

# JSAC 98

## PRELIMINARY PROGRAM:

11th Annual Conference of the Japan Studies Association of Canada

University of Northern British Columbia, 2-3 October 1998

## "Japan After the Economic Miracle: In Search of New Directions"

NB - All activities will take place in the Conference Centre (CC) on the UNBC campus in Prince George, unless otherwise indicated.

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### FRIDAY, 2 OCTOBER 1998

9:30 am Registration (outside CC Rm. 6-205/211)

10:15 am Welcome and Opening Remarks (CC Rm. 6-205/211)

10:30 am-12 noon Panel I: Social and Cross-Cultural Issues (CC Rm. 6-205/211)

Chair: Lawrence T. Woods (UNBC)

K. Victor Ujimoto (Guelph)

"The Aging Japanese Society: Human Resource Management in Transition"

David W. Edgington (UBC)

"Improving the Quality of Life in Japanese Cities"

Yoko Ishii (Calgary)

Women  
"Yanagita Kunio in Search of New Directions: Japanese Immigrant  
in Canada"

12:15-1:45 pm Luncheon (CC Rm. 6-205/211)

Keynote Speaker: Carin Holroyd (Bishop's)

"Breaking into the Japanese Market: Canadian Companies and the Challenge of Doing Business in Japan"

Ms. Holroyd is completing her PhD at the University of Waikato in New Zealand. In 1997/98, she was the recipient of a Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs research grant through a program sponsored by JSAC.

2:00-3:30 pm Panel II: Foreign Policy and International Issues (CC Rm. 6-205/211)

Chair: James Morrison (St. Mary's)

Laure Paquette (Lakehead)  
"Japan's Strategic Position in East Asia: Analysis and Prospects in the 2+4 Context"

Robert Bedeski (Victoria)  
"Rethinking Japanese National Defense After the Cold War: From Comprehensive to Human Security"

Don Munton (UNBC)  
"Making and Managing Hazardous Waste in Japan"

3:45-5:45 pm Campus/Local Tour

6:30-7:00 pm Reception (Dining Hall/Cafeteria, Upper Level)  
(Hosts: UNBC's Economics and International Studies Programs)

7:00-9:00 pm Dinner (Dining Hall/Cafeteria, Upper Level)  
Keynote Speaker: TBA

#### **SATURDAY, 3 OCTOBER 1998**

8:30 am Registration (outside CC Rm. 6-205/211)

9:00-10:30 am Panel III: Teaching About Japan (Agora Rm. 7-150)

Chair: Hiroe Wood (UNBC)

Kyung-Hee Lynn (UBC)  
"History of Japanese Language Education at UBC, 1956-1996"

Rebecca Chau (UBC) and Yuko Shibata (UBC)  
"Teaching Japanese to a Multicultural Student Population"

Wenran Jiang (Alberta), Norio Ota (York) and X. Jie Yang (Calgary)

"Teaching Japan with Power of Computer/Network/Internet Technology"

10:45 am-12:15 pm Panel IV: Japanese Politics (Agora Rm. 7-150)

Chair: Carin Holroyd (Bishop's)

Akira Kubota (Windsor)

"Contemporary Japanese Party Politics: Old Wine in a New Bottle?"

Agar Adamson (Acadia)

"The Continued Hegemony of the LDP"

Toyomasa Fuse (York)

"Scandals and Suicide: Some Remarks on the Recent Incidents in

Japan

(Torn Chrysanthemum Curtain?)"

12:30-2:00 pm Luncheon (CC Rm. 6-205/211)

[Keynote Speaker: Leslie Hoy](#)

(Fuji Research Institute Corp., Tokyo)

"Postgraduate Study in Japan: Choosing Challenges"

Born and raised in Prince George, Dr. Hoy is a UVic graduate. In  
March of this year, he became the first Canadian to receive a PhD from  
Hitotsubashi University in Tokyo, having earlier received an MA  
from the same school.

2:15-3:45 pm Panel V: Business Issues (CC Rm. 6-205/211)

Chair: Laure Paquette (Lakehead)

Charles Beaupre (St. Mary's)

"Changing Behaviour Patterns of Japanese Consumers"

Terry Urasaki (Calgary)

"Restoring the Legitimacy of Japanese Business: Can Good Economics  
Make Good Ethics Easier?"

Ken Coates (UNB at Saint John)

"Making Up for Lost Time: Japan and the Digital Revolution"

4:00-5:30 pm Panel VI: The Japanese Economy (CC Rm. 6-205/211)

Chair: Paul Bowles (UNBC)

John Price (Victoria)

"Fordism and Crisis in Japan: An Historical Perspective"

Kenneth G. Henshall (Waikato, NZ)

"A Superpower on Trial: Testing Japan's Skills in a New Age"

Brian MacLean (Laurentian)

"The East Asian Currency Crisis: A Refutation of the Japanese Model?"

5:45-6:30 pm 1998 JSAC Business Meeting (CC Rm. 6-205/211)

7:00-9:00 pm Closing Dinner (at an off-campus site TBA)  
Keynote Speaker: TBA

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF REGISTRATION FORM AND REGISTRATION FEE:  
10 SEPTEMBER 1998

[JSAC98 Registration Form](#)

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MANY THANKS! SEE YOU IN PRINCE GEORGE!!

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