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SUMMARY: *Wrenn Yennie Lindgren* is a Senior Research Fellow at the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI) and an Associate Research Fellow at the Swedish Institute of International Affairs (UI). She specializes in international relations in East Asia, the politics and foreign policy of Japan, Asian states' interests in the Arctic, and traditional and non-traditional security issues in the Asia-Pacific region. Yennie Lindgren has previously held research positions at the Centre for Asian Security Studies at the Norwegian Institute of Defense Studies (IFS), United Nations University–Tokyo, the U.S. Embassy–Tokyo and the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies in Monterey, CA. She publishes her research in academic journals and policy outlets and also contributes regularly to public debate on topics related to the Asia-Pacific. Yennie Lindgren speaks English, Norwegian, Japanese and French.

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EDUCATION

Ph.D.,	International Relations <i>Department of Economic History & International Relations Stockholm University (Stockholm, Sweden)</i>	2021
	<i>Japan Foundation Fellow and Guest Researcher, Meiji University, Graduate School of Political Science & Economics (Tokyo, Japan)</i>	2018-2020
	<i>Visiting Research Fellow, Waseda University, Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies (Tokyo, Japan)</i>	2018-2019
	Dissertation: “ <i>Japanese Foreign Policy Repertoires: Contests, Promotions and Practices of Legitimation</i> ”	
M.Phil.,	Asian and African Studies - Modern Japan Programme <i>Department of Culture Studies and Oriental Languages (IKOS) University of Oslo (Oslo, Norway)</i>	2014
	Thesis: “ <i>Tension and Conflict in the Construction of the Senkakus 2010-2014: Japanese Discourses Reproducing and Transforming Japan’s View on Self and Other</i> ” (Grade: A)	
M.A.,	International Policy Studies – Asian Security Studies <i>Monterey Institute of International Studies (California, USA)</i>	2011
	<i>Visiting Graduate Student, Waseda University Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies (Tokyo, Japan)</i>	2009-2010
	<i>Inter-University Center for Advanced Japanese Language Studies, Stanford University, 10-month intensive program (Yokohama, Japan)</i>	2008-2009
	<i>Middlebury College Intensive Japanese School (Vermont, USA)</i>	2008
B.A.,	International Studies, French <i>Pepperdine University (California, USA)</i>	2007

Magna cum Laude; Outstanding Graduate of French

Cours de civilisation française de la Sorbonne
Université de Paris- Sorbonne (Paris, France)

2003

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

- 2013- *Senior Research Fellow*, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI)
- 2016- *Associate Research Fellow*, Swedish Institute of International Affairs (UI)
- 2013- *External Lecturer and Exam Reader*, various universities
- 2011- *Communication Consultant and Editor*, Freelance
- 2005-2016 *Language Teacher* (English, French, Japanese), Freelance in schools and companies in United States, Japan, Norway
- 2013-2014 *MA Student Fellow*, Centre for Asian Security Studies, Norwegian Institute of Defense Studies (IFS)
- 2012 *Seminar Leader*, Academic English Writing Seminar, Department of Culture Studies and Oriental Languages, University of Oslo
- 2011 *Junior Fellow*, Office of the Rector, United Nations University (UNU), Tokyo
- 2010 *APEC Congressional Liaison*, Economic Section, U.S. Embassy-Tokyo, U.S. Department of State
- 2010 *Intern*, Political Section, U.S. Embassy-Tokyo, U.S. Department of State
- 2007-2008 *Graduate Research Assistant*, East Asia Nonproliferation Program, James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies (CNS), California, USA
- 2005-2007 *Teaching Assistant*, French Department, International Studies and Languages Division, Pepperdine University, California, USA
- 2006 *Intern Analyst*, International Affairs and Trade Division, U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO), Washington D.C.

