



JAPAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION OF CANADA (JSAC) CONFERENCE

October 17-19, 2014
Ryerson University, Toronto CANADA

Welcome to the 2014 Conference! JSAC has again delivered a terrific line up of presentations on Japan. Scholars from Canada and abroad will gather at Ryerson to talk about their research which spans disciplines and eras. The Conference's core theme is "*Designing Japan: Innovation in a post-growth society*", though of course other topics will be addressed.

The Conference will be of special interest to researchers, students and the broader community of people interested in Japan. The implications of Japan's experience over the past two plus decades are important for Canada, which will soon be facing similar demographic and economic challenges.

The Conference will be held from Friday October 17 to Sunday October 19 at the Ted Rogers School of Management, Ryerson University, in downtown Toronto, Canada (entrance 55 Dundas Street West, at Yonge Street).

Full Conference registration, including the Friday evening reception and Saturday evening dinner, costs \$150, and \$50 for students. Please visit <http://www.eply.com/jsac2014> to register with a credit card.

Make sure you check JSAC's web site (<http://www.jsac.ca>) for updates.

If you need more information please contact James (Jim) Tiessen (Associate Professor, Ted Rogers School of Management), JSAC 2014 Organizer, at jsac2014@ryerson.ca. Registration will be near Room TRS 1-003 (7th floor) in the Ted Rogers School of Management.



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Schedule

Friday, October 17, 2014

| Time | Room TRS – 1-003 |
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| 9:00-10:30 | <i>New Perspectives from New Scholars</i> |
| Session 1 | <p>“Making “ba” work smoothly: Post-growth discourses at the intersection of biology and information technology” Grant Jun Otsuki, University of Toronto</p> <p>“University clubs in post-growth Japan” Evan Koike, University of British Columbia</p> <p>“Tokyo Olympics” Nanami Akimoto, University of British Columbia</p> |
| 10:30-10:45 | <i>Break</i> |
| 10:45-12:00 | <i>Communicating and Teaching about Japan</i> |
| Session 2 | <p>“A hybrid exhibit of the pre-modern Japanese collection in the University of Washington Libraries” Saeko Suzuki, University of British Columbia</p> <p>“Kanji instruction for North American university students” Kumiko Inutsuka, York University</p> <p>“Making of a degree program in Japanese Studies” Norio Ota, York University</p> |
| 12:00-1:30 | <i>Lunch</i> Room TRS 1-003 |
| 1:30-3:00 | Room TRS 1-003 |
| Session 3 | <p><i>Plenary Panel</i></p> <p>Chair: Carin Holroyd, University of Saskatchewan</p> <p>“The effects of 3/11 three and a half years later” Masato Kimura, Director, Shibusawa Eiichi Memorial Foundation; Masayuki Tadokoro, Professor, Keio University; Gil Latz, Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis</p> |

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| | With support from the Japan Futures Initiative | |
| 3:00-3:15 | <i>Break</i> | |
| 3:15-5:00 | Room TRS 1-003 | Room TRS 1-077 |
| <i>Session 4a (Culture)</i> | <i>Culture and Consumption</i> | <i>Economy and Social Policy</i> |
| <i>Session 4b (Economy)</i> | <p>“The rice cooker appliance: A story of innovation, gender and consumption” Helen Macnaughton, University of London</p> <p>“The cost of a pint. The price of gender: Contesting innovation in Japanese beer advertising” James White, University of Sheffield</p> <p>“Canadian Scholar-Diplomats and the first decade of Canadian – Japanese relations: 1929-1939” Jacob Kovalio, Carleton University</p> | <p>“Firm specificity, cash flow and investment among Japanese firms: Evidence from the lost decades” Richard Beason & Vikas Mehrotra, University of Alberta</p> <p>“Economic development and business groups in Asia: Japan's experience and implications” Masao Nakamura, University of British Columbia</p> <p>“The ‘later-stage seniors’ medical insurance system: A controversial health insurance reform for the elderly in Japan” Miya Narushima, Brock University</p> <p>“Healthcare in a post-growth society” James Tiessen, Ryerson University</p> |
| 5:00-6:30 | <i>JSAC Welcome reception</i> – Room Cara Commons TRS 1-148 – Note welcome remarks from 5:15. | |

Saturday, October 18, 2014

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| 9:00-10:30 | Room TRS 1-003 | Room TRS 2-003 |
| <i>Session 5a (Cities)</i> | <i>Post-Growth Cities</i> | <i>Japan before Showa</i> |
| <i>Session 5b (Before Showa)</i> | <p>Chair: David Edgington, University of British Columbia</p> <p>“Mixed development as a key to form sustainable suburban neighbourhoods in Japan” Tomoko Kubo, Tsukuba University</p> <p>“Place attachment and empty-house problems: Comparison of suburban neighbourhoods in the Tokyo metropolitan area” Michihiro Mashita, Tsukuba University</p> | <p>Chair: Fumiko Ikawa-Smith, McGill University</p> <p>"No man's land: The Ainu, aboriginality, settler colonialism in Hokkaido" Michael Roellinghoff, University of Toronto</p> <p>“Growth and sustainability in a post-growth Japan: Insights from the Tokugawa era” Cary Takagaki, University of Toronto</p> |

