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Curriculum Vitae
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Research fields: AI Ethics, AI Philosophy, Animal Ethics, Ethics, Philosophy, Interdisciplinary Research

APPOINTMENTS

2025-present	Researcher Graduate School of Informatics, Nagoya University
2025-present	Postdoctoral Fellow (PD) Japan Society for the Promotion of Science

EDUCATION

2020-2025	Graduate School of Information Science and Technology Hokkaido University
2016-2020	School of Engineering, Department of Electrical Engineering and Electronics Kyushu Institute of Technology

DEGREES

Mar 2025	Ph.D. in Information Science Hokkaido University
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PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

2026	Kiichi Inarimori, Masashi Takeshita , Arata Matsuda, Kengo Miyazono. “Philosophical Significance of Artificial Intuitions”. <i>Erkenntnis</i> . DOI
2026	Kamil Mamak, Masashi Takeshita , Hayate Shimizu. “Ethics of the Design of Animal-like Robots”. <i>Science and Engineering Ethics</i> , 32, article 26. DOI
2025	石原諒太、 竹下昌志 「肉を消費することの不正さと達成動詞としての畜産——浅野の論証の批判的検討——」『社会と倫理』 Ryota Ishihara, Masashi Takeshita . “The Wrongness of Meat Consumption and Livestock Farming as an Achievement Verb: A Critical Examination of Asano’s Argument”. <i>Society and Ethics</i> . DOI
2025	竹下昌志 「AIが非ヒト動物に与える有益・有害な影響の検討」『応用倫理』 Masashi Takeshita . “Beneficial and Harmful Impacts of AI on Nonhuman Animals”. <i>Applied Ethics</i> . DOI
2025	Arata Matsuda, Masashi Takeshita . “What should philosophers do with “deceptive” intuition pumps? Restrictionism vs reformism”. <i>Philosophical Psychology</i> , 39(3), 780–799. DOI
2025	Masashi Takeshita , Rafal Rzepka. “Speciesism in natural language processing research”. <i>AI and Ethics</i> . DOI
2024	竹下昌志 、清水颯「効果的利他主義は道徳的義務なのか? --帰結主義とカント的観点からの正当化」『Contemporary and Applied Philosophy』 Masashi Takeshita , Hayate Shimizu. “Is Effective Altruism a Moral Obligation? A Justification from Consequentialist and Kantian Perspectives”. <i>Contemporary and Applied Philosophy</i> . DOI

- 2024 佐々木梨花、**竹下昌志**「変容的経験の悪しき推奨」『応用倫理』
Rika Sasaki, **Masashi Takeshita**. “Bad Recommendations for Transformative Experiences”. *Applied Ethics*. DOI
- 2023 **竹下昌志**「道徳的AIエンハンスメントの擁護」『応用倫理』
Masashi Takeshita. “A Defense of Moral AI Enhancement”. *Applied Ethics*. DOI
- 2022 **Masashi Takeshita**, Rafal Rzepka, Kenji Araki. “Speciesist language and nonhuman animal bias in English Masked Language Models”. *Information Processing & Management*. DOI
- 2022 Mateusz Babieno, **Masashi Takeshita**, Dusan Radisavljevic, Rafal Rzepka, Kenji Araki. “Miss RoBERTa WiLDe: Metaphor Identification Using Masked Language Model with Wiktionary Lexical Definitions”. *Applied Sciences*. DOI