HONORS & GRANTS (SELECTED)

- 2020 Nordic Institute of Asian Studies (NIAS) SUPRA Scholarship (also in 2013)
- 2019 Norwegian Research Council Overseas Research Grant
- 2018 Scandinavia-Japan Sasakawa Foundation Nordic PhD Research Grant
- 2018 Forum for Asian Studies Research Grant, Stockholm University
- 2018 Northeast Asia Economic Forum (NEAEF) Young Leaders Fellowship
- 2018 Korea-Europe Next Generation Policy Expert Network, Korea Foundation and Chatham House
- 2018 Young Strategists Forum, The German Marshall Fund of the United States
- 2018 Japan Foundation Doctoral Research Fellowship
- 2017 Scandinavia-Japan Sasakawa Foundation, funding for fieldwork in Japan (also 2012, 2015, 2016)

- 2016 Nordic Exchange Grant to the Swedish Institute of International Affairs (funded by Nordic Council of Ministers)
- 2016 Doctoral fellowship, NUPI and The Research Council of Norway
- 2016 Arctic Frontiers Emerging Leader (Norwegian Research Council Young Scientist Scholarship)
- 2015 Asia-Europe Foundation Young Leaders Summit, Norway Representative (declined)
- 2009 U.S. Delegate, Japan-America Student Conference (JASC)
- 2008 Boren Fellowship, IIE National Security Education Program

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- 2021. "[WIN-WIN! with ODA-man: Legitimizing Development Assistance Policy in Japan](#)," *The Pacific Review* 34(4): 633-663.
- 2020. "Japan and Arctic Security" in *Routledge Handbook of Arctic Security* (ed. Gunhild Hoogensen Gjørsv, Horatio Sam-Aggrey and Marc Lanteigne): 324-336.
- 2019. "[The Relationship Between Narratives and Security Practices: Pushing the Boundaries of Military Instruments in Japan](#)", *Asian Perspective* 43(2): 323-348. (with Petter Y. Lindgren)
- 2019. "[Improving Future Oceans: Governance of Global Goods in an Age of Global Shifts](#)", T20-Japan. (with Ulf Sverdrup, Elana Wilson Rowe, Alf Håkon Hoel, Hideki Shiroyama and Michelle Voyer)
- 2018. "Like Grandfather, Like Grandson: Kinship as a legitimating force in Japan's International Relations," in Kristin M. Haugevik and Iver B. Neumann (Eds.) *Kinship in International Relations* (London: Routledge): 174-191.
- 2018. "[New Dynamics in Japan-Russia Energy Relations 2011-2017](#)," *Journal of Eurasian Studies* 9(2): 152-162.
- 2018. "[The Duty of Care for Citizens Abroad: Security and Responsibility in the In Amenas and Fukushima Crises](#)," *The Hague Journal of Diplomacy* 13(1): 188-210. (with Nina Græger)
- 2018. *China and Nordic Diplomacy*, Routledge, 136 pages. (with co-editors Bjørnar Sverdrup-Thygeson, and Marc Lanteigne)
- 2017. "[Identity Politics and the East China Sea: China as Japan's 'Other'](#)", *Asian Politics & Policy* 9(3), 378-401. (with Petter Y. Lindgren)
- 2017. "[The Challenges and Dynamics of Alliances: Norway, NATO and the High North](#)" in Michael Wesley (ed) *Global Allies: Comparing US Alliances in the 21st Century*, Canberra: ANU Press. (with Nina Græger)
- 2016. "[Kampen om idemessigé forklaringer på japansk sikkerhetspolitikk: Kina i Japans identitetskonstruksjon](#)" (The Struggle of Ideational Explanations of Japanese Security Policy: China in Japan's Identity Construction), *Internasjonal Politikk* 16:3, 1-21. (with Petter Y. Lindgren)
- 2015. "[Studiet av Japans sikkerhetspolitikk: 3. generasjons forklaring på stabilitet og endring etter den kalde krigen](#)" (A study of Japanese Security Policy: the 3rd generation's explanation of stability and change after the Cold War), *Internasjonal Politikk* 15:3, 432-440. (with Petter Y. Lindgren)

