JAPAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

2008 Annual Conference

Japan:
Innovations and Creative Solutions

October 3rd - 5th, 2008
Day 1: Friday October 3rd, 2008

Location: Waterloo Inn Conference Hotel

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**Session 1a:**

PANEL #1 – Women in Medieval Japan: Rethinking the Medieval Experience

Chair: Fumiko Ikawa-Smith  
Location: St. Jacob’s Room

Presentation #1: Rieko Kamei-Dyche, (PhD Candidate, University of Southern California)  
"Familial Doorways: Saionji Women, Marriage Alliances, and Power in Medieval Japan"

Presentation #2: Sachiko Kawai, (PhD Student, University of Southern California)  
“The Lady of the Eight World: The Political, Economic, and Military Power of a Retired Queen Consort of the Twelfth Century”

Presentation #3: Maria Grazia Petrucci, (PhD Student, University of British Columbia)  
“Histories of Women and Piracy: the legendary case of Tsuruhime”

**Session 1b:**

PANEL #2 – The Japanese Survey Course

Chair: Bill Sewell  
Location: Rosedale Room

Presentation #1: Cary Shinji Takagaki, (University of Toronto)  
“The Japanese Survey Course”

Presentation #2: Yu Chang, (Independent Scholar)  
“National History as Cultural Essence? Challenges of Teaching Japanese History in...”
Session 1c:

PANEL #3 – Rural Japan and Tourism
Chair: David Edgington Location: Heidelberg Room

Presentation #1: Atsuko Hashimoto and David Telfer, (Brock University)
“Revitalization of Depopulating Rural Farming Communities in Oita, Japan through Tourism”

Presentation #2: Tom Waldichuk, (Thompson Rivers University)
“The Transformation of Stone-Wall Strawberry Cultivation to Agri-Tourism in Shizuoka Prefecture”

10:15 – 10:30 AM Refreshment Break Rosedale Room

10:30 – 11:45 AM Session 2

Session 2a:

PANEL #4 – Japanese Changes and Challenges
Chair: Tom Waldichuk Location: Heidelberg Room

Presentation #1: Mito Takeuchi, (PhD Student, Ohio University)
“School Challenges for Innovations: Accepting Immigrant Youths as Students”

Presentation #2: Brian Pendleton, (Langara College)
“Samurai at Rest: Japan’s Workaholic Baby Boomers Shift Gears for Retirement”

Presentation #3: Scott Harrison, (University of Waterloo)
“The Indigenous Ainu at the Time of the Aland Settlement”

Session 2b:

PANEL #5 – Library Research and Publishing About Japan
Chair: Satoshi Ikeda Location: Rosedale Room

Presentation #1: David Sulz, (MLIS Student, University of Alberta)
“Building, Organizing and Using a Mixed Library Collection of Japanese and English Materials”

Presentation #2: Mark Selden, (Cornell University)
“Academic Publishing and E-Publishing About Japan”
Session 2c:

PANEL #6 – Learning About History
Chair: Paul Parker                     Location: St. Jacob’s Room

Presentation #1: X Jie Yang, (University of Calgary)
“Medieval Life Experience Through a Story of a Mouse – An Approach to the ‘Tale of White Rat Yahyoe”

Presentation #2: Febe Pamonag, (Western Illinois University)
“Innovative Strategies for the Promotion of Women’s Higher Education in Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Century Japan”

Presentation #3: Jacob Kovalio, (Carleton University)
“YUDAYAKA/Jewish Peril Propaganda and Debates in the 1920s”

11:50 – 1:10 PM       Lunch Break                     Rushes Restaurant at Waterloo Inn Hotel

1:10 – 2:10 PM       Keynote Speaker Session

Session K1:
Introduction: Paul Parker                     Location: Rosedale Room

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Takeshi Hamashita, (Ryukoku University)
“China’s View of Ruth Benedict’s The Chrysanthemum and the Sword”

2:15 – 3:30 PM       Session 3

Session 3a:

PANEL #7 – Digital and Pictorial Representations of Japan
Chair: Ken Coates                     Location: Rosedale Room

Presentation #1: Jacob Kovalio, (Carleton University)
“When Meiji Japan was Young, a Pictorial Representation”