Conference Papers

- 2026 **Masashi Takeshita**, Rafal Rzepka. “JETHICS: Japanese Ethics Understanding Evaluation Dataset”. *CEUR Workshop Proceedings*. DOI
- 2025 Hitomi Yanaka, Namgi Han, Ryoma Kumon, Lu Jie, **Masashi Takeshita**, Ryo Sekizawa, Taisei Kato, Hiromi Arai. “JBBQ: Japanese Bias Benchmark for Analyzing Social Biases in Large Language Models”. *Proceedings of the 6th Workshop on Gender Bias in Natural Language Processing (GeBNLP)*. DOI
- 2023 **Masashi Takeshita**, Rafal Rzepka, Kenji Araki. “Towards Theory-based Moral AI: Moral AI with Aggregating Models Based on Normative Ethical Theory”. *Proceedings of the Ethics and Trust in Human-AI Collaboration: Socio-Technical Approaches Workshop*.
- 2023 Yiyang Zhang, **Masashi Takeshita**, Rafal Rzepka, Kenji Araki. “Utilizing BERT with Auxiliary Sentences Generation to Improve Accuracy of Japanese Aspect-based Sentiment Analysis Task”. *Proceedings of the Language Technology Conference (LTC’23)*.
- 2023 Ryo Hashimoto, **Masashi Takeshita**, Rafal Rzepka, Kenji Araki. “Development of Japanese WSC273 Winograd Schema Challenge Dataset and Comparison between Japanese and English BERT Baselines”. *Proceedings of the Language Technology Conference (LTC’23)*.
- 2020 **Masashi Takeshita**, Yuki Katsumata, Rafal Rzepka, Kenji Araki. “Can Existing Methods Debias Languages Other than English? First Attempt to Analyze and Mitigate Japanese Word Embeddings”. *Proceedings of the Second Workshop on Gender Bias in Natural Language Processing*.

Book Chapters

- 2026 **竹下昌志**, Rafal Rzepka「自然言語処理研究における種差別」『尊厳とAI・ロボット』
Masashi Takeshita, Rafal Rzepka. “Speciesism in Natural Language Processing Research”. *Dignity and AI/Robots*. Publisher
- 2026 Arata Matsuda, **Masashi Takeshita**, Kiichi Inarimori, Ryosei Shimomichi. “Do LLMs Show Human-Like Order Effects in Gettier Cases? A Case Study in Machine Experimental Philosophy”. *Oxford Studies in Experimental Philosophy*, Volume 6 (forthcoming). Link
- 2025 **竹下昌志**「第10章 生成AI:それは誰のためのものか」『ELSI入門:先端科学技術と社会の諸相』
Masashi Takeshita. “Chapter 10: Generative AI: Who Is It For?”. *Introduction to ELSI: Aspects of Advanced Science, Technology, and Society*. Publisher

Preprints

- 2024 Akiko Aizawa, Eiji Aramaki, Bowen Chen, Fei Cheng, Hiroyuki Deguchi, Rintaro Enomoto, Kazuki Fujii, Kensuke Fukumoto, Takuya Fukushima, Namgi Han, Yuto Harada, Chikara Hashimoto, Tatsuya Hiraoka, Shohei Hisada, Sosuke Hosokawa, Lu Jie, Keisuke Kamata, Teruhito Kanazawa, Hiroki Kanezashi, Hiroshi Kataoka, Satoru Katsumata, Daisuke Kawahara, Seiya Kawano, Atsushi Keyaki, Keisuke Kiryu, Hirokazu Kiyomaru, Takashi Kodama, Takahiro Kubo, Yohei Kuga, Ryoma Kumon, Shuhei Kurita, Sadao Kurohashi, Conglong Li, Taiki Maekawa, Hiroshi Matsuda, Yusuke Miyao, Kentaro Mizuki, Sakae Mizuki, Yugo Murawaki, Ryo Nakamura, Taishi Nakamura, Kouta Nakayama, Tomoka Nakazato, Takuro Niitsuma, Jiro Nishitoba, Yusuke Oda, Hayato Ogawa, Takumi Okamoto, Naoaki Okazaki, Yohei Oseki, Shintaro Ozaki, Koki Ryu, Rafal Rzepka, Keisuke Sakaguchi, Shota Sasaki, Satoshi Sekine, Kohei Suda, Saku Sugawara, Issa Sugiura, Hiroaki Sugiyama, Hisami Suzuki, Jun Suzuki, Toyotaro Suzumura, Kensuke Tachibana, Yu Takagi, Kyosuke Takami, Koichi Takeda, **Masashi Takeshita**, Masahiro Tanaka, Kenjiro Taura, Arseny Tolmachev, Nobuhiro Ueda, Zhen Wan, Shuntaro Yada, Sakiko Yahata, Yuya Yamamoto, Yusuke Yamauchi, Hitomi Yanaka, Rio Yokota, Koichiro Yoshino. “LLM-jp: A Cross-organizational Project for the Research and Development of Fully Open Japanese LLMs”. *CoRR*. DOI

