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研究成果の概要（和文）：この初期調査は、サイバーセキュリティの国際協力とサイバー外交の強化における日本の取り組みを包括的に概観するものであった。調査結果は、「信頼あるデータの自由な流れ」（DFFT）やEUのGDPRのようなサイバー規範やルールの開発と実施の成功、特にASEANやアフリカ諸国におけるサイバー能力構築の重要性、政府機関、CERT、開発援助機関間の技術的・実務的協力、法執行や技術訓練を通じたサイバー犯罪との闘いの促進などを示している。サイバー攻撃の課題は、人工知能（AI）や量子コンピューティングのようなまだ発展途上の課題に対する最初の政策調整分野としても機能する。

研究成果の学術的意義や社会的意義

This study developed a better understanding and a theoretical model of how cyber attacks, cybercrime, and other emerging technologies have begun to undermine national and international security, classical deterrence, alliance dynamics, and international norms and rules.

研究成果の概要（英文）：This initial study provided a comprehensive overview of Japanese initiatives in international cybersecurity cooperation and the strengthening of cyber diplomacy. The main focus was Japan's cooperation with the European Union and many of its member states, and NATO. The findings demonstrate the successful development and implementation of cyber norms and rules such as "Data Free Flow with Trust" (DFFT) and the EU GDPR, the importance of cyber capacity building especially in ASEAN and African countries, technical and practical cooperation between government agencies, CERTs, development assistance organizations, facilitating the fight against cybercrime through law enforcement and technical training. The challenges of cyber attacks can also serve as the first policy coordination field for still-developing challenges like artificial intelligence (AI) or quantum computing. This research project has developed a better theoretical model on cyber deterrence and security partnerships.

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1. 研究開始当初の背景

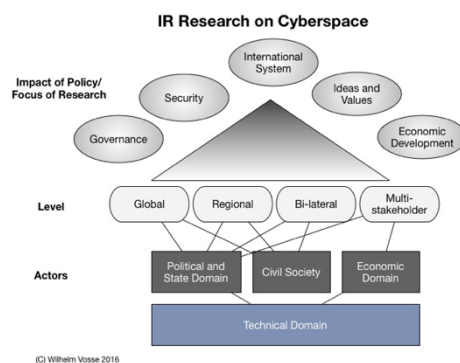
This was a study in foreign policy analysis. Over the last decade, Japan has been deepening new security partnerships with countries in Europe, the EU, and NATO, as well as countries in the Asia-Pacific. One reason is a shared concern about issues of cyberspace and cybersecurity. This study asks: In what ways have cyberspace-related problems deepened Japan's bi- and multilateral security ties? The broader theoretical objective is to integrate better the new demands posed by cyberspace issues into foreign policy analysis and IR theory.

Since the early 2000s, Japan has gradually broadened and intensified its diplomatic ties with a range of middle powers, which has intensified further since 2007. Most prominent are Japan's bilateral security partnerships with Australia, India, the EU, the UK, France, and some SE Asian nations. Japan's 2013 National Defense Strategy (NSS) emphasizes "strengthening diplomacy and security cooperation with Japan's partners for peace and stability in the international community" (NNS 2013). The New Security Laws (2015) also allow Japan closer and more pragmatic cooperation with new security partners.

This deepening and broadening of security partnerships also influenced the academic debate. Some have described the recent changes as a shift from a "hub and spokes" model to a "webs and wheels" configuration (Bisley 2008). Others see new security alignments or partnerships (Wilkins 2010, 2012). The PI analyzed Japan's new security partnerships (see methodology) with experts from Australia, India, the Philippines, Vietnam, and Europe and published an innovative analysis of the views in Japan and each of the partner countries and an overall assessment of broader security policies and specific areas of cooperation in Vosse and Midford (2017). Closer collaboration is usually induced by a changing security environment or collective challenges which require a governance response, such as the governance of the global commons. Central among those are the challenges of cybersecurity and cyberspace (i.e., the information infrastructure) more broadly.

