



Japanese Studies Association of Australia

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From the Executive Committee

19th Biennial Conference of the Japanese Studies Association of Australia (JSAA)

The [19th Biennial Conference of the JSAA](#) will be held at La Trobe University's Melbourne (Bundoora) Campus from 30 June to 3 July 2015, hosted by the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences with the support of La Trobe Asia.

The conference theme is "Japanese Studies and Japan in the Asia-Pacific: Rethinking 'Eurocentrism'?" The conference will explore if and to what extent 'Eurocentrism' (as broadly conceived of in the social sciences and humanities) might exist in the research on, and perception of, Japan in the Asia-Pacific region. Is this perspective possibly due to the fact that the globally dominant language for academic conversation is English? If so, are there features specific to Japanese Studies in Asia; where the dominant language for publication may not be English and where different 'traditions' of studying Japan may have developed? Where does Japanese Studies in Australasia stand in this picture? To this end, we have invited [keynote speakers](#) mainly from Asia (South East Asia, China and Korea), who will discuss the state of Japanese Studies and how Japan is generally understood in their respective regions.

Important Dates:

Submission of abstracts due (including poster sessions): 9 March 2015

Notification of acceptance of abstracts sent: 23 March 2015

Applications to graduate workshop due: 4 May 2015 (the first 30 applications will be accepted and attendees may have priority when applying for possible scholarships)

Applications to teachers workshop due: 4 May 2015 (the first 30 applications will be accepted and attendees may have priority when applying for possible scholarships)

Final date for early bird registration: 3 April 2015

Closing date of registration: 17 April 2015

Conference: 30 June – 3 July 2015

Further Information:

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Conferences

Wounds, Scars, and Healing: Civil Society and Postwar Pacific Basin Reconciliation

Seventy years after the end of the war, Japan and its neighbours have negotiated a fragile but real transition towards lasting peace and reconciliation, an achievement that has been charted over a series of four conferences held in 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 in Sydney, Seoul and Kyoto. Previous conferences have explored measures taken at official and government level, gestures of memorial diplomacy and the impact of the arts, literature and cinema in challenging stereotypes and offering new grounds for understanding. The fifth and final conference will be held on 30 September, 1 and 2 October 2015 at the University of Sydney. The conference organising committee invites contributions on the significant role of Civil Society in contributing to the process of healing. Social movements and citizens' campaigns at grassroots level have become formidable agents for change by lobbying governments and mobilising public opinion on issues such as the representation of history in school textbooks, comfort women, forced labourers from China and Korea, and nuclear disarmament. The due date for submission of the panel proposals and individual papers is 30 April 2015. [Further Information](#).

Positions Available

Lecturer of Japanese, University of Denver

The Department of Languages and Literatures at the University of Denver will hire a Lecturer of Japanese for appointment. This is a full-time, renewable lectureship with full benefits beginning September 1, 2015. The deadline for applications is 23 February 2015. [Further Information](#).

Four New 2015-2016 Postdoctoral Fellowships at Columbia University

Columbia University's Weatherhead East Asian Institute is pleased to announce four new postdoctoral fellowships for the 2015-2016 academic year. All applications are due by 25 February 2015. Three of these positions are part of the Borg Research Program, a three-year initiative to support teaching, research, and public outreach on issues relating the United States and East and Southeast Asia, funded by the Dorothy Borg Endowment. The fourth position is part of the INTERACT program, a pioneering program that focuses on developing global studies in the undergraduate curriculum through a network of postdoctoral scholars focused on cross-regional, trans-regional and interdisciplinary study. [Further Information](#).

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Japanese Studies, Freie Universitaet Berlin

The Graduate School of East Asian Studies at Freie Universitaet Berlin (Germany) is inviting applications for a postdoctoral research fellowship limited to 2 years with a focus on Japan beginning on 1 September 2015. The deadline for applications is 16 February 2015. [Further Information](#).

MA and PhD Funding at the University of Leeds (Japanese Studies)

The School of Languages, Cultures and Societies at the University of Leeds in the United Kingdom would

like to draw your attention to the funding opportunities for students intending to begin their MA or PhD in Japanese studies in October 2015. [Further Information](#).

Events

Japanese through RAKUGO

The Japan Foundation in Sydney will hold a rakugo workshop on Saturday 21 March 2015. In this workshop, you will learn about the history, features, typical characters and setting of rakugo. You will also have the chance to participate in your own short group performance! [Further Information](#).

The Kyoko Selden Memorial Translation Prize in Japanese Literature, Thought, and Society, 2015

The Department of Asian Studies at Cornell University is pleased to announce the 2015 prize honoring the life and work of Kyoko Selden. The prize will pay homage to the finest achievements in Japanese literature, thought, and society through the medium of translation. Kyoko Selden's translations and writings ranged widely across such realms as Japanese women writers, Japanese art and aesthetics, the atomic bomb experience, Ainu and Okinawan life and culture, historical and contemporary literature, poetry and prose, and early education (the Suzuki method). In the same spirit, the prize will recognize the breadth of Japanese writings, classical and contemporary. Collaborative translations are welcomed. In order to encourage classroom use and wide dissemination of the winning entries, prize-winning translations will be made freely available on the web. The winning translations will be published online at The Asia-Pacific Journal: [Japan Focus](#). [Further Information](#).

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