Essays and Reviews

- 2026 竹下昌志「ヴィーガンというマイノリティになる—変容的経験の観点から」『フィルカル』
Masashi Takeshita. “Becoming a Vegan Minority: From the Perspective of Transformative Experience”. *Philcul*. Publisher
- 2025 竹下昌志、篠崎大河、佐々木健人「【書評】Višak, T. (2022) Capacity for Welfare across Species. Oxford University Press」『応用倫理』
Masashi Takeshita, Daiko Shinozaki, Kento Sasaki. “Book Review: Višak, T. (2022), Capacity for Welfare across Species, Oxford University Press”. *Applied Ethics*. DOI
- 2024 竹下昌志「長期主義と人間以外——パンデミックの例を通してAIと非ヒト動物について考える」『現代思想』
Masashi Takeshita. “Longtermism and Nonhumans: Considering AI and Nonhuman Animals Through the Example of Pandemics”. *Gendai Shiso*. Publisher
- 2024 竹下昌志「【書評】次田瞬『意味がわかるAI入門——自然言語処理をめぐる哲学の挑戦』」『フィルカル』
Masashi Takeshita. “Book Review: Shun Tsugita, Understanding AI: The Philosophical Challenge of Natural Language Processing”. *Philcul*.
- 2024 清水颯、竹下昌志「【書評】Nico D. Müller (2022) Kantianism for Animals」『応用倫理』
Hayate Shimizu, **Masashi Takeshita**. “Book Review: Nico D. Müller (2022), Kantianism for Animals”. *Applied Ethics*. PDF

Other Publications

- 2024 竹下昌志「動物実験、功利主義、生産-消費ギャップ」『豊田工業大学ディスカッション・ペーパー』
Masashi Takeshita. “Animal Experimentation, Utilitarianism, and the Production-Consumption Gap”. *Toyota Technological Institute Discussion Paper*. DOI

RESEARCH GRANTS AND PROJECTS

- 2025-2027 **Beyond Anthropocentrism: Rethinking the Future of Human Society through Animals, AI, and Cyborgs**
The Toyota Foundation
The 50th Anniversary Grant Program; Principal investigator

2025-2028	Development of Anti-Speciesist AI and Datasets Based on Philosophical Research Japan Society for the Promotion of Science KAKENHI Grant-in-Aid for JSPS Fellows
2025-2026	Evaluating and Mitigating Speciesist Bias in Large Language Models Based on Animal Ethics Suntory Foundation Challenge Research Grant for Young Researchers; Principal investigator
2024-2025	Rethinking Philosophical Methodology: Exploring the Possibility of Improving Philosophical Thought Experiments through Cross-Disciplinary Approaches Suntory Foundation Research Grant: Toward the Future of Scholarship; Co-investigator
2023-2025	New Concepts of Free Will and Responsibility in Near-Future Society The Toyota Foundation New Human Society Co-created with Advanced Technologies; Co-investigator
2022-2025	Development of AI that Makes Autonomous Moral Judgments through Weighted Majority Voting among Normative Ethical Theories Japan Society for the Promotion of Science KAKENHI Grant-in-Aid for JSPS Fellows

