

JAPAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION OF CANADA (JSAC)

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President's Message

Dear JSAC Members and Friends,

Welcome to the Spring 2022 JSAC newsletter! I hope you enjoy this opportunity to read everyone's news and stories on a wide range of Japan-related topics.

Firstly, I want to congratulate Jim Tiessen on his selection as the next President of JSAC! Dr. Tiessen is Associate Professor, Global Management Studies and Director, Master of Health Administration (Community Care) at Toronto Metropolitan University (formerly Ryerson University). He has been a long time JSAC member and has served on the JSAC executive for over a decade. Jim has been a supportive, fun and helpful colleague. I am sure I speak for all of us in expressing my appreciation for his willingness to take on the presidency and in offering our support.

We last met in October 2021 online. Thanks so very much to Tom Waldichuk and Cara Cadre for organizing JSAC's second online conference! (See an overview of JSAC 2021 below.) Thanks to everyone for your participation and a big thank-you, as always, to the Japan Foundation for its generous support! JSAC will be meeting in person for the first time in three years! Our next conference will be in Toronto

October 21 - 23, 2022. (See below for further details and the Call for Papers.)
Online presentations would also be welcome.

As my JSAC presidency draws to a close, this will be my last newsletter. Let me express my thanks and appreciation for the opportunity to serve as JSAC president. This is a wonderful organization of interesting and engaged members connected by a shared interest in Japan. Thank you so much for all your help and support over the years! I look forward to seeing you in Toronto in October.

Best wishes,

Carin Holroyd
JSAC President

Message from the incoming JSAC president

Thank you to the Japan Studies Association of Canada's membership and executive for giving me the privilege of serving as President from this fall. I look forward to building on the good work [Carin Holroyd](#) (University of Saskatchewan) and the rest of the executive have done over the past six years.

I particularly salute [Norio Ota](#) (York University) for his dedicated commitment as Secretary and Treasurer, and for building and sustaining [JSAC's virtual home](#). Thanks also go to Norio, [Tom Waldichuk](#) and [Cara Cadre](#) (Thompson Rivers University) for keeping JSAC going as they hosted two successful virtual conferences through the pandemic in 2020 and 2021. We all appreciate the continued support the Japan Foundation provides to support Japan studies in Canada.

JSAC's annual conference has been a special appointment in the calendars of an eclectic and friendly group of scholars, mostly engaged at Canadian universities. The first conference was held at the University of Alberta in 1987, as Japan's economic dynamism captured the world's attention. Through the 1990's and 2000's conferences have featured talks and papers on a broad range of topics,

including Japanese language, international relations, religion, Japanese Canadians, pop culture, Fukushima, architecture and recently, Japan and the Gulf of St. Lawrence's snow crab fishery.

JSAC members developed their Japan interests in different ways. Several JSAC members were born in Japan and made the big step of choosing to live, study and/or teach in Canada, despite the weather! Other members have Japanese heritage. Those without direct ties may have been introduced to Japan through their university studies, exchanges, friendships, English language teaching and/or simply encountering interesting and intriguing aspects of its culture.

On a personal note, I began and am still engaged in this work because of a University of Alberta economics professor, Dr. Takashi Tsushima. In 1981 his grad student took me to my first *sushi* lunch at [Mikado](#) in Edmonton, before I went to teach English in Hamamatsu-City. (Mikado's chef took part in JSAC's 2018 conference, hosted by [Aya Fujiwara](#)).

JSAC nurtures us as we work to sustain Japan studies in Canada, particularly as universities reduce their investments in the humanities and many arts and social science fields. We agree that Japan remains endlessly interesting and offers lessons about social policy, politics, culture and indeed life itself. I am reminded of this now as the [cherry blossoms in Toronto's High Park](#), a secret that now everyone knows about, reach full bloom.

I am asking that you all actively engage in supporting JSAC activities. It is our duty to make sure future students and teachers have the same opportunities to both learn from and teach about Japan as we have enjoyed!

First Call for Papers

2022 Japan Studies Association of Canada Annual Conference

Translation

The Ted Rogers School of Management and Toronto Metropolitan University [1] are pleased to host the Japan Studies of Canada (JSAC) Annual Conference, from Friday October 21 to Sunday October 23, 2022.