Presentation #2: Ryo Akama, (Ritsumeikan University)
“Describing the work of Ritsumeikan University’s Digital Media Program”

This year’s JSAC includes a series of panel discussions on topics of particular importance in modern Japan. The purpose of the sessions is to hear from leading experts in the field and to have an opportunity for open discussion and debate on these issues. Each panel will start with an introduction on recent developments in Japan, followed by comments and questions from the floor.
Session 3b:

**INVITED PANEL #8 – Education**

Chair: Jeff Alexander  
Location: St. Jacob’s Room

Presentations:  
Dawn Grimes-MacLellan, (Saint Mary’s University)  
Philip MacLellan, (Saint Mary’s University)

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### Day 2: Saturday October 4th, 2008

**Location:** Renison University College – University of Waterloo

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**Session 4a:**

**INVITED PANEL #9 - Pretty Boys of Korea meet the New Women of Japan:** Exploring Japanese Gender and Ethnicity through Television and Drama  
*Chair: Ken Coates*  
*Location: Room 2107*

Presentation #1: **Millie Creighton**, (University of British Columbia)  
"Are Ethnic Eroticisms Challenging National, Gender and Racial Hierarchies? Explorations of the 'Korea Boom' in Japan"
Presentation #2: Alisa Freedman, (University of Oregon)
"From Twenty-Something Tokyo Temps to Career Women 'Around Forty': Working Women as Romantic Leads on Japanese Television Dramas"

Session 4b:
INVITED PANEL #10 – Demographics and Immigration
Chair: Tom Waldichuk
Location: Room 2102
Presentations: Stephen Nagy, (Waseda University)
David Edgington, (University of British Columbia)

10:30 – 11:30 AM   Session 5

Session 5a:
INVITED PANEL #11 – Japan’s Relations with its Neighbours
Chair: Derek Hall
Location: Room 2107
Presentations: Kimie Hara, (University of Waterloo)
Kevin Cai, (University of Waterloo)
Satoshi Ikeda, (Concordia University)

Session 5b:
INVITED PANEL #12 – Law and Business
Chair: Dick Beason
Location: Room 2102
Presentations: Masao Nakamura, (University of British Columbia)
Teri Ursacki-Bryant, (University of Calgary)
Shigenori Matsui, (University of British Columbia)

11:30 – 11:45 AM   Refreshment Break
Renison University College – Upper level

11:45 – 12:45 PM   Session 6

Session 6a:
INVITED PANEL #13 – Bilateral Relations: Canada-Japan Political Relations and Canada-Japan Commercial Relations
Chair: Jim Tiessen
Location: Room 2106
Presentations: Eric Walsh, (Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade – DFAIT)
Chad Fleck, (Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade – DFAIT)

12:45 – 1:30 PM  Lunch Break  Rooms 2102, 2107

1:30 – 3:15 PM  Keynote Speaker Session

Session K2:
  Introduction: Ken Coates  Location: Room 2106
  Keynote Speaker: Dr. John Dower, (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)
  "Visualizing Japan: Approaching and Understanding Japan through Images"

3:15 – 3:45 PM  Refreshment Break  Renison University College – Upper level

3:45 – 4:40 PM  Keynote Speaker Session

Session K3:
  Introduction: Kimie Hara  Location: Room 2106
  Keynote Speaker: Dr. Mark Selden, (Cornell University)
  “Japanese and American War Atrocities, Historical Memory and Reconciliation in the Long Twentieth Century”

4:45 – 6:15 PM  Business Session

Session: Canada-Japan Business Relations  Location: Room 2106
  Chair: Ken Coates
  Presentations:
    Gerry Remers, (Christie Digital)
    Raymond Tsui, (Open Text Corporation)
    John Adams, (Mitsui Canada)
    Dan Mathieson, (Mayor of Stratford)

6:30 – 6:50 PM  Nagata Shachu Taiko Drummers  Courtyard outdoors

7:00 PM  German Oktoberfest Buffet Dinner  Renison University College – Great Hall

8:15 – 9:20 PM  Japanese Entertainment  Renison University College – Great Hall
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**Session 7a:**

**PANEL #14 – Japanese Media and Film**  
*Chair: Paul Parker*  
*Location: St. Jacob’s Room*

- Presentation #1: *Atsushi Miyahara*, (Kinjo Gakuin University)  
  *“Media Technology and the Development of Journalism: Japanese Newspapers and Computers”*

