

The Fourth Tohoku Conference on Global Japanese Studies



PRECARITY IN AN INTER-CONNECTED NORTHEAST ASIA

Despite expectations of more harmonious and friendly relations after decades of ideological confrontation, a sense of precarity pervades Twenty-first Century Northeast Asia. It is ironic that this anxiety is brought about together with the acceleration of globalization and the economic intimacy between the countries of the region. National borders ceased blocking the flow of people and capital, and people are more frequently exposed to opportunities for encountering "others." However, such a phenomenon is neither unfamiliar nor unprecedented. We know that transformation always destabilizes the familiar milieu of life and causes a surge of anxiety. Northeast Asian countries including Japan, China, Korea, Russia, and Mongolia all experienced multiple paradigm shifts of international and domestic circumstances in their respective Modern history. So precarity is always, to different extents and in different ways, a part of daily life in the region. This conference aims to reveal the murkiness of anxiety through discussing cross boundary experiences in the past and present of Northeast Asia.

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Sessions

PRECARITY IN AN INTER-CONNECTED NORTHEAST ASIA

Dec. 11 (Sat.)

Opening (10:00-10:20)

Session I (10:20-12:00)

Precarity in an Inter-Connected Northeast Asia 1

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Precarity in an Inter-Connected Northeast Asia 2

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Session IV (9:00-12:00)

Various topics of Japanese Studies

Program



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10:00-12:00

Opening [Language: English (with Japanese translation)]

- ❖ Opening remarks: **TAKII Kazuhiro** (International Research Center for Japanese Studies) 10:00-10:10
- ❖ Purpose and agenda: **OKA Hiroki, Alyne DELANEY** (Center for Northeast Asian Studies, Tohoku University) 10:10-10:20

Session (1) Precarity in Inter-connected Northeast Asia (1) [Language: English (with Japanese translation)]

- ❖ Chair: **Alyne DELANEY** (Center for Northeast Asian Studies, Tohoku University)
- HORIE Norio** (University of Toyama) 10:20-10:45
COVID-19 and its Impact on the Borderland in the Russian Far East: A Disconnected Northeast Asia
- Debra Jane OCCHI** (Miyazaki International College) 10:45-11:10
The Release and Decay of the Japanese Radiation Mascot Tritium Chan
- FUKUSHIMA Michi** (Tohoku University) 11:10-11:35
Globalization and Entrepreneurial Activities: A Case Study of Japanese Born Global Companies (BGCs)
- PODALKO Petr** (Aoyama Gakuin University) 11:35-12:00
Mandarin View on Cherry Blossom: Japan and the Japanese seen by Russian Diplomats with "Chinese Experience"

13:00-15:05

Session(2) Precarity in Inter-connected Northeast Asia (2) [Language: English (with Japanese translation)]

- ❖ Chair: **OKA Hiroki** (Center for Northeast Asian Studies, Tohoku University)
- SAVELIEV Igor** (Nagoya University) 13:00-13:25
De/population and Migration in a Precarious Region: the Case of the Russian Far East
- HABA Kumiko** (Kanagawa University) 13:25-13:50
Immigrants, Refugees & Minorities —The Origin of Populism — How to learn lessons for Japan?
- Kevalin SETTHAKORN** (Ramkhamhaeng university) 13:50-14:15
Thailand Migrant Labour Management Policy: Challenges and Opportunities in the Post-Covid-19 Era
- LEE PEREZ Fabio** (Tohoku University) 14:15-14:40
"People with Foreign Roots" and "Japanese" Living Together in Multicultural Japan - Who is Tolerating Whom?
- VOYTISHEK Elena** (Novosibirsk State University) 14:40-15:05
Cultural Transfer into the Future: Time Measurement with Incense in East Asia

15:15-17:20

Session(3) Precarity in Inter-connected Northeast Asia (3) [Language: English (with Japanese translation)]

- ❖ Chair: **C. CRAIG** (Graduate School of Arts and Letters, Tohoku University)
- SATO Jugo** (Tohoku University) 15:15-15:40
A Fluctuating Boundary of Edibility: Focusing on the Wild Foods in Post Fukushima
- KUZOVKOV Maksim** (Novosibirsk State University) 15:40-16:05
"The New Sakoku Period": The Coronavirus Restrictions Policy Regarding Foreign Residents in Japan
- Elias BOUCKAERT** (Ghent University) 16:05-16:30
Kuruma Samezō's View on the Hegelian Marx: A Re assessment of 20th Century Understandings of Marx in Japan
- Arthur WATTJES** (Leiden University) 16:30-16:55
Unveiling Voices and Images of War Widows
- Martina SORGE** (Sapienza University of Rome) 16:55-17:20
The Break with Nature: The Train as a Symbol of Monstrous Westernization in Natsume Sōseki's Kusamakura

17:30-18:30

General Discussion [Language: English (with Japanese translation)]

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9:00-12:00

Session(4) Various topics of Japanese Studies [Language: English]

- ❖ Chair: **TANIGAWA Mirai** (Graduate School of Economics and Management, Tohoku University)
- HOIZUMI Sora** (Tohoku University) 9:00-9:25
Convert to Catholicism: in the Case of Early Twentieth Century Japan
- AI Yu** (Tohoku University) 9:25-9:50
Identities and Agency of Religious Immigrant Women in Japan: A Study of Muslim Women's Experiences in the Tohoku Region
- MASUDA Tomoya** (Tohoku University) 9:50-10:15
The Influence of Western Science on *Kokugakusya's* Theologies About the Creation of the World
- Elena FABBRETTI** (Tohoku University) 10:15-10:40
Rethinking *ukiyo-e* through the Eyes of Others
- SMOLKINA Elizaveta** (Novosibirsk State University) 10:40-11:05
Influence of Korean Potters on the Development of Japanese Porcelain
- ZINCHENKO Alina V.** (Novosibirsk State University) 11:05-11:30
The Meaning of Zen-Buddhist Concepts Lying behind the Ceremonies of the "Seven Rituals" Tea Complex
- [Discussion]** 11:30-12:00

9:00-12:00

Session(5) Japanese Studies Progress Reports [Language: English]

- ❖ Chair: **Ono Naoyuki** (Graduate School of Arts and Letters, Tohoku University)

13:30-15:30

Students Session [Language: English]