[Toronto Metropolitan University](#) was established as Ryerson Institute of Technology in 1948 to develop skilled tradespeople following World War II. The institute offered training in skilled trades such as architecture, costume design and photography. Following growth in the 1950's and early 1960s, "Polytechnic" was added to its name in 1963. Ryerson Polytechnic Institute gained degree-granting authority in 1971, and formally became a University in 1993. The University introduced its law school in 2020 and in 2025 will open a medical school in Brampton (Ontario).

Theme

The conference theme, "Translation", will animate the three days that the Japan scholars,

[1] Ryerson University was [renamed Toronto Metropolitan University](#) in April 2022.

teachers and students will spend together in person. Susan Sontag, in her 2002 lecture *The World as India* said: "To translate means many things, among them: to circulate, to transport, to disseminate, to explain, to make (more) accessible." This is what JSAC and its members do, through their research, teaching and conferences in all of our scholarly fields.

We are delighted to announce that the scheduled keynote speakers so far are [Eleanor Westney](#) (management, see a recent [publication](#)), [Naoki Sakai](#) (translation studies), and [Ted Goossen](#) (translator). The translation theme is relevant to many

other realms, including design, food, religion, social policy, international relations, pop culture and geography.

Beyond this theme, we of course welcome contributions on any topic you and/or groups of colleagues are exploring. This is what gives the conference its vibrancy!

Participation

We are welcoming papers, proposed panels and/or workshops. In all cases please send the title, abstract (max 250 words), and names of participants to jsac2022@ryerson.ca by June 30. Please use Microsoft Word© and include the words JSAC Panel or JSAC Paper in the subject line.

Do not hesitate to get in touch if you would like to discuss your ideas and/or make suggestions for the conference.

Book swap

If there is sufficient interest, we will host a Japan studies book swap. Bring Japan-related books you no longer have room for but are reluctant to throw out. The procedures for coordinating this will be communicated later. We don't want those flying to Toronto to bear extra overweight baggage fees.

Please circulate this call to folks in your networks. After two years we are looking forward to seeing you and many others in Toronto!



2021 JSAC Annual Conference “The Impacts of Japan and Canada Hosting the World: Catalyzing Change through Cultural, Economic, Political, and Sporting Events”

This conference – held online from Friday, October 1 to Sunday, October 3 -- was supposed to take place in Kamloops during July of 2020 before the Olympic games were to start. The theme of the conference was the impacts of festive gatherings – from large-scale events such as the Aichi Expo or the 2020 Tokyo Olympics to smaller festivals.

Then in the winter of 2020 the Covid-19 pandemic took hold and both the Olympics and JSAC were postponed. The JSAC executive decided to hold an online ad-hoc conference in the fall of 2020, which was hosted by Professor Norio Ota. This conference was a success! I realized how useful it was to review my recorded presentation – once I got over all my ums and ahs.

In our second application for Japan Foundation conference funding we decided to reschedule the in-person conference to an autumn time slot because we thought by then most people would be vaccinated and Covid would be a thing of the past. Meanwhile, people started to request that they present online. We didn't want to let them down, and so we had to consider holding a hybrid conference. As Covid numbers were predicted to increase during the fall of 2021 – and after talking to someone who had organized a hybrid conference – we finally decided over the summer to go entirely online. (Although I was still toying with the idea of hosting a group of 12 or so people who would join my co-organizer Professor Cara Cadre and me watch all the online presentations from one of our classrooms.) In hindsight we would have had to order in a lot of pizza because the sessions went so late to accommodate the early risers in Japan and in other parts of east Asia. I have to thank Professor Owen Griffiths for attending all the sessions late into the night while living in the most easterly time zone (luckily, we didn't have any participants from Newfoundland).

We had a total of 121 people register for the conference on the Brownpapertickets website, which was about the number of people we had when we hosted lived in 2006!

On Sunday, we had a musical performance after the final keynote, which was recorded and is available on the website.

Here are some other numbers in terms of participants and presenters.

Conference Registrants total	122
General public (who did not present)	43
Japan Foundation officials	4
University instructors, including those retired (who did not present)	20
Graduate & undergraduate students (who did not present)	5
Other registrants (not classified)	50
Number of panels over two days	13
Number of keynote talks (includes 1 two-person talk)	4
Number of presentations (including round table presentations)	45
Professors' presentations (includes 1 two-person presentation)	22
Graduate & undergrad students' presentations	9
Other presenters' presentations (1 person also presented in a 2 person presentation with 1 "other" presenter)	6
Roundtable presentations (not counted in any other categories, 2 people presented twice)	8
Where did the presentations (including keynotes) take place from?	

