The Second Tohoku Conference on Global Japanese Studies

The International Graduate Program in Japanese Studies at Tohoku University, Japan, is pleased to announce a call for presentations for the Second Tohoku Conference on Global Japanese Studies. The conference aims to provide, for scholars and graduate students of Japan from a range of ages, nationalities and disciplines, an opportunity to exchange ideas, thus fostering the possibility of further collaboration.

This Second Conference will, first of all, celebrate the first anniversary of the partnership agreement between University of East Anglia and Tohoku University.

[Conference Dates and Venue]
Dec. 14 (Sat) -15 (Sun), 2019, Tohoku University, Sendai, Japan

[Keynote Speakers]
Prof. Naoko Kishita (School of Health Sciences, University of East Anglia)
Prof. Arasu Ganesan (School of Pharmacy, University of East Anglia)

[Conference Topic]
Aging and Maturing of Japan and the World

In demographic dynamics in global level, Japanese society faces a variety of challenges of aging. As a matter of course, some age-related diseases like dementia, for example, are anticipated to be cured by a specific medicine. For taking care of elderly people, however, not only medical treatment, but social system for elderly care is also necessary, which includes the hardware of medical and nursing facilities as well as the software of pension and health insurance, and that of life ending and religion. An aging society, on the other hand, sometimes suffers a shortage of labor to sustain even a moderate economic growth, which is called "population onus". While the Western developed societies have accepted immigrant workers for years, the Japanese government is now introducing the new immigrant policy to recruit skilled workers from foreign countries. For this purpose, however, the Japanese society has to take on a difficult task to improve its tolerance and openness to different cultures as well as its communication capacity in Japanese and foreign languages.

In the Second Tohoku Conference on Global Japanese Studies, we will discuss this

wide range of issues from hard sciences, via social ones, to humanities.

Discussions are, however, not limited to the above-mentioned conference topic. There will be provided sessions for special working groups concerning broader issues related to Japan and the world in various fields of humanities and social sciences.

Young scholars and graduate students are especially welcome to the conference as presenters. They are expected to bring new findings in their research for discussion.

[Conference Language]
English or Japanese

[Call for Presentations]
Presentation shall be targeted at international and interdisciplinary audience;
In various fields, for example,
- Pharmacy & Health Science
- Technology
- Language
- Culture
- History
- Philosophy
- Aesthetics
- Religion
- Law & Political Science
- Business & Economics
- Education

[Submission Deadline]
Monday, Sep. 09, 2019

[Submission Address]
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[Abstract Format to submit]

- Abstract should be attached as a MS-Office (docx.) or a PDF file,
- which should consist of approximately 200-400 words in English;
- with the title of presentation, and
- without author's name and affiliation for the purpose of peer review.
- Author's name and affiliation should be written in the email text.
- Author should agree that the conference proceedings will be published in open-access digital formats.

[Notification of acceptance]
Monday, Sep. 30, 2019

[Travel and Accommodation Expenses]
Travel and accommodation expenses should be covered by the participants themselves.

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