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SUMMARY: **Wrenn YENNIE LINDGREN** is a Research Fellow at the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI), a Visiting Research Fellow at the Swedish Institute of International Affairs (UI) and a doctoral candidate in international relations at Stockholm University. 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 regularly contributes to public debate on topics related to the Asia-Pacific. Yennie Lindgren speaks English, Japanese, French and Norwegian.

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EDUCATION

Ph.D.,	International Relations <i>Department of Economic History & International Relations</i> <i>Graduate School of International Studies</i> <i>Stockholm University (Stockholm, Sweden)</i>	2016-
M.Phil.,	Asian and African Studies - Modern Japan Programme. <i>Department of Culture Studies and Oriental Languages</i> <i>University of Oslo (Oslo, Norway)</i> Thesis: “Tension and Conflict in the Construction of the Senkakus 2010-2014: Japanese Discourses Reproducing and Transforming Japan’s View on Self and Other.” (Grade: A)	2012-2014
M.A.,	International Policy Studies – Asian Security Studies. <i>Monterey Institute of International Studies (California, USA)</i>	2007-2011
	<i>Waseda University,</i> <i>Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies (Tokyo, Japan)</i>	2009-2010
	<i>Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Studies,</i> <i>Stanford University, 10-month program (Yokohama, Japan)</i>	2008-2009
	<i>Middlebury College Japanese School (Vermont, USA)</i>	2008
B.A.,	International Studies, French. <i>Pepperdine University (California, USA)</i> <i>Magna cum Laude; Outstanding Graduate of French</i>	2004-2007
	Cours de civilisation française de la Sorbonne <i>Université de Paris- Sorbonne (Paris, France)</i>	2003

PROFESSIONAL AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2016- *Research Fellow*, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI)
- 2016- *Visiting Research Fellow*, Swedish Institute of International Affairs (UI)
- 2014- *External Lecturer and Exam Reader*, various universities in Norway
- 2011- *Communication Consultant and Editor*, Freelance
- 2013-2016 *Junior Research Fellow*, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI)
- 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.

FUNDING, AWARDS AND APPOINTMENTS

- 2017 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
- 2016 *Forskerforbundet* Union Representative, NUPI
- 2016 Doctoral fellowship, NUPI and The Research Council of Norway
- 2016 Program Committee, Japan-Norway Arctic Science and Innovation Week, 2-3 June, Tokyo
- 2016 Arctic Frontiers Emerging Leader (Young Scientist scholarship recipient)
- 2015 Asia-Europe Foundation Young Leaders Summit, Norway Representative (declined)
- 2015 Pacific Forum CSIS Young Leaders Program
- 2014 Stipend for fieldwork in Japan, Department of Culture Studies and Oriental Languages, University of Oslo
- 2013 Nordic Institute of Asian Studies (NIAS) SUPRA Scholarship
- 2013 MA Fellowship, Centre for Asian Security Studies, Norwegian Institute of Defense Studies (IFS)
- 2009 JASSO Graduate Scholarship, Waseda University, Japan
- 2009 U.S. Delegate, Japan-America Student Conference (JASC)

- 2008 Boren Fellowship, IIE National Security Education Program
- 2008 Ito Foundation Scholarship, Inter-University Center, Japan
- 2008 Kathryn Davis Fellowship for Peace, Japanese Studies at Middlebury College, Vermont
- 2007 Freeman Foundation Scholarship in Northeast Asian Studies
- 2007 Monterey Institute Merit Scholarship (also 2009)
- 2007 Diplomatic and Consular Officers Retired (DACOR) Graduate Studies Fellowship

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Publications

- **Yennie Lindgren, Wrenn** and Petter Lindgren. Forthcoming. “Identity Politics and the East China Sea: China as Japan’s Other”, *Asian Politics & Policy*.
- **Yennie Lindgren, Wrenn** and Nina Græger. Forthcoming 2017. “The Challenges and Dynamics of Alliances: Norway, NATO and the High North” in *Global Allies: Comparing US Alliances in the 21st Century* (Michael Wesley, Ed), ANU Press.
- **Yennie Lindgren, Wrenn** and Petter Lindgren. September 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
<https://tidsskriftet-ip.no/index.php/intpol/article/view/403>
- **Yennie Lindgren, Wrenn** and Petter 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.
https://www.idunn.no/ip/2015/03/studiet_av_japans_sikkerhetspolitikk_3_generasjons_forkla
- Solli, Per Erik, Elana Wilson Rowe and **Wrenn Yennie Lindgren**. 2013. “Coming into the cold: Asia’s Arctic Interests,” *Polar Geography 36(4)*, 253-270.
<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/1088937X.2013.825345>

Other Publications

- Contributing author. 2016. “The 2015 Northeast Asia Regional Young Leaders Security Seminar” *CSIS Issues and Insights*, 16(4), 26 August.
<https://www.csis.org/analysis/issues-insights-vol-16-no-14-2015-northeast-asia-regional-young-leaders-security-seminar>
- **Yennie Lindgren, Wrenn** and Petter Lindgren. 2016. “Kronikk: Dr. Jekyll og Mr. Hyde” (Op-ed: Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde), *Klassekampen*, 25 May.
- **Yennie Lindgren, Wrenn** and Marc Lanteigne. 2016. “Kronikk: Nye Takter i Taiwan” (Op-ed: New Rhythm in Taiwan), *Klassekampen*, 16 January.
- **Yennie Lindgren, Wrenn** and Petter Lindgren. 2015. “Vil Japan ta en større militær rolle?” (Will Japan take a larger military role?), *NRK Ytring*, 9 February.
http://www.nrk.no/ytring/vil-japan-ta-en-storre-militaer-rolle_-1.12190899
- **Yennie Lindgren, Wrenn** and Petter Lindgren. 2015. “Kronikk: Dette kan gisselsaken bety for Japans sikkerhetspolitikk,” (Op-ed: What the Hostage Case Means for Japanese Security Policy), *Aftenposten*, 30 January.