AWARDS

Mar 2025	Dean's Award Graduate School of Information Science and Technology, Hokkaido University
Mar 2025	Special Committee Award The Association for Natural Language Processing JETHICS: Japanese Ethics Understanding Evaluation Dataset
Sep 2024	Encouragement Award Young Researcher Association for NLP Studies Constructing a dataset for evaluating Japanese moral understanding in language models
Apr 2023	Presentation Award Japan Association for the Contemporary and Applied Philosophy Is Effective Altruism a Moral Obligation?: A Justification from Consequentialist and Kantian Perspectives
Dec 2021	Excellent Research Meeting Award Kotoba Engineering Research Group A medical paper retrieval model considering paper structure and title independently
May 2020	Student Encouragement Award Information Processing Society of Japan, Ubiquitous Computing Systems Research Group Automatic extraction of primitive actions toward zero-shot deep learning of daily activities
Nov 2019	Excellent Student Presentation Award Japan Society for Fuzzy Theory and Intelligent Informatics, Kyushu Branch Exploring intermediate representations for zero-shot action recognition

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Presentations

- 25 Sep 2026 **竹下昌志**「生成AIと人文社会科学の未来：AI自動化研究の現在地点とその倫理」同志社大学人文科学研究所 スタッフ・ディベロップメント研修
Masashi Takeshita. “Generative AI and the Future of the Humanities and Social Sciences: The Current State of AI-Automated Research and Its Ethics”. Staff Development Seminar, Institute for the Study of Humanities and Social Sciences, Doshisha University.
- 5 Sep 2026 **Masashi Takeshita**. “The Ethics of LLM-Mediated Moral Influence: A Case Study of Meat Consumption”. Rethinking Humanity in the Age of AI. [Event](#)
- 4 Aug 2026 **竹下昌志**「非人間との性愛：動物、ロボット、AI」愛・性・家族の哲学の現在——ニール・マッカーサー『セックスの倫理学』から出発して
Masashi Takeshita. “Sexuality with Nonhumans: Animals, Robots, and AI”. Current Directions in the Philosophy of Love, Sex, and Family: Starting from Neil McArthur's The Ethics of Sex. [Event](#)
- 20 Apr 2026 **竹下昌志**「AI倫理における人間と人間以外の動物」第1回社科研セミナー「AIと倫理」
Masashi Takeshita. “Humans and Nonhuman Animals in AI Ethics”. 1st Shakaken Seminar: AI and Ethics.
- 13 Feb 2026 **竹下昌志**「長期主義はどのように擁護可能か」長期主義研究会
Masashi Takeshita. “How Can Longtermism Be Defended?”. Longtermism Workshop.
- 3 Dec 2025 **Masashi Takeshita**. “How to Evaluate Speciesism in LLMs?”. Design Fiction for Animal-Robot Interaction: in the new era of AI — Workshop Exploring the Future of Animals and Robots.
- Dec 2025 **竹下昌志**「倫理学とAIはどのように手を取り合えるか」人文科学とコンピュータシンポジウム「じんもんこん2025」
Masashi Takeshita. “How Can Ethics and AI Work Together?”. Jinmoncom 2025.
- 14 Jun 2024 **Masashi Takeshita**. “Speciesism and Natural Language Processing Research”. The Satellite Hybrid Workshop “History and Philosophy on the Computing and Algorithmic Environments”.
- 27 Mar 2024 **竹下昌志**「AIを用いた道徳的意思決定支援の道徳的問題」Journal Club on Human-AI Decision Making
Masashi Takeshita. “The Moral Problems of AI-Assisted Moral Decision-Making”. Journal Club on Human-AI Decision Making.
- 7 Oct 2023 **Masashi Takeshita**. “Speciesism in natural language processing research”. Artificial Intelligence, Conscious Machines, and Animals: Broadening AI Ethics.
- 10 Sep 2023 **竹下昌志**「NLP研究(者)における種差別」第3回 尊厳学フォーラム シンポジウム「生成AIと尊厳」
Masashi Takeshita. “Speciesism in NLP Research and Among NLP Researchers”. 3rd Dignity Studies Forum Symposium: Generative AI and Dignity.
- 14 May 2023 **竹下昌志**、清水 颯「効果的利他主義は道徳的義務なのか？：帰結主義とカント的な観点からの正当化」EA Japan Online Seminar
Masashi Takeshita, Hayate Shimizu. “Is Effective Altruism a Moral Obligation? A Justification from Consequentialist and Kantian Perspectives”. EA Japan Online Seminar.