Canada	31
Japan	9
USA	5
Taiwan	1
Vietnam	1
Europe	2

We had good participation in all our panels –our late Saturday night panel had 23 attendees. Even the Sunday morning keynote had 21 attendees. The opening ceremony and first keynote address had between 26 and 27 attendees. Thank you to Professor Cara Cadre for recording these statistics.

Power Outage Disaster Saved by Online Format!

The power went off on campus on the morning of Sunday, October 3, so it was a good thing that we were virtual because the Zoom continued to work. Cara was watching from home, so she was able to take over from me until I returned home. If we had had an in-person conference, we would have only been able to use the chalk board. But we could have listened to the music.

We had permission to record all the panels except one. The videos of most of the presentations had to be edited, which was time-consuming, but they have recently become available on the conference website. We recorded the AGM also, but it has not been put on the website.

Conference Feedback:

1. Overall, how would you rate the conference? 100% positive.
Excellent & very good = 27; Good = 2;
2. Was the conference too long, too short, or about right?: 93% positive.
About right = 27; Much too long or too long = 2
3. How convenient was the scheduling of the panels? 93% positive.
Extremely or very convenient = 19; Somewhat convenient = 7; Not so convenient = 2;
4. Can you please rate the keynote addresses? 100% positive.
Excellent or Good = 25; Average = 3;

5. How helpful were the student who assisted with Zoom? : 96% positive.
Extremely or Very helpful = 23; Somewhat helpful = 4; Not so helpful = 1;
*My gratitude goes to Elizabeth Ranta for summarizing these above results.

How would you have changed the conference? [n=14 respondents /Multiple responses possible]

- Thank you, no change, otsukaresama deshita (8)
- In-person conference (2)
- Explore the ratio of in-person vs. online presentations (hybrid) (1)
- More detailed information in program (1)
- Earlier communication of panel scheduling, expectations, etc. (1)
- Issue with time zones (1)
- Request for more presentations in certain topic areas (2)
- More students (1)

What did you like about the conference? [n=14 respondents / Multiple responses possible]

- Collegial, inclusive (2)
- Online format (3)
- Presentations, discussions (2)
- Interdisciplinary, breadth of topics (3)
- Specific presentation topic areas, e.g., culture, international policies (2)
- Enjoyed grad student presentations (1)

Thank you to all 29 people who took the time to fill out the surveymonkey questionnaire – your feedback was much appreciated!

Proceedings:

We have received 7 papers and 2 more are on the way. Two long-time JSAC members have graciously agreed to review the papers.

2006 Proceedings are being posted on the JSAC 2021 website:

The proceedings from the 2006 Kamloops conference are being posted on the 2021 conference website.

Conference Website: <https://jsacconference2021.trubox.ca/>

I would like to express my gratitude to the Japan Foundation on behalf of the Japan Studies Association of Canada 2021 annual conference for the generous grant and patiently working with the local organizing committee while applying for conference funding twice during the Covid-19 pandemic. I would also like to thank the JSAC executive for their assistance with planning the conference, especially the conference theme. In particular, I want to thank our president Professor Carin Holroyd for her assistance with the Japan Foundation funding application, Professor Aya Fujiwara for providing and organizing the Gather.Town social event, and Professor Norio Ota for providing advice regarding the online conference format.

I would like to thank Elizabeth Ranta for designing and managing the website, helping edit the videos, and analyzing the conference feedback. I want to also thank the Zoom assistants for their dedicated help: Justin Chan, Divyatej Khurana, Aravind V. Venkata, and Auden Zhang. Finally, I'd like to thank the faculty and staff at TRU for their assistance with setting up the online conference: Brian Lamb, Jon Fulton, and Jason Toal. Last but not least I want to thank the ongoing support of my fellow JSAC co-organizer Professor Cara Cadre. I'm really looking forward to seeing you all in person at Toronto Metropolitan University in October for JSAC 2022!

Sincerely,

Tom Waldichuk, JSAC 2021 Conference co-organizer



Meeting of the North and South Thompson Rivers, Kamloops (Tom Waldichuk photo)

JSAC 2021 Klaus Pringsheim Student Presentation Awards

Ph.D Category - Maxime Bouthiller, York University

M.A. Category – Ericka Schestak, York University



Congratulations Maxime and Ericka!!

