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Japan and Asia Pacific in the 21st Century: History, Culture and Policy Issues
Centre for Japanese Research, Institute of Asian Research
University of British Columbia

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM (August 10, 2000)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

17:30	Registration	IAR Foyer
17:30 - 19:00	Welcome Reception	IAR Foyer
19:00 - 20:00	JSAC Executive Meeting	CJR

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6 (All sessions will be held in the IAR Conference Room.)

8:00 - 8:30	Continental Breakfast and Registration	
8:30 - 8:35	Greetings	Frieda Granot, Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies, UBC.
8:35 - 8:40	Greetings	Pitman Potter, Director, Institute of Asian Research, UBC.

8:40 - 10:00 **Culture and Religion: Now and Past**
Chair: Fumiko Ikawa-Smith, McGill University

Fragile Heritage--Japanese Gardens in Decline: Challenges and Threats in the 21st Century, Brian Pendleton, Langara College.

Universals and Particulars: Cultural Sharing among Japanese Canadian (Nikkei) Women, Yuko Shibata, UBC.

Manifestation of Qi (Ki) in Japan and Asia Pacific in the 21st Century, Charles Beaupre, St. Mary's University.

Buddhism and Social Order in Tokugawa Japan, Nam-lin Hur, UBC.

10:00 - 10:15 **Coffee**

10:15 - 11:45 **Distinguished Speaker Invited Lecture**
Chair: William D. Wray, University of British Columbia

Commercial Networks in Asia, 1850-1950, Shinya Sugiyama, Keio University.

11:45 - 13:10 **Lunch**

13:10 - 14:30 **Contemporary Policy Issues**
Chair: Ilan Vertinsky, UBC

Sannai-Maruyama and Jomon Fantasy: A Critical Look at the Origins of the Ainu and the Historical Interpretation of 'Japan,' Sherry Tanaka, UBC.

Effect of State Trading Enterprise on Formation of Quality Preference of Wheat Flour by Japanese and Korean Millers, Renee Kim, University of Manitoba.

An Analysis of Problem Solving Incapability of the Japanese Society: Denial, Suppression and Marginalization of the Root Causes, Yoshihiko Wada, Sapporo University.

Beyond Human Error and Serious Breaches of Safety Principles: Nuclear Criticality at Tokaimura, Michael Donnelly, University of Toronto.

14:30 - 15:15 E.Herbert Norman: UBC Press 60th Anniversary Edition of *Japan's Emergence as a Modern State: Political and Economic Problems of the Meiji Period*

Chair: Lawrence Woods, University of Northern British Columbia.

E.H. Norman and the Constitution of Japan, John Price, University of Victoria.

15:15 - 15:30 Coffee

15:30 - 16:50 Japan and the World (1)

Chair: Yuzo Ota, McGill University

The Sea of Japan Region: A Window on the World in Medieval Japan, Isao Soranaka, University of Western Ontario.

Complex Imagery of Christianity and Southern European Culture Manifested in Nanban Art, Moritaka Matsumoto, UBC.

The Perception of Japanese Scholarship within International Academic Discourse, Pamela Asquith, University of Alberta.

Creating a Pan-American Identity Among People of Japanese Descent, Millie Creighton, UBC.

17:30- 19:00 Japan Foundation Fellows Reception

Chair: Japan Foundation

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

8:00 - 8:40 Continental Breakfast

8:40 - 10:00 Language and Culture in Transition (Organized by Norio Ota)

Chair: James Morrison, St. Mary's University

Tokugawa Traces in 21st Century Japan: Culture and Language in Flux, Jay Goulding, York University.

Kanji Knowledge as Read-only vs. Write-only: The Effect of the Computer Age, Joe F. Kess and Tadao Miyamoto, University of Victoria.

Coping with Socio-linguistic and Pragmatic Changes in TJFL, Norio Ota, York University.

Advertising the Culture - A Reading of Japanese TV Commercials, X. Jie Yang, University of Calgary.

10:00 - 10:15 Coffee

10:15 - 11:45 Distinguished Speaker Invited Lecture

Chair: Millie Creighton, University of British Columbia

Fashioning a Culture of Thrift: Promoting Saving in 20th Century Japan, Sheldon Garon, Princeton University.

11:45 - 13:00 Lunch

13:00 - 14:00 Japan and the World (2)

Chair: Yoshihiko Wada, Sapporo University

Engendering the Beauty: A Comparative Study of the Media, Body, and Femininity between Pre-modern and Contemporary Japan, Hiroshi Aoyagi, University of Texas.

The Japanese Perspective(s) on the Theatre Missile Defense System in East Asia, Wenran Jiang, University of Alberta and University of Tokyo.

Are the Career Orientations of Japanese and Canadians Suited to the Flexible Economy? James H. Tiessen, McMaster University

14:10 - 15:20 The Contemporary Geography of Japan: Industrial, Social and Cultural Aspects

Chair: David W. Edgington, UBC

New Vehicle Technology, Environment and Japanese Automakers, Paul Parker, University of Waterloo.

Quality of Life of Senior Citizens Living in the Rural-Urban Fringe of Tokyo: A Comparison of Long-Time and Newcomer Residents, Tom Waldichuk, University College of the Cariboo.

Rail Names as Indicators of Enduring Influence of Old Provinces in Modern Japan, Loren Siebert, University of Akron.

Discussant: Tim Reiffenstein, Simon Fraser University.

14:20 -15:35 Coffee

15:35 - 17:00 Modern Policies: Historians' Views

Chair: Isao Soranaka, University of Western Ontario

Introduction of English into the Curriculum of the Japanese Elementary Schools in Historical and Cultural Perspectives, Yuzo Ota, McGill University.

Weeding out the Poisonous Flowers: Officials, Psychiatrists, and Japan's National Eugenics' Law of 1940, Janice Matsumura, Simon Fraser University.

Feminism and the Pacific War: Three Women's Historians, Patricia Tsurumi, University of British Columbia and University of Victoria.

Four Stages of the Japanese Kokutai (National Essence), John S. Brownlee, University of Toronto.

17:00 - 17:30 Business Meeting (JSAC Members)

18:30 Dinner

***** End of the Conference *****

