

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- PhD Department of History, University of Copenhagen, 2009 (Dissertation: “Akutō: Images of Medieval Japanese Banditry”)
- MA Department of East Asian Studies, University of Copenhagen, 2002
- BA Department of East Asian Studies, University of Copenhagen, 1996

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2023 – Present Director, National Consortium for Teaching about Asia, Indiana site
- 2021 – Present Director, East Asian Studies Center, Indiana University
- 2019 – Present Associate Professor, East Asian Languages and Cultures, Indiana University
Adjunct Associate Professor, Department of History, Indiana University
- 2013 – 2019 Assistant Professor, Indiana University
- 2010 – 2012 Post.doc. in the Department of History, University of Copenhagen
- 2003 – 2005 Research fellow, Kyoto University, Japan.
- 1999 – 2003 Part-time lecturer at Asia Institute, University of Copenhagen
- 2001 – 2003 Assistant lecturer at East Asia Institute, University of Aarhus

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Monograph

Oxenboell, Morten (2018). *Akutō: Rural Conflicts in Medieval Japan*, Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press.

Journal Articles

Oxenboell, Morten, "Mountains, Woodsmen, and Village Conflicts in Japan, c. 1200-1400",

in *Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies* (accepted and forthcoming)

Oxenboell, Morten and Inaba Tsuguharu, "The Medieval Peasant Through War and Conflict," in Tonomura Hitomi (ed.) *The New Cambridge History of Japan* (accepted, forthcoming)

Oxenboell, Morten, "Soma and Zomia: Agency, Governance, and 'Shatter Zones' in Medieval Japan," in Ian Forrest (ed.) *Zomia* (accepted, forthcoming)

Oxenboell, Morten (2020), "Bandits and Peasants in Medieval Japan," in Gordon, Kaeuper, and Zurndorfer (eds) *The Cambridge World History of Violence, Volume 2, 500-1500 CE*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 207-227.

Oxenboell, Morten (2017). "Epistemologies of Violence: The Medieval Japanese War Tales," *History and Theory*, vol. 56:4 (December), pp. 44-59.

Oxenboell, Morten (2011) "Seppuku – Historien om det Rituelle Japanske Selvmord" (Seppuku – The History of the Japanese Ritual Suicide), *Historisk Tidsskrift*, Copenhagen, vol. 112:2, pp. 382-415.

Oxenboell, Morten (2008) "Bønder, Banditter og andre Ballademagere" (Peasants, bandits and other trouble makers), *1066 – Tidsskrift for Historie*, special edition, vol. 38:4, pp. 16-21.

Oxenboell, Morten (2007) "The Vicissitudes of a Medieval Japanese Warrior", *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society – Third Series*, vol. 17:1, pp. 43-54.

Oxenboell, Morten (2006) "Mineaiiki and Discourses on Social Unrest in Medieval Japan", *Japan Forum* vol. 18:1, pp. 1-21.

Oxenboell, Morten (2006) "Folk og Røvere i Kamakura" (Peasants and robbers in the Kamakura period), *1066 – Tidsskrift for Historie*, vol. 36:3, pp. 3-11.

Oxenboell, Morten (2005) "Images of Akutō," *Monumenta Nipponica*. Sophia University, Japan, vol. 60:2, pp. 235-62.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS (newspaper articles, whitepapers etc.)

Nygaard, Claus and Morten Oxenboell (2013), "Skabelse af Aktive Læringsrum i Virksomheder" (Creating Active Learning Spaces in Corporations), CPH:Learning/whitepaper serie vol. 1:1

Oxenboell, Morten (2008) "Opskrift på Borgerkrig" (Recipe for Civil War), Kronik i Information (Feature article in the national newspaper *Information*), 25. March, 2008

Oxenboell, Morten (2006) "Med guderne som våben - symbolsk vold i japansk middelalder" (Divine weapons – symbolic violence in medieval Japan), *Historie-nu.dk*.

