

Note about the author

Takehiko Hashimoto received his B.A. in 1980 and M.S. in 1982, both in the history of science, from the University of Tokyo. In 1984, he enrolled at the Department of History of Science at Johns Hopkins University in the United States, and received his Ph.D. on the early history of aerodynamics and aeronautics in 1991. Since 1991, he has been a faculty member at the University of Tokyo. From 1996 to 2006, he was affiliated with the Research Center for Advanced Science and Technology (RCAST), engaged in research on the history and social studies of science and technology. He is now a Professor at the Department of History and Philosophy of Science of the University of Tokyo. His main publications include *Butsuri Kagaku Tsūshi (A General History of Physics and Chemistry)* (Tokyo: Hoso Daigaku Kyoiku Shinkokai, 1999), *Chikoku no Tanjō (The Birth of Tardiness)* (co-edited with Shigehisa Kuriyama) (Tokyo: Sangensha, 2001), *Hyōjun no Tetsugaku (A Philosophy of Standards)* (Tokyo: Kodansha, 2002), and *Egakareta Gijutsu Kagaku no Katachi (An Iconographic History of Science and Technology)* (Tokyo: University of Tokyo Press, 2008). He has written papers on multiple topics in the history of science and technology, such as histories of time, clocks, standardization, physics, aeronautics, engineering education, and Japanese science and technology.