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1. Conferences, Symposia and Workshops 学会、シンポジウム、ワークショップ

19th Biennial Conference of the Asian Studies Association of Australia

The University of Western Sydney, through the School of Humanities and Communication Arts, the Institute for Culture and Society and the Centre for the Study of Contemporary Muslim Societies, is proud to host the 19th Biennial Conference of the Asian Studies Association of Australia. The conference will be held from 11 to 13 July 2012 at our Parramatta South campus under the theme "Knowing Asia: Asian Studies in an Asian Century". This is an excellent opportunity to showcase the work of academics and postgraduate students in the many disciplinary areas encompassed by the conference.

The submission of 200-300 word abstracts for either individual papers or panel proposals is now open. Panels are scheduled for 1.5 hours. Presentations should be 20 minutes long to allow time for questions and discussion.

The call for papers includes an expansive list of possible themes, generated in part by papers already offered. It is not however, meant to be exclusive. Papers on all areas of current academic concern are invited.

Further conference information and call for papers:

http://www.uws.edu.au/ics/events/asaa_conference

The Japanese Studies Centre Mitsubishi Corporation Seminar Series

Building global human capital: the Japanese experience

Melbourne, 9 March 2012

This interdisciplinary seminar explores the recent moves to enhance Japan's competitiveness through the development of a more globally literate workforce. Responding to the realities of global business engagement, Japanese firms, supported by the national government and industry bodies, are moving to develop their employees' skills in areas such as language and inter-cultural leadership, as well as undertaking organisational renovations to allow such skills to be mobilised more effectively. The many initiatives currently being debated and tested include adopting English as an official workplace language, incorporating international experience into business training programs, and adopting more pro-active strategies for the use of non-Japanese personnel. These moves have important implications not only for business practice, but also for social organisation, cultural identity and economic engagement in and around Japan. This seminar brings academics from a variety of disciplines together with businesspeople and government representatives to discuss Japan's global human capital challenge, with a particular emphasis on the Japan-Asia-Australia business interface.

Keynote presenters:

- Professor Mitsuhide Shiraki, Waseda University
- Professor Emiko Magoshi, J.F. Oberlin University

Panel discussions:

- The glass ceiling challenge in Japanese firms
- Building global human capital in practice: how and why?

Panellists include academics and executives from the public and private sector involved in international business development and intercultural education and training.

The keynote session will be followed by a workshop for seminar participants to share their own ideas and experiences in preparing workers and organisations for more effective interaction across borders.

More information and registration: <http://arts.monash.edu.au/lcl/jsc/events/events-2012/interactive-strategies.php>

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Socio-legal norms in preventing and managing disasters in Japan: Asia-Pacific and interdisciplinary perspectives

1-2 March, 2012, University of Sydney

This conference compares the preparedness for large-scale disasters and subsequent responses in Japan, focusing on the '3-11' events: the earthquake and tsunami that devastated north-east Japan on 11 March 2011 and the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant radiation leaks. We will explore whether and how socio-legal norms may have differed significantly within Japan regarding the former, primarily a natural disaster; compared to the latter, a 'man-made' or artificial disaster.

The conference will focus on the legal or regulatory environment, but in broad social, economic and political context. It will bring together experts in relevant fields of domestic and international law as well as specialists in social history and literature, media studies and political economy. One working hypothesis is that cultural and social norms were more effective in helping both to prevent and manage responses to Japan's natural disaster, compared to the artificial disaster where political and economic factors played more significant roles. The project considers whether this phenomenon can be found in earlier periods and especially in other Asia-Pacific countries, particularly in China, Indonesia and New Zealand (susceptible to earthquakes and tsunamis), and the USA (the only other Asia-Pacific country to have experienced a serious nuclear emergency).

Registration: <http://sydney.edu.au/news/law/457.html?eventcategoryid=39&eventid=9063>

Other conference information/updates: <http://blogs.usyd.edu.au/japaneselaw/>

2. Grants and Scholarships 補助金、奨学金等

JSAA event funding: Applications closing soon

The JSAA takes funding applications for up to AU\$5000 per annum from members organising a small conference, workshop, or other event.

The association will make one grant per year, taking applications by 28 February for events to be held within that calendar year.

The full funding application guidelines are now available on the JSAA website:

http://www.jsaa.org.au/main/page_conferences_funding_funding.html

Call for submissions – 2012 The Sixth Inoue Yasushi Award

The Inoue Yasushi Award for Outstanding Research in Japanese Literature in Australia and New Zealand is being given annually, beginning in 2007, for the best refereed journal article or book chapter published in English during the previous year by a researcher based in Australia or New Zealand. The recipient will receive \$1500 as well as a certificate of the award's conferral.

The Inoue Yasushi Memorial Foundation established the award in order to encourage overseas interest in Japanese literature. For further information and a list of previously awarded articles, please refer to:

<http://sydney.edu.au/arts/japanese/research/index.shtml>

Applicants for the 2012 award should submit an electronic copy of their works by 31 March 2012. In-press articles and book chapters that will bear the publication year of 2011 will be accepted with evidence.

Submissions should be sent to the Chair of the award selection committee, Dr Mats Karlsson at: mats.karlsson@sydney.edu.au

3. Other announcements

Call for papers: The Japan Journal of Multilingualism and Multiculturalism

The Japan Journal of Multilingualism and Multiculturalism is the only academic journal in Japan devoted entirely to issues of bilingualism and multiculturalism.

The deadline for 2012 submissions is 15 February. We would be particularly excited to receive manuscripts dealing with various facets of multilingualism in Japan. We accept both English and Japanese manuscripts.

The type of submissions we are interested in includes: Childhood Bilingual Acquisition, Bilingual Childrearing, Language & Identity, Multiculturalism in Japan, Multilingualism in Japan, Multilingual Literacy, Language Policy in Japan, Methodological issues, Language Attitudes & Ideologies, Language & Migration, Code-switching, Bilingual Education, Inter/transcultural communication, Other

For more information, please see:

Call for papers in English: <http://www.bsig.org/jjmm/callforpapers.html>

Call for papers in Japanese: <http://www.bsig.org/jjmm/callforpapersj.html>