BOOK REVIEWS

Oxenboell, Morten (Forthcoming), Review of Sachiko Kawai, *Uncertain Powers: Sen'yōmon-in and Landownership by Royal Women in Early Medieval Japan*. In *Journal of Japanese Studies*.

Oxenboell, Morten (2019), Review of Janet R. Goodwin and Joan R. Piggott (eds.), *Land, Power, and the Sacred: The Estate System in Medieval Japan*. In *Journal of Medieval Worlds* vol. 1:3, pp. 119-124.

Oxenboell, Morten (2014), Review of *The Chronicle of Lord Nobunaga*. By Ōta Gyūichi, Elisonas and Lamers (trans.), *Monumenta Nipponica* vol. 69:1 (2014), pp. 121-23.

Oxenboell, Morten (2009), "Japans historie (for) kort fortalt (History of Japan (too) Briefly Explained." Review of Lars Vargö, *Japan - Kultur og Historie*, Askholms Forlag 2009, 1066 Tidsskrift for Historie, vol. 39:3, pp. 34-35.

Oxenboell, Morten 2008, Review of Mikael S. Adolphson, *The Teeth and Claws of the Buddha: Monastic Warriors and Sohei in Japanese History*, *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society*, vol. 18:1, pp. 102-105.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

2022	Freeman Foundation National Consortium for Teaching about Asia Grant
2022	Institute for Digital Arts and Humanities Summer Incubator Award, IU
2018	New Frontiers of Creativity and Scholarship Award, Arts and Humanities Program, Indiana University
2017 – 2022	Appointed Paul V. McNutt and Kathleen McNutt Watson Assistant Professorship in Japanese Studies, Indiana University
2017	Mosaic Faculty Fellow
2016	Jacob C. and Lily S. Wu Faculty Support Award, IU
2016	Mellon Innovating International Research, Teaching, and Collaboration Award (With prof. Jonathan Risner)
2015	IU Trustees Teaching Award
2015	Offered 1-year position as Visiting Assistant Professor at EALC, Harvard University (declined)
2009	Two-year Post.doc. fellowship from The Danish Council for Independent Research: Humanities (FKK)
2007	Elite Research Grant by the Danish Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation

- 2005 Three-year full PhD fellowship from The Danish Council for Independent Research: Humanities (FKK)
- 2003 Two-year research grant from the (Monbukagakushō)

ACADEMIC ORGANIZATION

- 2022 – present Founding Organizer of Global Indigenous Studies at IU (<https://indigenous.indiana.edu/>)
- 2017 – present Founder and Principal Organizer of IU network “Violence Studies Network” which organizes film events, seminars, and workshops on Violence Studies across disciplines.

INVITED TALKS/LECTURES

- November 2021 “Vanishing Woodlands – Environment and Conflict in Thirteenth Century Japan”, Kyushu University
- November 2019 “Bandits, Conflicts, and Violence: Peasant Agency in Medieval Japan,” Center for East Asian and Pacific Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- September 2019 “Swords, Arrows, and other Sharp Sticks – Myth and Reality of Warriors in Medieval Japan,” Seminar *When East Meets West*, Columbus State Community College.
- April 2018 “Making Sense of Violence in Medieval Japan,” California Institute of Technology.
- November 2016 “Poetics of Violence in Medieval Japan,” Harvard University
- January 2013 “From Avoidance Protest to Collective Violence in Medieval Japanese Estates,” Princeton University

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- July 2018 “Honourable Violence: The Construct of Appropriate Aggression in Medieval Japanese War Tales,” Conference *International Medieval Congress*, University of Leeds.
- April 2018 “Making Sense of Rural Violence: Bandit Narratives in 13th century Japan,” Conference *Law and (Dis)Order: Medieval Colloquium*, Sewanee University.