Reclaiming Historic Experiences on the 80th Anniversary of Japanese Canadian Internment through a Reflective Garden Opening Ceremony in Lillooet, BC

by Millie Creighton

Eighty years ago, beginning in 1942, Canada uprooted its citizens and legal residents of Japanese descent (the majority of whom were Canadian born citizens) and sent them to internment camps, many of which had extremely harsh conditions. Ironically some of these, while harsh places for internees to dwell, were snuggled into the immense beauty of the British Columbian landscape. In Canada, many Nikkei (people of Japanese descent) were kept interned or away from the West Coast not only until the end of WWII in 1945 but for another four years until 1949, something that did not happen in the case of Japanese American internment. One of the Canadian internment areas was Lillooet, BC.

On May 7 and 8, a bus ‘history and commemoration tour’ left from the Nikkei Centre in Burnaby, BC to travel to Lillooet in time for the opening reception of the Japanese Canadian garden built there, largely in appreciation of Japanese Canadian seniors who experienced internment and persevered afterwards; some elderly former internees from Lillooet were on the bus or arriving separately, along with younger people to commemorate the event. The trip was largely organized and orchestrated by Laura Saimoto. Her sister, Debra Saimoto, served as the group’s ‘tour leader’ making sure everyone was in the correct place at the correct time. Their mother, Ritsu Saimoto, now 84-years-old, was one of those interned in Lillooet and she was on the bus and at the opening ceremony for the Japanese Canadian memorial garden in Lillooet, along with other internees from the time, and others interested in the cause of marking this history to have people remember the wrongful history of internment but from a positive vantage point going forward of a beautiful garden situated in the beauty of the place. I was also one of those on the bus trip, along with two graduate students who have been studying with me, Rosalie Gunawan and Bianca Chui.

The bus arrived in Lillooet on May 7 well before the 1:30 p.m. ceremony start at the garden site—everyone having diligently arrived for the early bus

departure from the Nikkei Centre on time. Several people were present to give speeches for the event, including Dr. Aki Horii, a 90-year-old spokesperson for the project, Laura Saimoto, one of its driving forces, and Peter Busse, the Mayor of Lillooet. Also present at the event was well-known Kaye Kaminishi, the last surviving member of the famous and beloved Asahi Baseball Team, consisting of Japanese Canadians who won several championships before internment stopped their baseball involvement as Asahi players. Mr. Kaminishi, who celebrated his 100th birthday in 2022, lives in Lillooet, BC.

On Sunday, May 8, after many attendees were able to fit in a Mother's Day breakfast at a local restaurant, we went on to visit the Miyamoto house, where Dr. Miyamoto and his family lived. Dr. Miyamoto served as the doctor to the community during the time of internment, tending to Japanese Canadian internees, members of area First Nations communities, and at times White community members in the area. After the Miyamoto House, we got to visit the community centre of the Cayoose Creek band. Chief Michelle Edwards, who had given the blessing for the garden opening, explained to us the art of the Copper Wall that had just been completed by the band, set in four large panels, displayed within the centre before finding its next home outdoors. The Copper Wall is comprised of art vignettes showing the history of the band, and includes images of the Japanese Canadian internment residences along with one of Dr. Miyamoto. The Copper Wall will at some point find its place outside in the natural surrounding environment, but for now we were able to get a close view of the images on the panels and their reflections of past, people, and place in this area. We also visited the river area, with a bridge crossing. Interned Japanese Canadians resided on one side of the river, and shared memories of crossing the river daily to attend school, such as biking the bridge even in cold weather.

The two-day bus trip on May 7 and 8, 2022 allowed us to again reflect on the history of Japanese Canadian internment on the 80th anniversary year of its commencement, along with ways redress and reconciliation with Canada have been sought, including the current attempts for BC Redress. The garden site is one of the continuing creative ways that attempts to keep this history in memory

have been sought. The trip also showed ways Native communities in the Lillooet area have been working with Japanese Canadian groups, and vice versa, to understand and reflect on certain elements of their shared histories.