- Presentation #2: *Andrew Kamei-Dyche*, (University of Southern California)  
  *“Japanese Encounters with Lu Xun: Uchiyama Shoten and Rethinking Interwar Sino-Japanese Intellectual Relations”*

- Presentation #3: *Michael Blouin*, (Michigan State University)  
  *“Specters of Modernity: The Uncanny in Japanese Horror Cinema and its American Re-Makes”*

**Session 7b:**

**PANEL #15 – Teaching Japanese**  
*Chair: Akiko Maruoka*  
*Location: Heidelberg Room*

- Presentation #1: *Norio Ota*, (York University)  
  *“TJFL across the Border – the Cuban Connection”*
Presentation #2: Rie Shirakawa, (Carleton University)  
“Conversation Between Unacquainted Native and Non-Native Speakers of Japanese”

Presentation #3: Yasuko Obana, (Kwansei Gakuin University)  
“Learners' Errors in Politeness Strategies in Japanese Honorifics”

Presentation #4: Noriko Yabuki-Soh, (York University)  
“On-Line Distance Education for Teaching of Advanced Japanese as a Foreign Language in University Courses”

Session 7c:
PANEL #16 – Japanese Culture and Social Change  
Chair: Bill Sewell  
Location: Heritage Room

Presentation #1: Lisa Kuly, (Cornell University)  
“The Parturition Hut of Oobara Shrine: Tradition and Ideology in Rituals of Safe Childbirth”

Presentation #2: Sheri Zhang, (University of Ottawa)  
“Japan’s Changing Culture Reflected in Mizuko Jizoo”

Presentation #3: Jennifer Beamer, (PhD Student, University of Alberta)  
“Innovative Ways of Promoting Tradition in Japan: Kyoto’s Kimono Station”

Presentation #4: Bernard Saint-Jacques, (Professor Emeritus, University of British Columbia)  
“21st Century, Two Turning Points for Japan: 1) Changes in Japanese Culture, 2) Japan's Relations with Asia. Creative Solutions are Possible”

10:30 – 11:00 AM  Refreshment Break  
Location: Heritage Room

11:00 – 12:30 PM  Session 8

Session 8a:
PANEL #17 – Japanese Business  
Chair: Teri Ursacki-Bryant  
Location: Heritage Room

Presentation #1: Jeff Alexander, (University of Wisconsin Parkside)  
“Japanese Business in the Age of Digital Media”

Presentation #2: Dick Beason, (University of Alberta)  
“Ownership, Returns and Creative Restructuring Among Japanese Firms, 1990-2005”

Presentation #3: David Edgington, (University of British Columbia)
“Japanese Electronics Firms in Taiwan”

Presentation #4: Sujaya Dhanvantari, (Chuo University)

Session 8b:

PANEL #18 – Japanese International Initiatives
Chair: Norio Ota
Location: St. Jacob’s Room

Presentation #1: Derek Hall, (Wilfrid Laurier University)
“Vegetables with a Visible Face: State and Corporate Food Traceability Initiatives in Japan”

Presentation #2: Utpal Vyas, (JSPS Postdoctoral Fellow, Kobe University)
“Japanese Local Governments in International Relations: Kobe City’s Activities in China”

Presentation #3: Austin Uzama, (Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University Beppu)
“Selling Japan's Tourist Industry to International Tourists”

Session 8c:

PANEL #19 – Contemporary Challenges in Japan
Chair: Jacob Kovalio
Location: Heidelberg Room

Presentation #1: Trevor Harrison, (University of Lethbridge)
“Right-wing Nationalism and the Abe Interregnum”

Presentation #2: Stephen Nagy, (Waseda University)
“Paper Tiger or Substantive Social Integration Policy? A Comparative Examination of the Sociological Dimensions of Multiculturalism and Japanese Multicultural Coexistence”

Presentation #3: Jim Tiessen, (Ryerson University)
“Comparing Hospitals in Japan and Canada”

Presentation #4: Fumiko Ikawa-Smith, (McGill University)
“From the ‘Former Aboriginal’ to the Real ‘Indigenous People’: Socio-Political Background for the Archaeological Reconstruction of Japan’s National History”