



# Japanese Studies Association of Australia

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## From the Executive Committee

### JSAA Funding

The JSAA is pleased to announce that the JSAA Round 1 Grant has been awarded to Professor Chihiro Thomson, University of NSW for funding support to provide 10-15 scholarships for Australia and NZ based postgraduate students to attend ICJLE 2014 (The International Conference on Japanese Language Education) to be held in Sydney in July 10-12, 2014. See conference [website](#) for further information.

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## Conferences

### Call for Papers

#### Manga Futures 6th International Scholarly Conference

The Manga Futures 6th International Scholarly Conference will be held on the weekend of October 31 to November 2, 2014 at the Creative Arts Building in the University of Wollongong. Manga Studies is now emerging as an important field of scholarship and criticism within Japanese Studies and Cultural Studies, but its methodologies and theoretical foundations are still being developed in relation to both existing academic disciplines and everyday practices. This conference approaches “manga culture” in the broadest sense. Speakers address the interrelations between aspects of production, distribution and consumption inside and outside of Japan. Perspectives adopted include institutionally established industry-insiders, fandom-based creators and critics, and academics with social-science and humanities-oriented backgrounds. The deadline for submission of proposals is June 13, 2014. For further information, please visit the conference [website](#).

#### Cultural Studies Association of Australasia (CSAA) Conference 2014

The 2014 CSAA Conference will be held from December 3-5, 2014 at the University of Wollongong. The conference theme of ‘provocations’ calls for papers that pursue various forms of action, change, or

questioning. Such critical responses might be in reaction to global social transformations or the local minutiae of everyday life, and might be incited by creative practice, cultural analysis or imaginings of a more ethical present. Provocations might be understood to operate at the macro level in terms of politics, governance and law or at the scale of individual bodies, artistic endeavours and engagements with new technologies and social networks. In anticipation of exploring these ideas, the conference is organised around six [thematic streams](#) and each stream has an individual [call for papers](#). The deadline for submission of proposals is June 13, 2014. For further information, please visit the conference [website](#).

## **Canadian Association for Japanese Language Education) 2014 Annual Conference**

CAJLE 2014 Annual Conference will be held from Wednesday August 20 to Thursday August 21, 2014 at Best Western Ville – Marie Hotel & Suites Montreal, Canada. The theme of the conference is Language education and identities: Japanese language education in multicultural societies. The deadline for abstract submission is Monday April 14, 2014. For further information please visit the conference [website](#)

### **Call for Papers Closed**

## **The Australian Network for Japanese Law Conference**

ANJeL, in conjunction with James Cook University Faculty of Law, Business and Creative Arts, will host the 12th ANJeL symposium on Japanese Law on Friday 16 May 2014 in Cairns, co-organised by JCU Associate Professor Justin Dabner. The primary focus of the symposium will be on “Japanese Law and Business amidst Bilateral and Regional Free Trade Agreements”. To register for the conference please visit the conference [website](#).

For further information on conferences taking place that are related to Japan and Japanese Studies for which the closing date for submission of abstracts has passed please visit [conferences](#) on the JSAA website.

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## **Positions Vacant**

### **FEATURE POSITION: Lecturer/Senior Lecturer (Japanese Studies) Monash University**

Monash University is seeking an enthusiastic individual to join the Japanese Studies Program ([URL http://www.arts.monash.edu.au/japanese/](http://www.arts.monash.edu.au/japanese/)), School of Languages, Literature, Cultures and Linguistics. Your area of specialisation may include one or more of: contemporary or 20th Century Japanese studies, cultural, literary, or film studies, applied linguistics, language pedagogy, social sciences, or other relevant fields related to the study of Japan. The deadline for applications is May 20, 2014. A full position description can be found [here](#).

## Other Positions

For an expanded listing of positions available please visit Positions Available ([Academic Positions](#) / [Postdocs, Fellowships](#) / [Other](#)) on the JSAA website.

