

ASIAN STUDIES CONFERENCE JAPAN

1998 ASCJ PROGRAM

SECOND ANNUAL ASIAN STUDIES CONFERENCE JAPAN

The second Asian Studies Conference in Japan (ASCJ) was held at the [Ichigaya Campus](#) of Sophia University on June 20, 1998. The ASCJ aims to emphasize interdisciplinary scholarly exchange in an English language format to broaden communication among Asia scholars of diverse disciplines and backgrounds and further discussion between scholars based in Japan with those elsewhere. The program is listed below.

The registration fee is **1,500** (yen). An additional **2,500** (yen) is required for the [reception](#) that follows the conference.

Hotel Information Conference Venue

Schedule of Activities

Morning Sessions 10:00-12:00	Lunch Session 12:30-1:30	Afternoon 1:30-3:30	Late Afternoon 3:30-5:30	Evening 5:30-7:00
<p>1) Rethinking Approaches to Japanese Religion: Movements, Patriarchs, and Rites (Room 207)</p> <p>2) Roundtable: Learning in Japanese Institutions-- Towards the</p>	<p>3) Internet Resources for Asian Scholars</p>	<p>4) Discourses on Modern Japanese Culture (Room 207)</p> <p>5) Political and Social Change in East and Southeast Asia (Room 208)</p> <p>6) Asia in the Twenty-first</p>	<p>7) Roundtable: Everyday Experiences of Sri Lankans: People's Consciousness and Social Issues (Room 207)</p> <p>8) Japan and Russia: Mutual Visions in Literature, Arts, and</p>	<p>Business Meeting 5:30-6:00</p> <p>Reception 6:00- 7:00</p>

21st Century (Room 208)		Century (Room 209)	Mentalities (Room 208) 9) The Social Organization of the Japanese Economy (Room 209)	
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Note: Individual papers unless otherwise indicated.

I. Morning Sessions 10:00a.m.-12:00 noon

1. Rethinking Approaches to Japanese Religion: Movements, Patriarchs, and Rites Room 207

Chairperson: Eric Rath, University of Michigan

Presenters

- a) Sarah Horton, Yale University. "Historiographic Views of Heian Pure Land Buddhism"
- b) Clark Chilson, University of Stirling. "Kuya in History and Historiography"
- c) William Londo, University of Michigan. "The Revival of Mt. Koya and the Development of New Forms of Religious Expression in Heian Society"
- d) Eric Rath, University of Michigan. "Deritualizing Ritual Studies - A View from the Noh Stage"

Discussant: Mark Blum, Bukkyo University

2. Roundtable: Learning in Japanese Institutions--Towards the 21st Century Room 208

Chairperson: Karen Shire, International Christian University

Presenters

- a) Jane Bachnik, National Institute of Multimedia Education. "Roadblocks on the Information Highway: A Closer Look at the 'Global Knowledge Revolution' in Japanese Higher Education"
- b) Brian McVeigh, Toyo Gakuen University. "Students Who Pretend Not to Know: Education and the 'Official Gaze' in Japan"

c) Karen Shire, International Christian University. "On-the-Job Learning in a Japanese High Technology Workplace: Effectiveness from Workers' Perspective"

d) Charles Tackney, Bunkyo University. "Industrial Relations, Working Rules and Learning in the Postwar Japanese Organization"

II. Lunchtime Workshop 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

3. Internet Resources for Asian Scholars Computer Room, Basement

Chairperson: Michael Huang, SUNY College at Oswego

Discussant: [Michael Watson](#), Faculty of International Studies, Meiji Gakuin University