2. 研究の目的

This project wanted to analyze the contents of agreements and interaction styles, and government initiatives in the partner countries, particularly in the EU and NATO, Australia, and India. It was expected to fill this gap by (a) analyzing how Japan's international cooperation in the area of cyber politics with new security partners in Europe and Asia has intensified, reflecting the specific demands of cyber diplomacy, and (b) further the development of a theoretical framework for IR research which better reflects cyber politics. Specifically, how state, societal, and economic actors with their often-diverse objectives shape their cooperation or competition in global, regional, bi-lateral, and multi-stakeholder institutions and forums, and finally, how this will shape governance, security, ideas and values, economic development, and eventually the international system which might become a less or more hierarchical system.



3. 研究の方法

This study used an interdisciplinary approach (from social sciences to science and technology) as cyberspace features challenge contemporary IR theory, foreign policy, and practice. Other security analysts had predicted a coming cyber war since the 1990s, requiring states to protect and defend their I.T. infrastructure while preparing to attack I.T. systems of potential enemy states, making offensive strategies the only option. However, cyberattacks do not necessarily target industrial or military infrastructure. Still, the tactical or strategic release of hacked data during an election campaign can also weaken the foundations of a political system by affecting the chances of specific candidates. The empirical part of this project was purposely limited to Japanese security ties with Europe and NATO. Still, it will integrate the

assessment from experts from Australia and other countries in the Asia-Pacific and the United States.

The PI began with analyzing official government documents, laws, and research reports and the challenges in implementing some of these policies. Special attention was given to the problems and deficiencies and the significance of international cooperation in Japan and Europe through expert interviews and observations in Japan and the EU. The PI interviewed government officials, cyberspace and cybersecurity analysts in Japan and several European countries, the EU, and NATO in Brussels. The focus was on finding out more about the practical implementation of cyberspace policies and regulations and their international cooperation components of many European countries, the EU, NATO, but also the United Nations, ARF, ASEAN, and other international bodies. These were then compared with those in Japan.

Another focus was the discourse in inter-governmental bodies and multi-stakeholder settings and how differences in standpoints, for example, on cyber intelligence gathering or public attribution of cyber-attacks, were solved.

Finally, the project aimed to develop a better theoretical framework for how cybersecurity and potentially other emerging technologies influence alliance dynamics, regional and inter-regional cooperation, threat perception, and deterrence dynamics in Europe, Japan, and their relations with the broader Indo-Pacific region.

To discuss the empirical finding and the theoretical models, the PI organized and co-organized a series of workshops in Japan and Europe and presented his findings in these workshops, public lectures, and international academic conferences in Japan, Europe, and the United States.

4. 研究成果

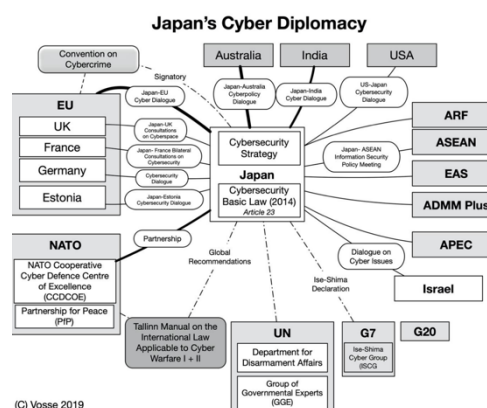
The research findings of this project were published in journal articles and book chapters, and the PI is currently working with three co-editors on the “Handbook on Cyber Diplomacy” (Palgrave), expected to be published in 2024.

The main findings include are as follows.

- (1) Japan has become one of the world's most active cyber diplomatic actors. The significant number of bilateral cyber dialogues have led to a further strengthening of Japan's domestic I.T. infrastructure through the exchange of security practices, a better understanding of the implementation of cybersecurity training on private companies in Japan and Europe, but also in the United States and many countries of Southeast Asia.

- (2) Through Japanese participation and effective initiatives in Internet governance through multilateral settings, such as the UNGGE, OWEG, WSIS, GCSC, or IGF, Japan has contributed to the protection of a free, open, and secure cyberspace to defend and strengthen international law and Internet governance, to enhance confidence-building measures, and most recently, to bolster data privacy. Demographically challenged, Japan sees cyberspace, information technology, artificial intelligence (AI), Fintech, robotics, and the IoT as core components of its vision of the information society - or, as Japan has begun to call it, "Society 5.0."