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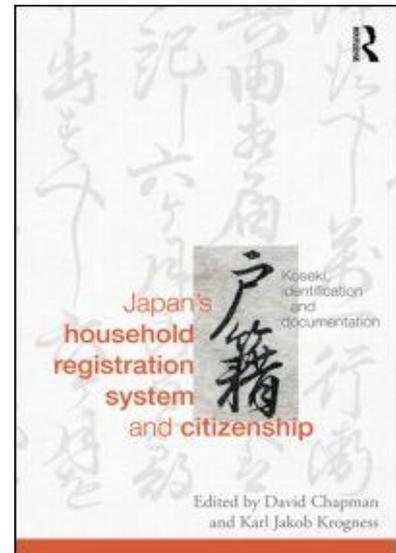
## New Publication

### **FEATURED PUBLICATION: Japan's Household Registration System and Citizenship, Edited By David Chapman and Karl Jakob Krogness**

Japan's Household Registration System (koseki seido) is an extremely powerful state instrument, and is socially entrenched with a long history of population governance, social control and the maintenance of social order. It provides identity whilst at the same time imposing identity upon everyone registered, and in turn, the state receives validity and legitimacy from the registration of its inhabitants. The study of the procedures and mechanisms for identifying and documenting people provides an important window into understanding statecraft, and by examining the koseki system, this book provides a keen insight into social and political change in Japan.

By looking through the lens of the koseki system, the book takes both an historical as well as a contemporary approach to understanding Japanese society. In doing so, it develops our understanding of contemporary Japan within the historical context of population management and social control; reveals the social effects and influence of the koseki system throughout its history; and presents new insights into citizenship, nationality and identity. Furthermore, this book develops our knowledge of state functions and indeed the nation state itself, through engaging critically with important issues relating to the koseki while at the same time providing a platform for further investigation. The contributors to this volume utilise a variety of disciplinary areas including history, gender studies, sociology, law and anthropology, and each chapter provides insights that bring us closer to a comprehensive grasp of the role, effects and historical background of what is a crucial and influential instrument of the Japanese state.

This book will be of great interest to students and scholars of Japanese history, Japanese culture and society, Japanese studies, Asian social policy and demography more generally.



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## Jakob Krogness

Published: 27 February 2014; Publisher: Routledge; ISBN 978-0-415-70544-8; To order a copy please see [Routledge](#).

## Other Publications

For a list of recent book publications by JSAA members, please visit [New Publications](#) on the JSAA website. If you would like your publication promoted on the JSAA website and in the newsletter, please contact [Catherine Hallett](#).

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## Featured Scholar

### Kristine Santos, University of Wollongong

Kristine Santos is currently undertaking a PhD at the University of Wollongong with a University Postgraduate Award. She has honours in History and a minor in Japanese Studies from Ateneo de Manila University. For her doctoral thesis, Kristine is examining the world of Japanese female fans and their history of subverting male-oriented comics such as Weekly Shōnen Jump through dōjinshi. Her areas of interest include gender, social history, cultural studies, and Japanese popular culture. To read more about Kristine, please visit the postgraduate page on the JSAA [website](#).

## Future Featured Scholar

If you would like to be the Featured Scholar in the JSAA Newsletter, please contact the JSAA Postgraduate Representative [Thomas Baudinette](#)

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## Other

### Visiting Fellow Program, Waseda Institute for Advanced Study

The Waseda Institute for Advanced Study is committed to promoting the university-wide acceptance of leading researchers from other countries as well as to facilitating the production of research results, scholarly exchange with researchers at Waseda, and other such outcomes. For this purpose, the Institute invites as Visiting Fellows recognized researchers who are doing work at the cutting edge of their fields. These Fellows will be provided an excellent environment for conducting their research and will also be expected to contribute to the research activity of Waseda University. For further information, please visit the Waseda Institute for Advanced Study [website](#).

## **JANZ Database (Japanese Studies Database for Australia and New Zealand)**

The JANZ Database has been developed by the ANU Japan Institute and Japan Foundation, Sydney as an open-access, interactive directory of institutions and specialists working in Australia and New Zealand. All specialists, including artists, interpreters, translators, scholars and teachers working on Japan in Australia and New Zealand are welcome to create a profile on the JANZ Database. To join the JANZ community, visit the website at [janzdb.org](http://janzdb.org).

## **Japan Foundation: New Voices**

The Call for Papers for Volume 7 of New Voices, The Japan Foundation, Sydney's peer-reviewed journal for emerging local researchers, opened on March 17, 2014. Submissions are open to Honours graduates, Masters graduates and—from this year—PhD candidates in or from Australia and New Zealand. The submission guidelines are available [online](#). New Voices is a great opportunity for outstanding early-career researchers to build their publication profiles and experience. All outstanding research students are encouraged to submit. Please visit the Japan Foundation [website](#) for further information.

## **Japan Foundation: J-Studies**

This month, The Japan Foundation, Sydney (JPF) launch a new newsletter for academics and researchers, called J-Studies. J-Studies will feature information on funding opportunities, conferences, resources, new publications, the New Voices journal for emerging researchers and more. This newsletter will largely replace the direct emails the JPF have been sending to its academic mailing list over the years. [Subscribe](#) to stay in the loop!

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