III. Afternoon Sessions 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

4. Discourses on Modern Japanese Culture Room 207

Chairperson: Kate Wildman Nakai, Sophia University

a) Haruno Yamakami, Northwestern University. "When the Earth Quakes, Rhetoric Awakes"

b) Chia-ning Chang, University of California at Davis / Waseda University. "Reading Uchida Roan: The Making of a Mid-Meiji Critic"

c) Mark MacWilliams, St. Lawrence University. "Revisioning Japanese Religion: Osamu Tezuka's Hi no tori (The Phoenix)"

d) Meera Viswanathan, Brown University. "On Shrine Maidens, Mountain Witches, and Prostitutes: a Topographical History of Women and the Uncanny in the Writings of Orikuchi Shinobu"

e) Harald Fuess, German Institute for Japanese Studies. "Discourses on Fatherhood in Japan"

5. Political and Social Change in East and Southeast Asia Room 208

Chairperson: Teruo Sekimoto, Tokyo University

a) Duncan McCargo, Kobe Gakuin University. "The Politics of Press Banning in Indonesia"

b) Yin-wah Chu, The University of Hong Kong. "Authoritarian Rule and Democratic Struggles: Taiwan and Korea Compared"

c) Eric Thompson, University of Washington. "A Malay Village in a Tiger Economy"

d) Misa Okumura, Sophia University, "The New Middle Class in Malaysia"

6. Asia in the Twenty-first Century Room 209

Chairperson: Walter Hatch, Tokyo University

a) Etel Solingen, University of California at Irvine. "ASEAN Past and Future: Domestic Coalitions and Regional Cooperation"

b) Jochen Legewie, German Institute for Japanese Studies. "The Political Economy of Industrial Integration in Southeast Asia: The Role of Japanese Companies"

c) Verena Blechinger, German Institute for Japanese Studies. "Between Bilateralism and Regionalism: Business and the State in Japan's Relations with Asia"

Comments by Temario Rivera, International Christian University

IV. Late Afternoon Sessions 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

7. Roundtable: Everyday Experiences of Sri Lankans: People's Consciousness and Social Issues Room 207

Chairperson: Yoshiko Ashiwa, (Hitotsubashi University)

Presenters:

a) Kusma Karunaratne, professor of Colombo University "Depiction of Society in Sinhala Literature"

b) K. Balakrishnaiyer, Ph.D. student of the University of Tokyo "As a Student in the North and the South Sri Lanka, and in Tokyo"

c) Siripala Weerakoon, Ph.D candidate of Hitotsubashi University "Drug Abuse in Sri Lanka; The Changing Factors and People's Everyday Experiences"

Discussants:

J.B. Dissanayake, Colombo University

S.T. Hettige, Colombo University

8. Japan and Russia: Mutual Visions in Literature, Arts, and Mentalities Room 208

Chairperson: Yulia Mikhailova, Hiroshima City University

Presenters

a) Elena Diakonova, Hitotsubashi University. "The Myth of the Orient in the Poetry of Russian Symbolism in the Late 19th - Early 20th Centuries"

b) Alexander Dolin, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies. "'Russian Myth' in Modern Japanese Poetry"

c) Lyudmila Ermakova, Okayama University. "Looking From Russia: The Japanese Cultural Landscape"

d) Yulia Mikhailova, Hiroshima City University. "Why Is The Peril Not Frightening: Japan In The Russian 'Popular Prints'"

Discussant: Ekaterina Morozowa, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies

9. The Social Organization of the Japanese Economy Room 209

Chairperson: David Wank, Sophia University

Presenters

a) Kathryn Ibata, Tokyo University. "The Business of Survival: Local Small and Medium Sized Enterprise Networks in Japan"

b) Ann D. Brucklacher, Hirosaki University. "Regional Identity and Agriculture: An Example of Apple Farmers in the Tsugaru Region"

c) Keiko Hirao, "Education and Employment Behavior: Work Histories of Married Japanese Women"

d) Heidi Gottfried, Purdue University. "Deconstructing the Narrative of the Japanese Economic Miracle"

Comments by Masako Ishii-Kuntz, University of California Tokyo Study Center

V. Business Meeting 5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

VI. Reception 6:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m.

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