- March 2018 Roundtable participant, “Fragments: Interdisciplinary Approaches to the Study of Ancient and Medieval Pasts,” University of Michigan.
- November 2017 “Rural Violence in Medieval Japan,” workshop “Representing Violence in Premodern Cultures,” Indiana University
- March 2017 “The Creation of a Medieval Past in Early Modern Japan,” MEST seminar *The Uses of the Past: Cultural Memory in and of the Middle Ages*, Indiana University
- June 2016 “Bandits and Peasants in Medieval Japan,” Conference *The History of Violence*, Notre Dame University, Rome, Italy.
- February 2016 “Performativity of violence in medieval Japanese war tales,” Midwest Japan Seminar, Beloit College
- May 2015 “Making sense of rural violence: Bandit narratives in 13th century Japan”, Annual International Congress of Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo
- April 2015 “The Art of Dying Well – Aesthetics of Violence in pre-modern Japan”, SGIS, Indiana University
- March 2015 “The War Tales of Medieval Japan – Entertainment and Exorcism Combined”, MEST seminar *Hearing and Speaking the Middle Ages*, Indiana University
- March 2015 “Japan and the Global Middle Ages”, Annual Conference of the Medieval Association of America, University of Notre Dame
- October 2014 “The Medieval Other”, conference “Teaching the Past”, Purdue
- March 2014 “Magic and the Taiheiki”, workshop at MEST, Indiana University
- October 2011 “The Early Modern Reconfiguration of the Soga Vendetta”, workshop at University of Michigan on the “Early Modern Medieval”
- August 2011 “Village Organization and Collective Violence in Medieval Japan”, at the tri-annual conference of the *European Association of Japanese Studies*, Tallinn, Estonia
- November 2010 “Hævndrabet i før-moderne og tidlig moderne Japan” (Revenge Killing in premodern Japan), at the workshop *Stat, ære og Reciprokitet*, Department of History, University of Copenhagen
- August 2010 “Godser og landsbynetværk i middelalderens Japan” (Estate and village networks in medieval Japan), at the seminar *Lokalsamfund i den før-moderne verden*, Department of History, University of Copenhagen
- May 2010 “Vold og Konflikthåndtering i Middelalderens Japan” (Violence and Conflict mitigation in medieval Japan) at the conference *Dies Medievalis*, Nyborg Castle, organized by the Danish Association of Medieval Studies

- October 2009 "Japansk *Hōkensei* – En feudal bastard?" (Japanese Hokensei – A feudal Bastard?" at the Center for Medieval Studies, University of Copenhagen
- August 2009 "Banditvæsen og Japanske Akutō" (Banditry and Japanese akuto) at *Dansk Historikermøde 2009*, University of Copenhagen, organized by the Danish Association of Historical Studies
- July 2009 "Understanding Violence in Weak Capacity States: The Case of Medieval Japanese Banditry" at the workshop *Towards New Frontiers in Japanese History Workshop*, Cluster of Excellence, Heidelberg University, Germany
- November 2008 "Fjender af Buddha og Kejseren" (Enemies of Buddha and Emperor) at the seminar *Vold, magt og legitimitet*, Department of History, University of Copenhagen
- May 2008 "Bønder, banditter og andre ballademagere" (Peasants, bandits, and other troublemakers) at the conference *De andre har ordet: Ikke-vestlige perspektiver på kulturmøder*, Historisk Samfund, University of Copenhagen
- April 2008 "Bandits and Bakufu: Violent Narratives in Local Disputes in Late Kamakura Period" in the panel "Faith, Law and Violence in medieval Japan", *Annual AAS Conference*, Atlanta, USA
- March 2008 "Guddommeligt vold og 'ekstremistiske' buddhister i Japans middelalder: En diskussion af usynlig vold" (Divine violence and 'extremist' Buddhists in medieval Japan) at the seminar *Vold*, Filosofisk studenterkollokvium, University of Aarhus
- March 2008 "'Evil Bands' and Violent Narratives in Thirteenth Century Japan" ved *2nd Global Conference: Evil, Law & the State*, Salzburg, Austria, organized by Inter-Disciplinary.Net

ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

- May 2018 Organizer of Panel "Narrating Violence in the Global Middle Ages," International Congress of Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo
- November 2017 Organizer and initiator of Workshop (organized with Shannon Gayk, Institute for Medieval Studies, and Violence Studies Network) "Representing Violence in Premodern Cultures," Indiana University
- March 2017 Organizer of Workshop "What We Talk About When We Talk About Film Violence," Violence Studies Network, Indiana University