History is sought within documents, but also has to be understood in the experiences and memories of those who lived it. As people shared their stories during the two-day journey, these stories also joined those of the collective understanding, as stories are both those of individuals and of collectives who have encountered or dealt with similar experiences while moving through the flow of history. One cannot change history, but sometimes one can reclaim it and change the meanings surrounding it. One could sense the joy of doing this among many of those participating in the Japanese Canadian memorial garden opening in Lillooet, along with the other sites visited on the two-day Japanese Canadian bus history and commemoration tour.



Shown at the front gate of the newly fully opened Japanese Canadian garden in Lillooet, BC in commemoration of Japanese Canadian internment from 1942 to 1949 are, left to right, Masayo Tada, Deputy Consul General of Japan in Vancouver, Rosalie Gunawan, Graduate Student in Anthropology and Japan Studies at the University of British Columbia, Kaye Kamiyishi, now 100-years-old and the last surviving player of the Asahi Baseball Team, Fio Barkar, baseball player and team member sitting next to his 'senpai', Millie Creighton, professor in Anthropology and Japan Studies at the University of British Columbia, and Bianca Chui, graduate student in Asian Studies at the University of British Columbia. (Photo Courtesy of Millie Creighton)

People begin to go into the officially fully opened Japanese Canadian internment memorial garden in Lillooet, BC. Former internee Ritsu Saimoto, now 84, shown to the side of the photo in pink, was also one of the attendees. (Photo by Millie Creighton)



Members of the Tetsu Taiko group, originating in Richmond, BC, perform at the opening ceremony of the Japanese Canadian internment memorial garden in Lillooet, BC, on May 7, 2022. (Photo by Millie Creighton)

A Reflection on Lillooet Memorial Garden Opening (May 7, 2022)

By Bianca Chui, MA Student, Department of Asian Studies, UBC

On the weekend of May 7–8 in 2022, I found myself on a bus en route to Lillooet, BC, with a group of mostly Japanese Canadians, for the renewal opening of the East Lillooet Memorial Garden. Looking out on those winding paths through the mountains, I mused about the Japanese Canadian families that were forced to

leave their homes along coastal British Columbia and into internment camps 80 years ago. While we on the bus were heading to Lillooet voluntarily and will return to our homes after this short weekend trip, those before us were uprooted forcibly to an undetermined future, not knowing when, or whether they will, return to the place they once called home.

My contact with the history of forced dispersal of Japanese Canadian started in 2019 when I studied and researched the Joan Gillis funds in my modern Japanese history class as an undergraduate student. Donated to UBC Rare Books and Special Collections (RBSC) in 2018, the Joan Gillis funds consist of the incoming correspondence to Joan Gillis from her former Japanese Canadian classmates. In 2021, I crossed paths with these letters again, when I suggested having an event centred around the funds to commemorate the upcoming 80th anniversary of the forced dispersal of Japanese Canadian in the next year. I assisted with event planning efforts and ultimately an online public panel event titled “I Know We’ll Meet Again” occurred in February 2022.

At Dr. Creighton’s invitation, I jumped at the opportunity to attend the bus tour and garden opening for two reasons. Firstly, given my previous encounters, I wanted to learn more and listen to those who are connected to this history, especially as a fellow Asian Canadian settler on these lands. Secondly, as someone who works in premodern and early modern Japan, I rarely get the chance to meet and chat with people who lived through the periods I study. More often, I work with centuries-old materials and records while trying to piece out what types of lives people live.

And I did just that. While those on the bus tour were there to retrace their or their family members’ experiences in Lillooet and to remember and celebrate as a community, I looked, listened, and learned. At the ceremony, Chief Michelle Edwards of Sekwéwésh (Cayoosé Creek Band) welcomed us to the lands of her people and recounted the story of how her grandfather, the then-chief, would bring carts of fresh vegetables with salmon hidden underneath to their Japanese Canadian neighbours at the tarpaper shacks. Dr. Aki Horii (age 90)

lectured us extensively on the history of Japanese Canadians and their American counterparts and the racism they experienced on this continent. Kaye Kaminishi (age 100), the last member of the iconic Asahi baseball team, wore his baseball cap proudly and sat up straight in the very front row. On and off the bus, Rosalie shared how she would bike across the old bridge as a young girl. Deb, who organized the bus tour, shared photos of her mother Ritsu and told us stories of her maternal family (the Enjo) at Lillooet. Doug, who leads the Testu Taiko group, took photos of everything and retraced the steps of his family while leading his daughters drumming away on their taiko.