- 2013. “[Coming into the cold: Asia’s Arctic Interests](#),” *Polar Geography* 36(4), 253-270. (with Per Erik Solli and Elana Wilson Rowe)

Other Publications

- 2020. “Shinzo Abe’s Karakterkort” (Op-ed: ‘Shinzo Abe’s Report Card’), *Klassekampen*, 4 September. (with Petter Y. Lindgren)
- 2019. “[The Identity Politics Driving the Japan-South Korea Trade War](#)”, *East Asia Forum*, 26 November. (with Eun Hee Woo, Ulv Hanssen and Petter Y. Lindgren).
- 2019. “[Østasiatiske giganter i handelskrig](#)” (Op-ed: East Asian Giants in a Trade War”) *Morgenbladet*, 29 October. (with Ulv Hanssen, Petter Y. Lindgren and Eun Hee Woo).
- 2019. “[Addressing Butterfly Questions: The Planet, Plastic Pollution and Policy Pathways at Japan’s G20](#)”, *Pacific Forum*, 20 September.
- 2019. Contributing author. “The United States Top Three Perceived Threats in Northeast Asia,” in [Weighing Future Paths for the Korean Peninsula](#), *PacForum Issues and Insights*, 19(6), August.
- 2019. “[Election 2019: Empowering Women Without Women?](#)” *Tokyo Review*, 20 July.
- 2019. “[Derfor skal vi bry oss om G20 toppmøtet i Japan](#),” (Op-ed: “Why we should care about the G20 Summit in Japan”) *Morgenbladet*, 28 June.
- 2019. “[The G20 Comes to Japan: Making Sense of the Osaka Agenda](#),” *The Diplomat*, 25 June.
- 2019. “Old Sake, New Barrel? Japan’s Free and Open Indo-Pacific Strategy”, in [Mind the Gap: National Views of the Free and Open Indo-Pacific](#), The German Marshall Fund of the United States, Asia Program Report 9, 35-40.
- 2018. “Japan styrker forsvaret” (Op-ed: ‘Japan Strengthens its Defense’), *Klassekampen*, 6 September. (with Petter Y. Lindgren)
- 2018. “[Japan and Norway: Elevated Economic, Geopolitical and Gender Equality Cooperation in the Horizon](#),” *The Diplomat*, 16 February. (with Petter Y. Lindgren)
- 2017. “[Review: Andrew Oros, Japan’s Security Renaissance: New policies and politics for the twenty-first century, New York: Columbia University Press, 2017](#)” *Japanese Journal of Political Science* 18(4), 574-576.
- 2017. “En liten korrigerering om ‘militarisering’” (Comment: A little correction on ‘militarization’), *Klassekampen*, 8 November. (with Petter Y. Lindgren)
- 2017. “[Kronikk: Et valg uten alternativer?](#)” (Op-ed: An election without alternatives?), *Klassekampen*, 20 October. (with Petter Y. Lindgren)
- 2016. Contributing author. “[The 2015 Northeast Asia Regional Young Leaders Security Seminar](#)” *CSIS Issues and Insights*, 16(4), 26 August.
- 2016. “Kronikk: Dr. Jekyll og Mr. Hyde” (Op-ed: Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde), *Klassekampen*, 25 May. (with Petter Y. Lindgren)
- 2016. “Kronikk: Nye Takter i Taiwan” (Op-ed: New Rhythm in Taiwan), *Klassekampen*, 16 January. (with Marc Lanteigne)
- 2015. “[Vil Japan ta en større militær rolle?](#)” (Will Japan take a larger military role?), *NRK Ytring*, 9 February. (with Petter Y. Lindgren)