International Presentations

- 9 Jun 2026 Nana Kawamura, **Masashi Takeshita**. “What’s Wrong with Being Menhera?: Individual Resistance to Suicidism in Japan”. Sixth biennial conference of International Association for the Philosophy of DEATH & DYING.
- 28 Mar 2026 Kiyoharu Sakakibara, **Masashi Takeshita**. “Workplace Democracy for Nonhuman Animals”. IVRJ 2026: The 3rd IVR Japan International Conference.
- Jan 2026 **Masashi Takeshita**, Rafal Rzepka. “JETHICS: Japanese Ethics Understanding Evaluation Dataset”. AAAI 2026 Workshop on Machine Ethics.

- Jul 2025 **Masashi Takeshita**. “Towards friendship among nonhumans: human, dog and robot”. 24th biennial international conference of the Society for Philosophy and Technology (SPT 2025).
- 25 Apr 2025 **Masashi Takeshita**, Masayoshi Someya. “Toward Ecologically Embedded Mind in Non-Human Animal Science”. The second biennial meeting of the Philosophy of Animal Minds and Behavior Association (PAMBA).
- 15 Dec 2024 Hayate Shimizu, **Masashi Takeshita**. “Rethinking Moral Status through an Animistic Relational Approach”. International Society of East Asian Philosophy 4th ISEAP Conference.
- 1 Jun 2024 Kiichi Inarimori, **Masashi Takeshita**, Kengo Miyazono. “Philosophical Significance of Artificial Intuitions: A Case Study of LLMs’ Intuitions on Free Will and Determinism”. 4th European Experimental Philosophy Conference.
- 7 Jun 2023 Kiichi Inarimori, **Masashi Takeshita**. “Moral Intuition of GPT-3.5 and Its implication for Experimental Philosophy”. 23rd biennial international conference of the Society for Philosophy and Technology.

Peer-Reviewed Domestic Presentations

- 2 Aug 2026 **竹下昌志**「認識的種差別」フェミニスト哲学ワークショップ
Masashi Takeshita. “Epistemic Speciesism”. Feminist Philosophy Workshop. [Event](#)

