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Dr. Shobayashi, with his 25-year working experiences in working for a wide range of public organizations including Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan, the World Bank, and OECD before he joined Gakushuin Women's College in 2007, is interested in contributing to policy making on efficient allocation of natural and agricultural resources as well as rural development. His professional interests range from multifunctionality of agriculture and its policy and trade implications, agri-environmental policies, agricultural water resources policies, global warming and agriculture, agriculture in emission trading, rural development policy, and agricultural policy system. He was the main author of OECD's reports on multifunctionality of agriculture and its policy implications. After quitting from MAFF in 2007, he has been a member of several governmental committees, including the Planning Committee for Rebuilding the Area Affected by the Earthquake and Tsunami on March 11, 2011, which was established by the Prime Minister. He graduated from University of Tokyo, and obtained his master's degrees from both University of Tokyo and the Johns Hopkins University. He received his Ph.D. in agricultural economics from University of Tokyo.