



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

CAJLE (Canadian Association for Japanese Language Education) 2015 Annual

Conference

CAJLE (Canadian Association for Japanese Language Education) holds an annual conference which includes lectures and workshops by guest speakers, as well as research presentations and a general meeting. The conference provides a great opportunity for participants to exchange information and opinions on Japanese language education and Japanese linguistics. The CAJLE 2015 Annual Conference will take place in Vancouver, British Columbia from 20 August (Thursday) – 21 August (Friday), 2015. The theme of the conference is "revisiting teacher roles and instruction in view of diversification of Japanese language learning." The organising committee invite submission of abstracts for paper presentations and poster presentations on topics including, but not limited to, Japanese linguistics, Japanese language pedagogy, Japanese as a heritage language, as well as innovative teaching techniques. Submissions related to the conference theme are especially welcome. The allocated time for each presentation is 30 minutes (20 minutes for presentation and 10 minutes for discussion), and posters will be presented in a 90-minute poster session. Presentations may be given in either Japanese, English or French. The deadline for abstract submissions is Monday, 13 April 2015. [Further Information](#).

Positions Available

Professor of Japanese Studies, University of Cambridge

The University of Cambridge invites applications for the position of Professorship of Japanese Studies from persons whose work falls within any field of the study of modern or pre-modern Japan (humanities and/or social sciences). Candidates will have an outstanding research record of international stature in Japanese Studies and the vision, leadership, experience and enthusiasm to build on current strengths in maintaining and developing a leading research presence. They will hold a PhD or equivalent postgraduate qualification. The deadline for applications is 9 February 2015. [Further Information](#).

Louis Frieberg Post-doctoral Fellowships, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

The Louis Frieberg Center for East Asian Studies at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem offers post-doctoral fellowships for the year 2015-2016. The post-docs are open to scholars in the humanities and social sciences specializing in East Asia, especially China, Japan, Korea and Mongolia. The deadline for applications is 31 March 2015. [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

Exhibition: Aftershocks: Experiences of Japan's Great Earthquake, The University of Melbourne

Aftershocks: Experiences of Japan's Great Earthquake is on display in the Noel Shaw Gallery, Baillieu Library at The University of Melbourne from 1 September 2014 to 8 March 2015. Aftershocks: Experiences of Japan's Great Earthquake explores the impact of Japan's deadliest natural disaster on everyday lives through objects from the University of Melbourne's East Asian Rare Materials Collection. [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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