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(Bio)

Kei Kano, PhD in life science, is a professor in the Science Communication Laboratory, Faculty of Education, Shiga University, Japan. He is also a visiting fellow at the Australian National Centre for the Public Awareness of Science at ANU.

Before this, he worked widely in science communication for school students, adults, and early-career scientists and science for science policy. He was an associate professor at the Science Communication Group, Institute for Integrated Cell-Material Sciences (iCeMS), Kyoto University.

He has been involved in developing two science education TV programs for primary and secondary school students by NHK; "Think like a Crow – Scientific Method" and "Viewpoint Science."

He has twice (2017 and 2014) won the Prize for Science and Technology for his science communication practices and research by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) in Japan.

His current research topics are "Re-innovation with Japanese Ways of Knowing Nature: the Case of Kakishibu (Fermented Bitter Persimmon Juice), Kaki-tannin," "Culturally Relevant STEAM Education on Kakishibu," and "Practice on ELSI/RRI of Educational Technology / AI in Education."