- 2015. “[Kronikk: Dette kan gisselsaken bety for Japans sikkerhetspolitikk](#),” (Op-ed: What the Hostage Case Means for Japanese Security Policy), *Aftenposten*, 30 January. with Petter Y. Lindgren)
- 2015. “Energizing Russia’s Pivot: Japan-Russia energy relations, post-Fukushima and post-Ukraine,” *NUPI Policy Brief*, 28 January.
- 2014. “[Skal Japan starte kjernkraftverkene igjen?](#)” (Will Japan start nuclear power plants again?), *NRK Ytring*, 13 December. (with Petter Y. Lindgren)
- 2013. “[Coming into the Cold: Asia’s Arctic Interests](#),” *NUPI Policy Brief*, 21 August. (with Per Erik Solli and Elana Wilson Rowe).
- Yennie, Wrenn. 2008. “[Japanese Perspective](#)” in Taiwan’s Presidential Election and its Impact on Cross-Strait Relations and Regional Security. *James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies*, pp. 10-12.
- Contributing author. 2006. “[Overseas Presence: State and USAID Should Adopt a Comprehensive Plan to Improve the Consolidation of Overseas Support Services](#).” U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO), pp. 32-35.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND RESEARCH ACTIVITIES (last five years)

- Presenter. 2020. “Japan’s Foreign Policy Repertoire” Stockholm University, 28 April.
- Presenter. 2019. “The Free and Open, the Hard and Soft: Japan’s Renewed Aid Diplomacy in Myanmar,” Ritsumeikan Center for Asia-Pacific Studies (RCAPS) Conference, Ritsumeikan Asia-Pacific University, 30 November-1 December.
- Delegate. 2019. G20 Interfaith Forum. Tokyo, 7-10 June.
- Presenter. 2019. “[European Responses to China integration or fragmentation?](#)” University of Tokyo, Institute for Future Initiatives, (with Ulf Sverdrup), 28 May.
- Delegate. 2019. T20 Think Tank 20 Summit. Tokyo, 26-27 May.
- Contributor. 2019. “[Krig og Fred: Om Bleier og Keiser](#),” (War and Peace: On Diapers and the Emperor), NRK Krig og Fred, 9 May.
- Delegate. 2019. Northeast Asia Regional Security Symposium, PacForum, Tokyo, 11-12 April.
- Participant. 2019. Korea-Europe Next Generation Policy Expert Network Study Tour, Korea Foundation, Seoul, April.
- Presenter. 2019. “Free and Open or Restrained and Closed?: Alliancing and Japan’s Indo-Pacific Policy,” International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention, Toronto, 27-30 March.
- Presenter. 2019. “Polarizing the Polar Space: Japanese Perceptions of Security in the High North,” International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention, Toronto, 27-30 March.
- Presenter. 2019. “Polarizing the Polar Space: Japanese Perceptions of Security in the High North,” Association of Asian Studies (AAS) Annual Conference, Denver, 21-24 March.
- Presenter. 2019. “Japan’s Foreign Policy Repertoire: Aiding and Alliancing Under Abe” Stockholm University, 12 March.
- Participant. 2018. Korea-Europe Next Generation Policy Expert Network Workshop, Chatham House, London, 17 May.
- Presenter. 2018. “Japan’s Resilient Repertoire: Meeting China in Southeast Asia,” International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention, San Francisco, 4-7 April.
- Delegate. 2018. “[Young Strategists Forum](#)”, German Marshall Fund Tokyo, 25 January-2 February.
- Chair. 2017. “The Power of Narratives in East Asian International Relations”, Stockholm, 7-8 December.

