large number of foreign companies. This has created a dependence on imported technology, and therefore both countries now strive to build up their own R&D. In this respect China is still far ahead of India, but many observers believe that India – because of its democratic system – finally will surpass China. The continued expansion of the Chinese and Indian economies will however most probably cause deep tensions in the rest of the World.


[More information about the book.](#)



In October 2002, Jon Sigurdson was invited as a Senior resource person to participate in SASNET's Symposium for PhD candidates and post-docs in Marstrand, and present the programmes of SSAAPS.

[Read his presentation at the SASNET Symposium.](#)



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