For me, this was my biggest takeaway from those short two days. While the memorial garden designed by Louis Horii and Bruce Tasaka (both age 85) was absolutely beautiful, the people and the stories that I have encountered continue to resonate with me even days after the trip. These are the stories, of individuals, of families, of how we are connected. In the current political climate of anti-Asian racism and xenophobia, it is important that we don't forget what happened 80 years ago on this very continent.

While the story of Lillooet was one of resilience, we must strive to do better and be better in remembering that these people are our neighbours and friends—not foreign aliens—and that something like this should not happen again to anyone.

Special thanks to Dr. Millie Creighton, Debra and Laura Saimoto, and Doug Masuhara.

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tsurugaoka

At Tsurugaoka Shrine

kodakaki matsu ni

over the towering pine trees

fuku kaze no

the voice of ten thousand generations

kumoi ni hibiku

echoes to the clouds

yorozuyo no koe

in the blowing wind

新拾遺和歌集 Shinshui Wakashū VII (Celebrations: 699)

A celebratory poem from Shinshui Wakashu (New Gleanings from a Collection of Japanese Poems) I translated recently for a seminar and recalled as I was standing in the garden, surrounded by young pine trees, and looking out at the mountains while listening to the windchime beneath the torii gate. Translated by Bianca Chui.



Torii gate framing the mountains at East Lilloet. Photo by Lydai Nagai Photography.



Chief Michelle Edwards pointing to the section depicting her grandfather bringing Japanese Canadians fresh vegetables with salmon hidden underneath on the Cayoose Creek Band Copper Story Wall. Photo by Bianca Chui.

The Centre for Japanese Research – University of British Columbia

The Centre for Japanese Research at UBC has hosted many events over the past year. Below find a description of the events of the last six months. To learn about earlier events and watch the video recordings of some of them, visit

<https://cjr.iar.ubc.ca/news-events/events/>

If you wish to be informed about upcoming CJR events, you can sign up for the Centre's newsletter.

Title: Navigating the Age of Disruption

Date: November 1, 2021

Speakers: Phillip Lipsy (CSGJ, Munk, U of Toronto)

Mari Miura (Sophia University)

Harukata Takenaka (GRIPS)

Joseph Caron (Asia Pacific Foundation)
Moderator: Yves Tiberghien (UBC (POLI, SPPGA))

The Center for Japanese Research at the School of Public Policy and Global Affairs (University of British Columbia) and the Centre for the Study of Global Japan at the Munk School (University of Toronto) held a joint event on the Japanese Cabinet and Lower House elections and their global impact. The Liberal Democratic Party won a majority and turnout was stable compared to previous election. It was a major loss for the CDPJ and demonstrates weakness in local-level politics. LDPs grip on power contributes to low female representation in the legislature as it has a lower proportion of female candidates compared with other parties. Major foreign policy is probably being held back until Upper House election in the coming year. Kishida campaign focused more on defense and demonstrated hawkish tone toward China.

Title: Global Consequences of the U.S.'s Withdrawal from Afghanistan

Date: Dec 3, 2021

Speakers: Professor Murali Chandrashekar (Vice Provost International)

Senator Mailou McPhedran (Senator)

Fawzia Koofi (Former Afghan politician, gender rights)

Zahir Faqiri (Former Afghan deputy ambassador to UN, US)

Paul Meyer (Former Canadian ambassador to UN)

Daisaku Higashi (Sophia University)

The U.S.'s longest war in history, fought over 20 years, saw more than US\$2.313 trillion in war spending; over 2,400 U.S. soldier casualties; and around 46,000 civilian deaths. At least 2.2 million displaced Afghans took shelter in neighbouring Iran and Pakistan; and another 558,000 were internally displaced. In this context, much of the discussions surrounding Afghanistan have focused on the security implications of the withdrawal. However, a transition to discussions of humanitarian and economic implications is equally as necessary.

As part of the Konwakai Chair in Japanese Research's 2021-2023 Series on Japan's Role in the Changing Global Order in a Comparative Perspective, the UBC Centre for Japanese research will bring together experts from Canada, Afghanistan, and Japan, to critically discuss the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan, and its short- and long-term implications for Japan, the region, and the world. For Japan, which has provided \$6.8 billion in aid to Afghanistan over the past two decades years, it is a question of whether it can continue its humanitarian efforts, while configuring how to best engage with the country militant de facto rulers.