- (3) As far as EU-Japan cyber diplomacy is concerned, the EU-Japan Strategic Partnership Agreement (2018) lists cooperation on cyber issues (Art. 36) and information society (Art. 21) as being among the fields of intended closer EU-Japan security cooperation. What is essential in this regard is to foster collaboration in the areas of capacity-building and training (e.g., on the EU side with ENISA), universities and think tanks (with programs such as Horizon 2020 and Horizon



Europe), and EU CERT and Japan CERT (such as with the EUNITY project). In essence, EU-Japan SPA is an ideal framework for expanding and deepening EU involvement and its role in further developing better solutions for common security challenges, including cybersecurity and information society.

- (4) The EU and Japan have become core partners in strengthening data privacy and security in their own countries and spreading norms. Core in this regard is the EU GDPR, the EU-Japan Data Adequacy Law (2019), and Japan's Osaka Track or "Data

Table 1: Japan's Cyber Diplomacy (Areas of Cooperation)

Initial Year	Partner Country	Cyber Dialogue	Capacity Building	Internet Governance Cooperation	Technical and Training Cooperation	Confidence building	Whole of government approach
2013	USA	○		○	○		○
2014	EU	○	○	○	○		○
2018	NATO		○		○		
2018	Estonia	○	○	○			
2012	UK	○	○	○	○		○
2014	France	○		○			
2015	Australia	○	○	○		○	○
2012	India	○	○			○	○
2009	ASEAN	○	○		○	○	
2014	Israel	○		○	○		○

- Free Flow with Trust" (DFFT) initiative.
- (5) Japan, in many cases in cooperation with the EU, have become the main actors and norm entrepreneurs in the strengthening and spreading cyber confidence-building measures. Japan is building international communication channels, increasing transparency, and deepening policy dialogues in bilateral and multilateral consultations as central components. For example, through capacity-building, the corresponding confidence-building measures are heavily focused on ASEAN and the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF). In 2017 and 2018, the Cabinets Office and MOFA held bilateral consultations within the ARF framework to share policies on threat awareness and cybersecurity strategies to build trust.
- (6) Japan and the EU have closely cooperated to deal with cybercrime, Convention on Cybercrime and mutual legal assistance treaties, and the International Criminal Police Organization (ICPO). Japan and the EU have cooperated in developing "new investigative techniques" and strengthening their "digital forensics capabilities" to analyze digital devices or malicious software better to predict threats. Important in this regard is also the ASEAN-Japan cooperation to combat cybercrime, and the involvement of third countries, such as the UK, the USA, and Australia, in these activities. The PI published one of the first book chapters in a volume on EU-Japan cooperation in law enforcement.
- (7) Capacity-building is another area where Japan has been a pioneer, especially in strengthening the training of I.T. professionals working for governments and private companies in ASEAN countries. The EU has or is going to cooperate more with Japan, as most internet users are now located in the Indo-Pacific. Japan takes a more strategic view of cyber capacity-building. Japan uses multilateral fora such as the G-7 and G-20 summits, as well as its security and that of its nationals, as a core incentive to strengthen the improvement of cyber capacities in developing countries, as attacks on the IT infrastructure of trade partners in the region can adversely affect Japan. In addition, spreading norms and rules on data handling and access control needs to be strengthened in many less cyber-secure countries. Japan itself has recently benefitted from its participation in NATO CCDCOE cyber exercises.
- (8) The EU and Japan have also been central in developing and implementing digital development assistance. The PI developed this concept and has been spreading the necessity to finance and implement such projects in less cyber-secure countries in the Indo-Pacific and Africa together with a collaborator at the Netherlands Institute of International Affairs (see: publications).
- (9) The broader theoretical framework dealing with the actual and potential influence of cybersecurity and cyber threats on national security, deterrence theory, and alliance and alignment models was developed by the author in Vosse (2021). He argued that the still-nascent Indo-Pacific "security order" should be extended from traditional, predominantly maritime, security concerns to include information and digital security because the Indo-Pacific security order is potentially undermined by information technology and an AI duopoly potentially more so, or at least equal to threats of maritime or territorial security. Classical studies on Asian security order and regional security argue that regional security complexes have to be in some way distinct and separate from the global security order. The PI argued that regional players like the European Union and its member states or Japan are, if not geographically, but in terms of the impact of the region on their own economic security and survival of the liberal world order closely related to the Indo-Pacific region.

Cyberspace and the way cyber power can influence political order, social and political attitudes, views of other countries, or the political leadership of one's own country and government much more fundamentally than it was ever possible through traditional media or soft power in the past.

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