- May 2015 Organizer of panel "Medieval Banditry, East and West", International Congress of Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo
- July 2011 Organizer of Workshop: "Postkolonialisme og Medievalisme" (Postcolonialism and Medievalism), Saxo Institutttet, University of Copenhagen
- November 2010 Co-organizer of Workshop: "Stat, ære og Reciprokitet" (State, Honor, and Reciprocity), Saxo Institutttet, University of Copenhagen
- May 2010 Co-organizer of Seminar: "Vold og Konflikt i Statssvage Samfund" (Violence and Conflict in Weak State Societies), University of Copenhagen
- August 2009 Co-organizer of Panel: "Pirat- og Bandit-(u)væsen" (Piracy and Banditry) ved Dansk Historikermøde 2009, University of Copenhagen
- November 2008 Co-organizer of Seminar: "Vold, magt og legitimitet" (Violence, Power and Legitimacy), Saxo Institutttet, University of Copenhagen
- April 2008 Organizer and initiator of Panel: "Faith, Law and Violence in Medieval Japan", Annual AAS (Association for Asian Studies) Conference, Atlanta, USA
- August 2007 Convenor on conference: NAJAKS (Nordic Association of Japanese and Korean Studies) konferencen, Københavns Universitet.

MEDIA INTERVIEWS:

- February 2011 "Japansk Krigerkultur" (Japanese Warrior Culture), National Danish Radio
- October 2009 "En Bandit er ikke bare en Bandit" (A Bandit is not just a bandit) Interview to *Politiken* (Danish newspaper)
- August 2008 "Bush kan lære af samuraier" (Bush can learn from samurai). Interview to Videnskab.dk
- September 2007 "Fortidens røvere" (Robbers in the Past). National Danish Radio

SERVICE

Service for Profession

- 2020 Peer-reviewer at University of Cambridge Press (review of one monograph, approximately 100,000 words)
- 2014 Peer-reviewer at University of Hawai'i Press (review of one anthology, approximately 170,000 words)
- 2007 – 2009 Peer reviewer at British journal *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society* (review of two articles)

2006 – 2007 Editorial member of Danish historical journal “Historie-nu.dk”

Service for University or School

2022 Member of Provost 2030 Research: A&H Impactful Opportunities working group
2020 – present Member of Executive Committee, Medieval Studies Center, IU.
2018 – present Senior Mosaic Fellow. Participant in roundtable discussions on improvement of teaching technologies at IU
2017 – 2019 Member of school-wide Curriculum Committee, School of Global and International Studies, IU.
2016 – 2019 HLS representative of Advisory Board, IU Cinema
2015 – 2017 Member of Executive Board, East Asian Studies Center, IU
2006 – 2009 Member of Executive Board, Danish Research School of History

Service for Department

2022 – present Member of Advisory Committee, EALC
2020 Graduate Admission Committee
2018 – 2019 Member of search committee for an assistant professor in modern and contemporary Japanese literature and cultural studies, EALC, IU.
2017 – 2020 Chair of Curriculum Committee, EALC, IU
2017 – present Member of Website Committee, EALC, IU
2016 – 2017 Member of Curriculum Committee, EALC, IU
2015 – 2016 Chair of Curriculum Committee, EALC, IU
2015 – 2016 Member of search committee for an assistant professor in Early Chinese History, EALC, IU
2014 – 2015 Graduate Committee member, EALC, Indiana University
2014 Member of FLAS selection Committee, Indiana University
2013 – 2014 Undergraduate Committee, EALC, Indiana University
2010 – 2012 Member of Liaison Committee, Department of History, University of Copenhagen
2008 – 2009 Member of Internationalization Committee, Department of History, University of Copenhagen
2006 – 2009 Member of Liaison Committee, Department of History, University of Copenhagen

Service for Community

2017 Instructor on “Teaching About Asia Seminar” by East Asian Studies Center and the National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA)