

Welcome to the Japan Studies Association of Canada

The Japan Studies Association of Canada is a national organisation devoted to the promotion of research and teaching about Japan. In 2017, JSAC will celebrate its 30th year of commitment to Japan Studies. As the President of JSAC, I am honoured to represent a group of scholars who have a well-earned reputation for collegiality, interdisciplinarity, and professionalism. Our annual conferences bring together close to 100 faculty members, graduate students and community participants to share ideas, present research papers and discuss both the most pressing issues in Japan Studies and to reflect on the transitions underway in contemporary Japan.

JSAC approaches its third decade with great enthusiasm. We remain on the lookout for new members and are particularly keen to welcome graduate students to the organization and our annual conference. JSAC reaches out to Japan studies scholars in other countries, inviting them to our meetings, participating in their conferences, and organizing major events in Japan. We are keen, as well, to reach out to government, business and the general public, encouraging their engagement with the organization and their attendance at the annual conference.

JSAC has been supported for many years for many years by the Japan Foundation, a Government of Japan agency that does an amazing job of supporting and encouraging Japan Studies around the world. The Japan Foundation sustains academic work on Japan and we are proud of our continued relationship with this extraordinary organization.

Please consider this note to be a personal invitation to join the Japan Studies Association of Canada. I know that you will receive a warm welcome and will find yourself among friends and colleagues who share your passion for the academic study of Japan.

Yours truly

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