- Chair. 2017. “[Xi Jinping’s China – what does the future hold?](#)” NUPI with Toshio Tsugami, 27 November.
- Chair. 2017. “Japan’s Security and Foreign Policy Challenges on the Korean Peninsula,” NUPI with Professor Junya Nishino (Keio University), 17 October.
- Co-Chair. 2017. “[China and the Nordics – Global Challenges in Chinese and Nordic Perspectives](#),” NUPI, 8 September.
- Presenter. 2017. “Evaluating Japanese Foreign Policy Repertoires: Change or Continuity?” 15th International European Association of Japanese Studies (EAJS) Conference, Lisbon, 30 August-2 September.
- Presenter. 2017. “Repertoires and World Politics: The Case of Japan,” Nordic Association of the Study of Contemporary Japanese Society (NAJS) Conference, Stockholm, 18-19 May.
- Presenter. 2017. “Evaluating Japan’s Political Power Repertoires,” World International Studies Conference (WISC), Taipei, 1-3 April.
- Chair. 2017. “New Global Policy Balances and Power Ambitions in Asia: Consequences and Challenges for Europe,” AsiaForum (MFA Norway), 15 March, Oslo.
- Presenter. 2017. “Evaluating Japan’s Power Political Repertoires,” International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention, Baltimore, 22-25 February.
- Presenter. 2017. “Beyond the Abe-Putin Summit,” Third Policy Dialogue on the Development of Russia’s Siberia and Far East, Keio University, Tokyo, 21-24 January.
- Chair. 2016. “[Maritime Security in East Asia: Summer of Our Discontent?](#)” with Marc Lanteigne, NUPI Seminar, 12 September.
- Guest. 2016. “[Konflikt i Sørkinhavet](#),” (Dispute in the South China Sea) *NRK Dagsnytt 18*, (in Norwegian), 13 July.
- Presenter. 2016. “Crisis Diplomacy, Energy Security and Human Security: Duties, responsibilities and risks – the cases of Fukushima and In Amenas,” International Studies Association (ISA) Regional Conference, Hong Kong, 25-27 June.
- Co-Chair. 2016. “Prospects of Arctic Cooperation between Norway and Japan, legal and policy issues,” with Fujio Ohnishi, Japan-Norway Arctic Science and Innovation Week, 2-3 June, Tokyo.
- Presenter. 2016. “An Energy Embrace Here to Stay?: Developments in Japan-Russia Energy Relations Post-Fukushima and Post-Ukraine,” Nordic Association of the Study of Contemporary Japanese Society (NAJS) Conference, Trondheim, 26-27 April.
- Presenter. 2016. “Constructing the Peaceful ‘Self’: Japan’s Proactive Pacifism in Northeast Asia,” International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention, Atlanta, 16-18 March.
- Presenter. 2016. “Fusing Asian Futures and Arctic Frontiers,” Arctic Frontiers Emerging Leaders Programme, Tromsø, 24 January.
- Presenter. 2015. “The Push and Pull of Self-Other Identity Relations in the East China Sea,” 2015 Sishihwan International Conference on Asia-Pacific Studies, Kaohsiung, Taiwan, 12-14 November.
- Delegate. 2015. Northeast Asia Quadrilateral Security Dialogue, CSIS PacForum, Seoul, 8-11 November.
- Commentator. 2015. “Japan Security ‘Normalization’ and Historical Revisionism in the Contemporary East Asian Context,” with Professor Koichi Nakano, AsiaForum (MFA Norway), 3 November, Oslo.
- Presenter. 2015. “[Norway and the High North: Meeting Asia in the Arctic](#),” Arctic Futures Symposium: Challenges and Opportunities (MFA Korea), Seoul, 29-30 October.
- Co-presenter. 2015. “Kinship in Command: Confucian Family Structures in Chinese Foreign Policy and Japanese Domestic Politics,” with Bjørnar Sverdrup-Thygeson, 9th Pan-European Conference on International Relations (EISA), Sicily, 23-26 September.