Selected Domestic Presentations

- 4 Oct 2026 **竹下昌志**「認識的種差別を特定し、抵抗する」日本倫理学会第77回大会
Masashi Takeshita. “Identifying and Resisting Epistemic Speciesism”. 77th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society for Ethics.
- Mar 2026 **竹下昌志**, 松田新「AI哲学者: 哲学論文の自動生成に向かって」言語処理学会第32回年次大会(NLP2026)
Masashi Takeshita, Arata Matsuda. “AI Philosopher: Toward Automatically Generating Philosophy Papers”. The 32nd Annual Meeting of the Association for Natural Language Processing (NLP2026).
- Oct 2025 **竹下昌志**「典型的な肉食者の種差別的直観は反省的均衡において考慮に値するか？」第76回日本倫理学会大会
Masashi Takeshita. “Do Typical Meat Eaters’ Speciesist Intuitions Deserve Consideration in Reflective Equilibrium?”. 76th Conference of the Japanese Society for Ethics.
- 5 Sep 2025 **竹下昌志**, 神野 雄, 香川 璃奈「日本語版種差別尺度の信頼性および妥当性の検討」日本心理学会第89回大会
Masashi Takeshita, Yuu Jinno, Rina Kagawa. “Examining the Reliability and Validity of the Japanese Speciesism Scale”. 89th Annual Convention of the Japanese Psychological Association.
- 28 May 2025 **竹下昌志**「AI倫理における常識道徳利用の限界を倫理的に考える: メタ倫理学と動物倫理学の観点から」2025年度 人工知能学会全国大会(第39回)
Masashi Takeshita. “The Ethical Limits of Using Commonsense Morality in AI Ethics: Perspectives from Metaethics and Animal Ethics”. 39th Annual Conference of the Japanese Society for Artificial Intelligence.
- 11 Mar 2025 **竹下昌志**, ジェプカ ラファウ「JETHICS: 日本語道徳理解度評価用データセット」言語処理学会第31回年次大会(NLP2025)
Masashi Takeshita, Rafal Rzepka. “JETHICS: Japanese Ethics Understanding Evaluation Dataset”. 31st Annual Meeting of the Association for Natural Language Processing (NLP2025).
- 7 Dec 2024 **竹下昌志**「クイアアライとしてのベンタムと功利主義」ロボット・AIのELSI研究会シリーズ 第2回「ソーシャル・エージェントとフィクトセクシュアルをめぐる状況についての報告と議論」
Masashi Takeshita. “Bentham and Utilitarianism as Queer Allies”. Robot and AI ELSI Workshop Series No. 2: Social Agents and Fictosexuality. [Slides](#)
- 16 Nov 2024 **竹下昌志**「動物倫理学は動物のために何ができるか？」生命倫理学会第36回年次大会 ワークショップ: 動物という“対話できない”者たちの生命倫理: 学術・市民活動・動物党の連帯の潮流
Masashi Takeshita. “What Can Animal Ethics Do for Animals?”. 36th Annual Meeting of the Japan Association for Bioethics, Workshop on Bioethics for Animals and Emerging Solidarity.

6 Sep 2024	竹下昌志、ジェプカラファウ「言語モデルの日本語道徳理解能力の評価データセットの構築」第19回YANSシンポジウム Masashi Takeshita, Rafal Rzepka. “Constructing a Dataset for Evaluating Japanese Moral Understanding in Language Models”. 19th YANS Symposium.
26 Nov 2023	竹下昌志「動物実験、生産-消費ギャップ、功利主義」日本哲学会第3回秋季大会(2023年)ワークショップ:動物倫理の過去と現在 Masashi Takeshita. “Animal Experimentation, the Production-Consumption Gap, and Utilitarianism”. 3rd Autumn Meeting of the Philosophical Association of Japan, Workshop: The Past and Present of Animal Ethics.
22 Apr 2023	竹下昌志、清水 颯「効果的利他主義は道徳的義務なのか？ 帰結主義とカント的な観点からの正当化」応用哲学会第15回年次研究大会 Masashi Takeshita, Hayate Shimizu. “Is Effective Altruism a Moral Obligation? A Justification from Consequentialist and Kantian Perspectives”. 15th Annual Conference of the Japan Association for Contemporary and Applied Philosophy.

TEACHING

2025-present	Ethics of AI and Animals Okayama University
2025-present	Introduction to Thinking Skills Sugiyama Jogakuen University
2023-2024	AI and Ethics: Bias, Implementing Ethics, and Enhancement Hokkaido University CHAIN Program, AI and Human Society

SERVICE

2024-present	Steering Committee Member Animal Ethics Kaigi
2024-present	Board Member Animal Liberator
2023-2025	Organizing Committee Member Forum for Young Philosophers

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2025-present	The Japanese Psychological Association
2024-present	Animal Ethics Kaigi
2024-present	Japanese Society for Ethics
2023-present	Japan Association for the Contemporary and Applied Philosophy
2023-present	Philosophy of Science Society, Japan
2022-present	The Japanese Society for Artificial Intelligence
2021-present	The Association for Natural Language Processing