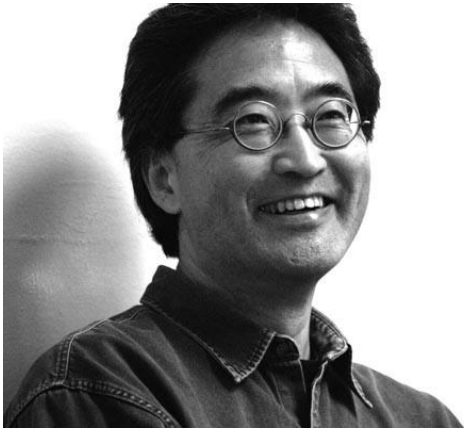


Professor Hidemi Suganami – Staff Profile



Professor Hidemi Suganami holds a BA from Tokyo University, an MSc(Econ), by research, from Aberystwyth, and a PhD from the London School of Economics. He began teaching International Relations in 1975 at Keele University and had held a personal chair there in the Philosophy of International Relations until 2004, when he joined the Department of International Politics at Aberystwyth. In September 2003, he was a Visiting Professor at Aoyama-Gakuin University, Tokyo and a Visiting Professor at Aoyamagakuin University, Tokyo in September 2008.

He currently teaches three modules at the Department namely:

- Principles of Research Design
- International Politics 1: Theories and Concepts
- Political Research: Philosophy, Methods and Application

The Department was top-rated for research with an award of 4*A in the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise, Professor Suganami supervises the following research areas:

- Philosophical aspects of the study of international relations, especially application of the philosophy of history, philosophy of social science and philosophy of law to IR.
- Concepts of causation and explanation in the study of international relations.
- Narrative explanation in the study of world politics.
- The English School of International Relations.
- Debates concerning sovereignty in world politics.

Commenting on life as a staff member at Aberystwyth University, Professor Suganami said “Aberystwyth is a lovely place to work in. The Department of International Politics, in particular, is renowned for its excellence in research and teaching. I was myself a student here in the early 70s. I am very glad to have been able to come back here to teach. I have some wonderful students and colleagues.”