- Commentator. 2015. “[East Asia: Inside and Out](#),” with Professor Chris Dent, NUPI, Oslo, 11 September.
- Chair. 2015. “[Tensions in Asia: Understanding Japan’s Foreign Policy and Security Measures](#),” with Professor Akiko Fukushima, NUPI Seminar, 12 June.
- Presenter. 2015. “Norway and NATO,” Global Alliances: Comparing Alliances in Europe and Asia, workshop, Canon Institute of Global Studies, Tokyo, 24-25 June.
- Presenter. 2015. “Japan and Russia’s Energy Embrace: here to stay?,” 11th Lodz East Asia Meeting: East Asia Dynamics - Between Being Regional and Global, Lodz, 2-3 June.
- Presenter. 2015. “Energizing Russia’s Pivot: Developments in Russia-Japan Energy Cooperation,” Developing Asia Pacific’s Last Frontier: Fostering International Cooperation in the Development of Russia’s Siberia and Far East Conference II, Far Eastern Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Vladivostok, 13-15 May.
- Presenter. 2015. “[The Russian Far East as a Regional Actor in Asia](#),” NUPI, Oslo, 20 April.
- Speaker. 2015. “[Japan’s Arctic Engagement](#),” High North Dialogue, Bodø, 17-19 March.
- Presenter. 2015. “Constructing the Senkakus: Japanese Discourses on the Senkaku Islands Territorial Dispute,” 15th Annual International Graduate Student Conference, East-West Center, Honolulu, 12-14 February.

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2014-present External evaluator, assessment of student semester exams, Nord University, Norway.
2015-2016 External evaluator, assessment of student semester exams, NMBU, Norway

COMMISSIONS OF TRUST

- 2019-present Steering Committee Member, Network for Asian Studies (*Asianettverket*)
2015-present Academic referee for articles at: *Cooperation and Conflict*; *The Pacific Review*; *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*; *Journal of International Relations and Development*; *The Hague Journal of Diplomacy*; *Global Affairs*; *Geopolitics*; *Globalizations*; *Social Sciences*; *Asian Perspective*; *Asia-Pacific Viewpoint*; *Asian Politics & Policy*; *Asian Geographer*; *Journal of Borderlands Studies*; *East Asia Forum*
2016-2018 NUPI Representative, The Norwegian Association of Researchers, *Forskerforbundet*

MEMBERSHIPS OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES

- 2015-present International Studies Association (ISA)
2015-present PacForum CSIS Young Leaders Program
2015-present European International Studies Association (EISA)
2015-present Nordic Association for the Study of Contemporary Japanese Society (NAJS)
2016-present European Association of Japanese Studies (EAJS)
2018-present Association of Asian Studies (AAS)

Competitively selected as fully-funded participant in:

- The German Marshall Fund of the United States’ Young Strategists Forum (2018)
- Korea-Europe Next Generation Policy Expert Network, Korea Foundation and Chatham House (2019)

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- Northeast Asia Regional Young Leaders Security Symposium, PacForum 2015 (Seoul), 2019 (Tokyo)
- Young Leaders Training and Research Program in Regional Cooperation and Development, Northeast Asia Economic Forum (2018)
- Network on Contemporary Japanese Studies in the Nordic Countries, Scandinavia-Japan Sasakawa Foundation and The Nippon Foundation (2019)

LANGUAGE SKILLS AND TRAINING

- English (Native), Norwegian (Advanced), Japanese (Advanced), French (Advanced)
- Norwegian Language Trinn 3 (C1 level, Grade: A, equivalent to Bergenstest), University of Oslo, 2012
- Stanford IUC Intensive Advanced Japanese Language 10-month Program (C1 level), 2008-2009
- Diplôme d'études en langue française (DELF) Degrees I and II (A1-B2), Diploma in French Studies, French Ministry of Education, 2000-2003
- Training course "Research Methodologies Using the Japanese Language," SOAS London, June 2016.
- Oslo Summer School in Comparative Social Science Studies, University of Oslo, 2017.
- Young Leaders Training and Research Program in Regional Cooperation and Development, Tohoku University, 23 July-12 August 2018.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- TV interviews with Norwegian national programs
- Quoted in international and Norwegian news outlets

OTHER

Leaves of absence:

July 2020 – January 2021: Care Leave

January 2021–November 2021: Maternity Leave

Citizenship: United States; Norway