

Call for Papers / Travel Grant

The 8th EU-Japan Young Scholars Workshop on Transnational Japan **‘Revisiting’ Transnational Relations between Japan and the West** 日本と西洋のトランスナショナルな関係[再訪]

Date: November 28 ~ 30, 2025

Place: Hosei University (Tokyo)

Organizing Committee

- Hosei University Research Center for International Japanese Studies (HIJAS)
- European Center for Japanese Studies in Alsace (CEEJA)
- Consortium for Global Japanese Studies (CGJS)

Accepted participants will receive a travel grant to visit Hosei University in Tokyo (see below for details).

Outline

Needless to say, Japanese modernization, from the political and economic systems as well as culture and identity, has developed through encounters with the Western world. For Japanese scholars and intellectuals, examining the West and the relationship between Japan and the West has been a key topic since the Meiji period. At the same time, the image of the West in Japan and vice versa was co-created by the transnational interactions from both sides. However, from the end of the Showa era to the Heisei and Reiwa periods, discussions about relations between Japan and the West seem to have faded from intellectual discourse, at least within the Japanese public sphere. Meanwhile, the relationship between the two has become much more complex, and the narrative that prevailed until the Showa era does not seem to adequately capture their contemporary relations. Given this situation, it would be fruitful to revisit old questions within the new contexts of the world today. Thus, following the discussions in past workshops in France, this year we will invite papers that explore the transnational relations between Japan and the West, both historically and contemporarily, broadly within the fields of politics, society, and culture. What has been the relationship between Japan and the West in the past? How have they changed? How is it now? Based on the presentation on empirical cases and the following discussion, we would like to explore these questions within our three-day workshop.

Possible topics for contribution to the workshop include, but are not limited to:

- **Historical Development and Contemporary Changes**
 - Case studies on the transnational connection between Japan and the West
 - Cases that explore changing dynamics of transnational relations between Japan and the West
- **Interpretation and Representation of Japan-West Relations**
 - Cases to explore the cultural representation (in fiction/non-fiction, texts/images, etc.) of Japan in the West and vice versa
 - Analysis of the history of ideas on the relationship between Japan and the West
- **Characteristics of Japan-West Relations**
 - Analysis on the multiplicity and diversity of transnational relations with Japan and the West
 - Analysis of the uniqueness of Japan's transnational relations with the West compared to other non-Western countries

Reports of our past workshops on Japanese transnationalism

- 2024: [Transnational Japanese Spaces](#)
- 2023: [Transnational Change in Contemporary Japan](#)
- 2022: [Japanese Transnationalism and Empire](#)
- 2021: [Japanese Studies and Transnationalism](#)

Workshop Format

- Presenters: Approximately 10 presenters
- Presentation: 40 minutes for each presenter (20 minutes presentation + 20 minutes discussion)
- Language: English (a mix of English and Japanese for Q&A)

Eligibility, Application, and Conditions

- Eligibility: The workshop is intended for early-career researchers—Ph.D. students, postdocs, and young scholars who hold junior positions at academic institutions in Europe and Japan.
- Travel grant:
 - Presenters will be paid for travel costs.
 - ✧ Travelling from abroad: Flight tickets between the nearest airport from your current residence to Tokyo (Haneda or Narita).
 - ✧ Traveling within Japan: Flight or train tickets from your residence to Tokyo.
 - Accommodation* (3 nights) and meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner) during the workshop will be provided.
 - *Accommodation will be provided to participants who live more than 90 minutes away from the Hosei Ichigaya campus by train.
- Application procedure: Applicants must submit the following information through the [submission form](#).
 - Proposal title (English and Japanese) / Abstract (max. 300 words in English) / Curriculum Vitae

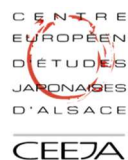
Deadline: September 7th (Sun), 2025 [JST]

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