

## **Biography of Professor Kentaro Nishimoto**

**Professor Kentaro Nishimoto** is Associate Professor at the School of Law, Tohoku University. His current research is focused on the law of the sea, especially on the settlement of maritime disputes, law of the sea issues in the Arctic, and biodiversity beyond national jurisdiction. He serves on a number of government advisory boards, including the Advisory Board on the Extension of the Continental Shelf at the Headquarters for Ocean Policy. His recent publications include “The Status of the Maritime Area around the Svalbard Islands in International Law,” in *Governing the Arctic Ocean* (Toshindo, 2013) (in Japanese) and “Coastal States’ Regulation and the Regime of the International Straits in the Arctic Sea Route,” in *International Straits* (Toshindo, 2015) (in Japanese).