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| | <p>"The empty-house problem in the Tokyo suburbs: The case of Usiku, Ibaraki Prefecture" Kazuki Kawamura, Tsukuba University</p> | <p>"Chushingura's innovation: From <i>kaishaku</i> (Executioner) to <i>kaishakugaku</i> (Hermeneutics)" Jay Goulding, York University</p> |
| 10:30-10:45 | <i>Break</i> | |
| 10:45-11:45 | Room TRS 1-003 | |
| Session 6 | <i>Plenary keynote lecture</i> | |
| | <p>"Greeting the dead: Managing solitary existence in Japan" Anne Alison, Duke University</p> | |
| 11:45-12:00 | <i>Japan Foundation Programs</i> | |
| | <p>"Study in Japan!" Mami Saito, Alberta Education, The Japan Foundation & Noriko Saito, The Japan Foundation, Toronto</p> <p>"Japan Foundation fellowships" Suzanne Pragg, Japan Foundation, Toronto</p> | |
| 12:00-2:00 | <i>Lunch – Room TRS 3-149 JSAC Annual General Meeting</i> | |
| 2:00-3:30 | Room TRS 1-003 | Room TRS 2-003 |
| Session 7a (WWII) | <i>WWII and the Aftermath</i> | |
| | <p>Chair: Takashi Fujitani, University of Toronto</p> <p>"Collapse and consequences: Roads home for Japanese in Manchuria, 1945-1946" Bill Sewell, St. Mary's University</p> <p>"The San Francisco system and its legacies: Continuation, transformation and historical reconciliation in the Asia-Pacific" Kimie Hara, University of Waterloo</p> <p>"A battlefield memorial as a dark tourism attraction: The case of Okinawa" Atsuko Hashimoto & David Telfer, Brock University</p> <p>"Selective memory: Remembering the Indian experience of the Asia-Pacific war in contemporary Indo-Japanese relations" Aaron Peters, University of Toronto</p> | <p><i>Post Growth and Innovation</i></p> <p>"I think the cutting edge is double-edged": Instilling, institutionalizing and (re-) interpreting innovation in post-growth Japan" Iain Macpherson, MacEwan University</p> <p>"Resilience, renewal, and re-storation: Japan's department stores and emerging consumer mallplexes (multiplexes) in post-growth urban Japan" Millie Creighton, University of British Columbia</p> <p>"Questioning a post-growth nation's social cohesion and national identity" Yuko Shibata, University of British Columbia</p> |
| Session 7b (Post growth) | | |
| 3:30-3:45 | <i>Break</i> | |

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| 3:45-5:00 | Room TRS 1-003 | Room TRS 2-003 |
| <i>Session 8a (Accessibility)</i> | <i>Accessibility in Japan</i> Chair: Millie Creighton, University of British Columbia | <i>Japanese Language</i> Chair: Norio Ota, York University |
| <i>Session 8b (Language)</i> | “User experience and inclusive design: Techniques that fit more people” Naotsune Hosono, Oki Consulting Solutions (OCS) & Keio University, Deborah Fels, Ryerson University “A sociocultural analysis of support strategies for students with learning disabilities in Japan” Satsuki Kawano, University of Guelph | “Narrative strategies in first and second language Japanese storytelling compositions” Noriko Yabuki-Soh, York University “The Japanese language as a vehicle of dynamic Japanese culture” Sheri Zhang Leimbigler, University of Ottawa “Changing patterns of honorific discourse in a post-growth Japan” Tsuneko Iwai, McMaster University |
| 6:00-10:00 | <i>JSAC Dinner</i> "Alio" 108 Dundas Street West (1 block from the Conference Site) Informal, for registered participants. | |

Sunday, October 19, 2014

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| 9:00-10:15 | Room TRS 1-003 |
| <i>Session 9</i> | <i>Nuclear power and Japan after 3-11</i> Chair: Michael Donnelly, University of Toronto "From Fukushima to Post-Growth Japan --- From the standpoint of nuclear engineering" Shinya Nagasaki, McMaster University “Beyond nuclear: Identifying possible solutions to Japan's long-term energy needs” Carin Holroyd, University of Saskatchewan “Rural Japan and the concept of growth: A study of nuclear hosting municipalities and sustainable development alternatives” Sachiyo Kanzaki, University of Saskatchewan |
| 10:15-10:30 | <i>Break</i> |
| 10:30-12:00 | Room TRS 1-003 |
| <i>Session 10</i> | <i>Growth, post-growth and planning</i> Chair: André Sorensen, University of Toronto “Understanding the dynamics of regional growth and shrinkage in 21st century Japan” |

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| | <p>Peter Mantanle, University of Sheffield</p> <p>“Designing Japan: The ongoing story of a bypass proposal through a historic section of Ushiku City, Ibaraki Prefecture”</p> <p>Tom Waldichuk, Thompson Rivers University</p> <p>“Land Use Conflicts and Local Environmental Planning in a Japanese Industrial Cluster: the Case of Higashi Osaka”</p> <p>David Edgington, University of British Columbia</p> |
| 12:00-1:30 | <i>Closing Lunch</i> TRS 1-003 |