

## Conflict of interest statement – appointment of doctoral committee

In connection with the evaluation of MPhil Kanako Uzawa’s doctoral thesis “*Crafting our future together -Urban Diasporic Indigeneity from an Ainu perspective in Japan-*” we kindly ask you to assess your impartiality. Professor Torill Nyseth and Associate Professor Torjer Andreas Olsen have supervised the thesis.

Kanako Uzawa’s will submit an article-based doctoral thesis where one of the three articles are co-authored. This is article “*Urepa* (‘Growing Together’): The remaking of Ainu-Wajin relations in Japan trough an innovative social venture”, co-author: Mark K. Watson, Associate Professor at Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Concordia University, Canada.

The following important questions can assist you in your self-assessment of impartiality:

	Question	Yes	No
1	Are you a member of the family or the candidate or the supervisor(s)?		X
2	Have you co-authored any publications with the candidate or the candidate’s supervisor(s) in the last four years?		X
3	Have you had any supervisory function with respect to the candidate?		X
4	Do you know of any other relationships that you think or believe may be likely to impair your impartiality?		X

If you have additional comments, please note them in the box below. This is particularly important if you have answered “Yes” to any of the questions above. If there is uncertainty as to whether there are circumstances that may impair your impartiality, this should be stated here. On the basis of your information, the department and the faculty will make an independent assessment of impartiality.

**In accordance with the Public Administration Act §§ 6 – 10, I consider myself to be impartial in this case.**

Place: Aarhus, Denmark Date: 24 / 03 2019



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