



JF/BAJS/BATJ Spring Symposium (Re)Defining and Promoting Japanese Studies in UK

Date: Friday 18 May 13:30 - 18:30 (incl. drink reception)
Saturday 19 May 9:20 - 16:30

Venue: [Regent's University London](#), Tuke115

Directions: Click [here](#).

Fee: 20.00 pounds (incl. drink reception and lunch)
*Flat fee, regardless of possession of membership.

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<Symposium Key questions>

1. Understanding the 'hook':
 - a. What ignites students' interest in Japanese studies and draws them into studying Japanese language and culture at the University level? (E.g., academic research, employment, leisure interest).
 - b. Has there been any change in students' profile for the last 10 years?
 - c. Understanding what students want and need, and how to best respond to them
2. Identifying the current trend of the curriculum of the Japanese Studies programmes across UK. In particular:
 - a. How to best use Japanese language materials in Japanese Studies classes/modules
 - b. How to fully integrate the year abroad into the programme (and what happens if they cannot go)
3. Crystallising the future direction for a better partnership between Japanese Studies lecturers and language teachers

<Programme> (As of 30 April)

Day 1 (Friday 18 May):

- 13:30 *Opening and Welcome*
- Ms Mana Takatori, Director General, Japan Foundation, London
Dr Helen Macnaughtan, BAJS Council member (SOAS, University of London)
Ms Yuka Oeda, BATJ Chair (University of Leeds)
- 13:50 - 15:50 ***Keynote presentations***
- Prof Emeritus Joy Hendry (Oxford Brookes University)
Dr Chris Perkins (University of Edinburgh)
Prof Kazumi Tanaka (Formerly International Christian University, Japan)
- 15:50 - 16:20 <Tea Break and Networking>
- 16:20 - 17:30 ***Panel 1: Understanding the 'Hook'***
- Presentations on students' perspectives:
- Dr Hanako Fujino (Oxford Brookes University), Ms Junko Hagiwara (University of Oxford), Mr Kazuki Morimoto (University of Leeds), Ms Yuka Oeda (University of Leeds) and Ms Kaori Nishizawa (University of Oxford)
- Mr Warren Stanislaus (PhD candidate, University of Oxford)
- Q&As and Panel Discussion
- 17:45 - 18:45 *Drink Reception*

Day 2 (Saturday 19 May)

- 9:20 *Welcome and Opening*
Dr Christopher Hood, BAJS President (Cardiff University)
- 9:30 - 11:15 ***Panel 2: The Current Trend of the Curriculum of Japanese Studies Degree Courses***
Short presentations by representatives from different universities offering a Japanese studies degree in UK:
Dr Harald Conrad (University of Sheffield)
Dr Mika Brown (University of East Anglia)
Dr Jonathan Bunt (University of Manchester)
Dr Chisato Danjo (York St John University)
Dr Shiro Yoshioka (Newcastle University)
Dr Martin Ward (University of Leeds)
Q&As and Panel Discussion
- 11:15-11:45 <Tea Break and Networking>
- 11:45-13:00 ***Panel 3: Current Perspectives on Year Abroad***
Presentations on year abroad programme:
Mr Makoto Netsu (Chief Japanese Language Advisor, Japan Foundation, London)
Dr Akiko Furukawa (SOAS, University of London)
Ms Takako Amano (University of Central Lancashire)
Q&As and Panel Discussion
- 13:00-14:00 <Lunch break>
- 14:00-15:15 ***Panel 4: Rethinking the Partnership between Lecturers and Language Teachers***
Invited Talk by Prof Takehiko Kariya (University of Oxford)
Practical reports:
Dr Christopher Hood (Cardiff University)
Dr Akiko Furukawa (SOAS, University of London)
Q&As and Panel Discussion
- 15:15-15:30 <Tea Break>
- 15:30-16:30 ***Final Round Table (with tea/coffee)***
- 16:30 *Closing*