<http://www.aftenposten.no/meninger/kronikker/Kronikk-Dette-kan-gisselsaken-bety-for-Japans-sikkerhetspolitikk--7882456.html>

- Yennie Lindgren, Wrenn. 2015. “Energizing Russia’s Pivot: Japan-Russia energy relations, post-Fukushima and post-Ukraine,” *NUPI Policy Brief*, 28 January.
<https://brage.bibsys.no/xmlui/bitstream/handle/11250/279617/3/NUPI+Policy+Brief+4-15-Yennie+Lindgren.pdf>
- **Yennie Lindgren, Wrenn** and Petter Lindgren. 2014. “Skal Japan starte kjernkraftverkene igjen?” (Will Japan start nuclear power plants again?), *NRK Ytring*, 13 December.
http://www.nrk.no/ytring/skal-japan-starte-kjernekraftverkene-igjen_-1.12097948
- Solli, Per Erik, Elana Wilson Rowe and **Wrenn Yennie Lindgren**. 2013. “Coming into the Cold: Asia’s Arctic Interests,” *NUPI Policy Brief*, 21 August.
<https://brage.bibsys.no/xmlui/bitstream/handle/11250/191556/3/NUPI%20Policy%20Brief-11-13-Solli-Rowe-Lindgren.pdf>
- 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.
http://cns.miis.edu/stories/pdf_support/080404_taiwanelectionreview.pdf
- 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. <http://www.gao.gov/assets/260/251356.pdf>

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

- Confirmed Presenter. 2017. “Evaluating Japanese Foreign Policy Repertoires,” 15th International European Association of Japanese Studies (EAJS) Conference, Lisbon, 30 August-2 September.
- Presenter. 2017. “Japanese Foreign Policy Repertoires,” Nordic Association of Japanese Studies (NAJS) Conference, Stockholm 18-19 May.
- Presenter. 2017. “Evaluating Japan’s Political Power Repertoires,” Global 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. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bjx0AtTWagU>
- Guest. 2016. “Konflikt i Sørkinhavet” (Dispute in the South China Sea) *NRK Dagsnytt 18*, (in Norwegian), 13 July. <https://tv.nrk.no/serie/dagsnytt-atten-tv/NNFA56071316/13-07-2016#t=38m45s>
- 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 Japanese Studies (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 Siziwan 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.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WFqpuUmiuUVc> (at 52 minutes)
- 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 Seminar, Oslo, 11 September. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X2hbwgE2Jjw>
- Chair. 2015. “Tensions in Asia: Understanding Japan’s Foreign Policy and Security Measures,” with Professor Akiko Fukushima, NUPI Seminar, 12 June. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LsPLkHMPH9k>
- 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 Seminar, Oslo, 20 April. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iM-EbZp9WCc>
- Speaker. 2015. “Japan’s Arctic Engagement,” High North Dialogue, Bodø, 17-19 March. <http://mediasite.uin.no/Mediasite/Play/435f134fac1c498f8daa7aa25bbae5ce1d?catalog=54b65422-5af6-4a76-a727-58e336d85449>
- 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.
- Guest. 2014. “Shinzo Abe gjenvalgt i Japan,” *NRK Dagsnytt 18*, (in Norwegian), 15 December. <http://radio.nrk.no/serie/dagsnytt-atten/NMAG03024814/15-12-2014>
- Chair. 2014. “Changing Asia: A Japanese Perspective: How to Read Asia Today,” with Ambassador Ichiro Fujisaki, NUPI Seminar, 14 October. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4L-RfPIk2Co>

- Special Guest. 2014. “Thinking about East Asia’s Security, a dialogue with former Prime Minister Hatoyama Yukio and Magosaki Ukeru,” 鳩山友紀夫×孫崎享対談「東アジアの安全保障を考える」, (in Japanese), 28 April. Broadcasted on Niconico Douga, UI Channel, 75 minutes.
<http://ch.nicovideo.jp/eaci/video/so23506860>
- Co-presenter. 2013. “Asia’s Arctic Interests, Consequences for Governance and Security,” with Per Erik Solli, Developing Asia Pacific’s Last Frontier: Fostering International Cooperation in the Development of Russia’s Siberia and Far East Conference I, National University of Singapore, 16-18 December.
- Presenter. 2009. “Falling Angels: Japan’s Angel Plan Policies to Cope with the Declining Birthrate,” 「飛べないエンゼル：エンゼルプランという少子化対策」, (in Japanese), The Inter-University Center, Stanford University, Yokohama, 2 June.

LANGUAGES

- English (Native), Japanese (Advanced), French (Advanced) and Norwegian (Advanced)
- Diplôme d’études en langue française (DELF) Degrees I and II (A1-B2), Diploma in French Studies, French Ministry of Education, 2000-2003
- Stanford IUC Intensive Advanced Japanese Language 10-month Program (C1 level), 2008-2009
- Norwegian Language Trinn 3 (C1 level, Grade: A, equivalent to Bergenstest), University of Oslo, 2012

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- International Studies Association (ISA)
- European International Studies Association (EISA)
- European Association of Japanese Studies (EAJS)
- Nordic Association for the Study of Contemporary Japanese Society (NAJS)