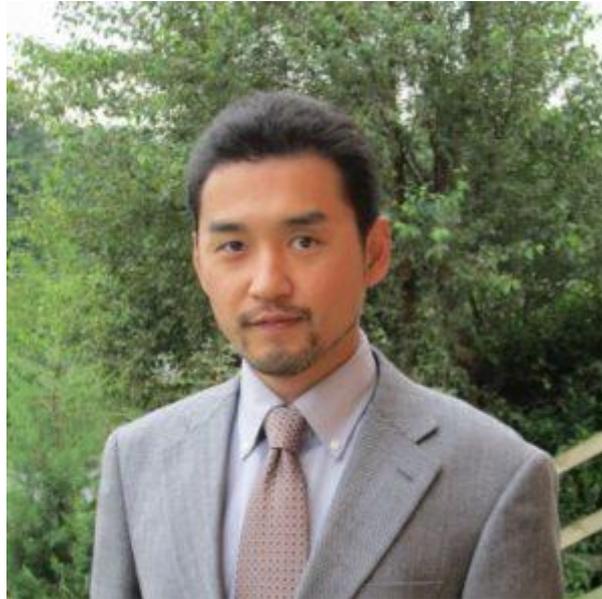


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"When we started to plan our first Zagreb Security Forum in the middle of 2015, one of the first persons that we wanted to invite as a speaker was our friend and colleague Dr. Chikara Hashimoto. Not because of the fact that he was our friend.

He was an Expert. With big E. And experts are the key factors that makes some event successful. That is the reason that I was very glad when he confirmed his participation as a speaker at first ZSF despite the fact that he had so much obligations. **His paper was always excellent and his personal attitude toward other persons was always an excellent example of personal modesty despite his enormous knowledge.**

It is not going to be possible any more to receive his emails that always started "I hope this message finds you well and you are having a restful day". RIP dear friend.

Dear Dr. Chikara Hashimoto, Your Friends will REMEMBER you for the rest of our lives! WE LOST A GOOD MAN AND A GREAT SCHOLAR!

Chikara Hashimoto received his Ph.D. in International Politics from Aberystwyth University, the UK, where he also holds a BScEcon in International Politics and Intelligence Studies and an MScEcon in International History and Intelligence Studies.

He was Assistant Professor in International Relations, University of Sharjah, the UAE, and Assistant Editor of *Intelligence and National Security*.

Before assuming the current post at the University of Sharjah since 2014, he taught at both undergraduate and post-graduate levels at Aberystwyth University and also worked as Research Assistant to Professor Len Scott.

His doctoral thesis was awarded the British Society for Middle Eastern Studies (BRISMES) Leigh Douglas Memorial Prize for the best Ph.D. dissertation on a Middle Eastern topic of 2014.

His book based on his PhD, *British Intelligence and Counter-Subversion in the Middle East, 1948-1963*, is forthcoming by the Edinburgh University Press. He has a number of publications in referred journals, such as *Intelligence and National Security*, *the International History Review*, and *Middle Eastern Studies*, as well as more than **35 articles/book chapters written in Japanese**.

His research interests are primarily centred in the fields of Intelligence Studies, International/Homeland Security, Cold War History, and International History.

Topics of research interests include intelligence cooperation, counter-intelligence, counter-espionage, counter-subversion, strategic deception, British Intelligence, Middle Eastern intelligence services, diplomacy and secret intelligence, Cold War History, and UAE's national critical infrastructure protection.

His current research projects are a history of the Lebanese Secret Police, intelligence liaison between the CIA and SAVAK, and UAE's critical infrastructure protection.

In addition to teaching, he also organised a series of conferences and workshops such as *'The Cuban Missile Crisis: A Fifty Year Retrospective Assessment'* (Gregynog, University of Wales Conference Centre, 25th – 27th October 2012).