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**GIS Professor**

Professor Watanabe, affectionately known as “Yutai-sensei,” taught at the Faculty of Global Interdisciplinary Studies (GIS) for 18 years and dedicated a total of 41 years to Hosei University. He also served as Dean of the GIS.

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# GIS Newsletter

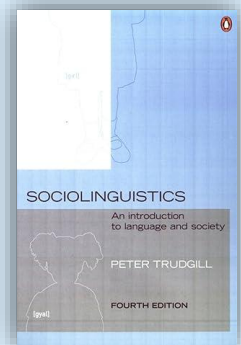
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## Books Recommended by Professor Watanabe

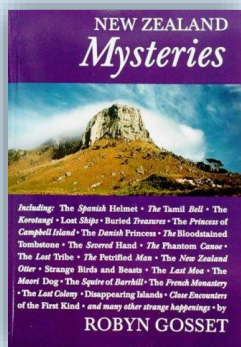
### What is a book you would recommend to GIS students?

#### **Sociolinguistics: An Introduction to Language and Society (4th ed.) by Peter Trudgill**

How does English in New Zealand sound different from that in England, from where the original settlers came?  
Why do men tend to claim that their speech is non-standard?  
If you are interested in the diversity and ecology of English, this paperback remains one of the classic guides, covering all major topics in just 200 pages.



This book is available in Hosei library's collection.



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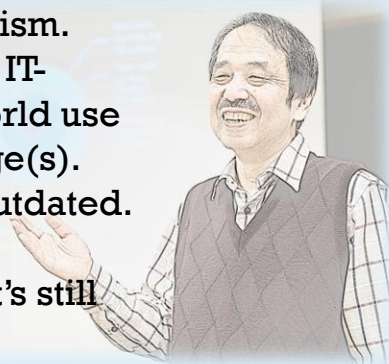
### What has been the most influential book in your life?

#### **New Zealand Mysteries (2nd ed.) by Robyn Gosset**

I encountered this book in NZ thirty years ago. It explores unexplained events from the country's past, including UFO sightings, legends of monsters, and hidden treasure. I was impressed by the author's research approach in investigating these mysteries through extensive use of historical archives, media reports, and her own fieldwork.

## Message to GIS Students

This century is an era of plurilingualism. With the spread of social media and IT-assisted tools, people around the world use English alongside their first language(s). Monolingual native-speakerism is outdated. After all, no one expects to be a professional singer at karaoke, but it's still fun to sing in your own voice, right?



Professor Watanabe will deliver his final lecture at GIS on **February 28**. This lecture is open to the public.

Please check our website and Hoppii for details on the date and venue.