Researching Japan in Social Sciences and Humanities

Dates: April 24 (Wednesday) and 25 (Thursday), 2013
Venue: Cardinal Stefan Wyszynski University in Warsaw, Poland, Wóycickiego 1/3, building No.23

April 24th (Wednesday)
8:30 Registration

Room 201
9:30 Opening Plenary Session

Opening address
1. Prof. Roman Slawinski (PAN)
2. Prof. Janusz Balicki (Wyszynski University)

10:00 Key note speeches
10:00-10:40 Prof. Kawamura Yoshio (Ryukoku University) Socio-economic Reality of Japanese Agricultural/Rural Development in the Globalizing Era
10:40-11:20 Prof. Izabela Wagner (Warsaw University) The extreme value of extreme cases: Japanese culture
11:20-11:40 Discussion
11:40-12:40 Lunch Break

Session A and Session B will be run in parallel
12:40 – 14:10  
Seminar Room 112  

[Panel 1] CULTURAL STUDIES  
Moderator: Beata Kowalczyk (Warsaw University)  
Panelists:  
1. Piotr Dąmbski (Opole University), “Film as an unbiased insight into Japanese culture”.  
2. Urszula Mach-Bryson (Warsaw University,) “Symbolism and Aesthetics of the Japanese Tea Garden (roji)”.  
4. Dr. Veronica Gaspar (National University of Music Bucharest), “History of a cultural conquest: the piano in Japan”.  
5. Dr. Tomasz M. Korczyński (Wyszynski University), “The social phenomenon of Haruki Murakami (in Poland and other countries). The analysis on the basis of the sociology of knowledge paradigm”.  

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[Panel 2] GENDER STUDIES  
Moderator: Justyna Turek (Wyszynski University)  
Panelists:  
2. Dr. Kyoko Koma (Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania), “Kawaii Represented in Scientific Research: The Possibilities and Problems of Kawaii Cultural Studies”.  
3. Nilay Calsimsek (Canakkale Onsekiz Mart University, Turkey), “Process of Gender Identity Formation in ChilDr.en’s Magazines in Meiji Era”.  

14:10 – 14:30  
Coffee Break
14:30 – 16:00
Seminar Room 201

[Panel 3] SOCIAL STUDIES
Moderator: Beata Kowalczyk (Warsaw University)
Panelists:
1. Dr. Talamo Mario (University of Naples ‘the Oriental’), “Tōkaidōchū hizakurige: popular work or fruit of a well-planned selling strategy? An inquiry from a sociological perspective”.
2. Prof. Sunyoung Park (POSTECH, Pohang, Kyungbuk, Korea), “Mt. Baekdu Expedition of Kyoto University and News Media”.
3. Olga Merkusheva (Moscow State University), “Regional policy in postindustrial Japan”.
5. Dr. Hiroaki Richard Watanabe (University of Sheffield), “Japanese employment and family-policy reform since the 1990s: Economic stagnation and unsolved social problems”.

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[Panel 4] ECONOMY STUDIES
Moderator: Dr. Nicolas Levi (PAN)
Panelists:
1. Tomasz Olejniczak (Kozminski University), “Japanese management: 50 years of evolution of the concept”.
2. Dr. Pawel Pasierbiak (UMCS), “Technological Leadeaship of Japanese Economy?”.
4. Justyna Turek (Wyszynski University), “Economical relations between EU and Japan-new challenges and perspectives”.
6. Dr. Andrea Revelant (Ca' Foscari University of Venice) “Economic Growth and Tax Inequality: Evidence from World War I.”
April 25th (Thursday)
Room 201
Key note speech

9:00 – 10:40
Prof. Teruji Suzuki (Kozminski University), Corporate Governance in Japan
Kie Kawada (IR from Japan), Japanese cooking through media
Discussion

10:40 – 12:10
Seminar Room 112
[Panel -1] CULTURAL/FOOD STUDIES
Moderator: Olga Barbasiewcz (PAN)
Panelists:
1. Magdalena Piecyk (Wyszynski University), “Kawaii Syndrome – Its Importance And Role In Contemporary Japan”.
3. Nevena Stajcic (IR from Serbia), “Understanding Culture: Food as a means of communication”.
4. Dr. Cornelia Reiher (MLU Halle-Wittenberg), “Spatial politics of food in contemporary Japan”.
5. Magda Klimek (Gdansk Uni.), “The protruding nail will be pounded Japanese tradition, or hypocrisy …?”.

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[Panel - 2] PUBLIC POLICY/LAW STUDIES
Moderator: Dr. Nicolas Levi (PAN)
Panelists:
1. Simone Kopietz (Hamburg University), “Candidate recruitment within the DPJ – Restrictions of the hereditary system”.
2. Ioan Trifu (University of Lyon), “Prefectural governors and populism in Japan (1990s-2010s)”.
4. Dr. Farkas, Maria Ildiko (Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Károli Gáspár University of the Hungarian Reformed Church), “The Japanese „Nation Bulding” in European Comparison”.
5. Dr. Leon Wolff (Bond University, Gold Coast, Australia), “Law and Popular Culture in Japan: A Reinterpretation of Japanese Attitudes to Law and Justice”.

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Lunch Break
13:10–14:30  
Seminar Room 201  
[Panel 3] JAPAN/CHINA  
Moderator: Olga Barbasiewicz (PAN)  
Panelists  
1. Tine Walravens (Ghent University, Belgium), “Japan Facing a Rising China: Implications on the Dynamics of Identity Formation”.  
3. Krystian Karolak (Lodz University), “Political History and Myths In Sino-Japanese Relations”.  

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[Panel 4] MIGRATION, DEMOGRAPHIC STUDIES  
Moderator: Daniela Stella (Wyszynski University)  
Panelists:  
1. Paweł Lewandowski (Wyszynski University), “The most significant consequences of migration for Japan”.  
2. Edyta Bednarek (Lodz University), “Struggle with social exclusion in Japan. The case of Buraku people”.  
3. Dr. Marta Luty-Michalak (Wyszynski University), “Demographic ageing in Japan”.  
4. Dr. Frauke Kempka (MLU Halle-Wittenberg), “Thresholds of Intolerance: individuals and immigration-related social conflicts in Japan and Germany”.  

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Coffee Break  

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[Panel 5] RELIGION/CONFUCIAN STUDIES  
Moderator: Paweł Lewandowski (Wyszynski University)  
Panelists:  
4. Adam Krawiec (UMCS), “The impact of Confucianism on social and business relations in Japan”.

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Panelists:

1. David Adebahr (Munich University), “Tokyo’s missing Strategy and Japan’s quest of ‘rebalancing’ the East Asian Security Architecture”.

2. Adam Raszewski (Wyszynski University), “France – Japan relations in the course of the last decade: chances, threats and prospects”.


5. Dr. Yasunobu Ito (Japan Advanced Institute of Science and Technology), “Anthropology of Business Anthropology: Investigating ethnographic methods used in the context of business in Japan”.

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