Title: Rupture and Resistance: The Politics of Reform in Early Meiji Tokyo

Date: February 10, 2022

Speaker: Tristan Grunow (Nagoya University)

Moderators: Dr. Yves Tiberghien (UBC)

Kelly McCormick (UBC)

Kaoru Iokibe (University of Tokyo and Harvard)

This talk reviews the politics of the early Meiji period through the lens of the urban space of Tokyo. As government leaders set about refashioning the new capital after 1868, political differences, conflicting demands, competing goals, and personal disagreements all got in the way. By retracing how political conflicts at both the national and local levels impacted urban planning efforts, this talk highlights widening rifts within the Meiji government over the meaning and direction of reform.

Title: Japan and Korea in Southeast Asia

Date: February 3rd, 2022

Speakers: Dr. Nobuhiro Aizawa (Kyushu University)

Dr. Yongwook Ryu (National University of Singapore)

Dr. Soo Yeon Kim (National University of Singapore)

Moderator: Dr Paul Evans UBC

The event was about the roles, influences and interests of Japan and Korea in Southeast Asia. With the continuous rise of China and many of its countries bordering major trade routes, Southeast Asia has become an important geopolitical area. The region is being courted and look at by numerous countries throughout the world with an intention of expanding their influence or increasing their economic opportunities. Japan has long established ties with different countries in the region, while Korea tries to mimic its developmental strategies and benefit from a rising cultural influence. Yet, Southeast Asia remains a region facing numerous challenges: developmental and environmental issues, political issues and rising geopolitical tensions. What are the roles that Japan, and Korea plays in Southeast Asia? Why does the region appear so attractive to them? What are their interests and how influential are they? This roundtable discussion attempted to address those questions and offer some thoughts on the ties that connect those two worlds, contextualizing them and thinking about how these ties might evolve and what they can bring to Southeast Asia.

Title: Negotiating at the Brink: How Does the World Solve the Climate Crisis (3-parts)

Date: March 3, 2022

Speakers: Jennifer Allan (key UK expert on COP 26)

Michael Small (expert on Global Governance and Climate policy)

Karolina Lagercrantz (IHEID Geneva, MA student)

Florentine Koppenborg (Technical University of Munich)

Sandeep Pai (Senior Associate of Energy Security and Climate Change Program at CSIS)

Moderators: Yves Tiberghien (Konwakai Chair in Japanese Research at the Institute of Asian Research)

Patricia Gonzalez (VP External, International Relations Students' Association at UBC)

Date: March 10, 2022

Speakers: Hiroshi Ohta (Waseda University)

Dr. Masako Konishi (WWF Japan)

Dr. Kameyama Yasuko (NIES Japan, Social System Division Director)

Dr. Llewelyn Hughes (Crawford School of Public Policy, scholar on climate policy In Japan)

Moderator: Yves Tiberghien (Konwakai Chair in Japanese Research at the Institute of Asian Research)

Date: March 17, 2022

Speakers: Anika Kurebayashi (Youth climate activist in Japan), Japan)

Eden Luymes (UBC Political MA candidate)

Dr. Yolanda Lopez (Environmental Science Specialist & Maya Community Expert)

Detmer Kremer (Policy and Communications Officer, Protection Approaches)

Moderators: Meghan Wise (UBC Climate Hub)

Jackie Pelayo (International Relations Students' Association at UBC)

Climate change is one of the greatest challenges our world has ever faced, already devastating our environment, economy, and our health. The difficulty of addressing climate change is that it requires global coordination. World leaders have made attempts through conferences and accords but the proposed measures will not stop global temperatures from rising above 1.5 °C—the limit set by the International Panel on Climate Change to avoid the worst effects of climate change. This has pitted climate activists who demand more robust climate governance against

state actors who must balance environmental concerns with other political agendas. To address the politics of climate change, the Konwakai Chair in Japanese Research at the UBC Centre for Japanese research, in collaboration with the International Relations Student Association (IRSA), host a three-part series event in March.

Title: Hope for the Future of Youth in Asia (2-parts)

Date: March 15, 2022; March 24, 2022

Speakers: Miyuki Macri (Former Vice Mayor of Fukutsu-shi, Fukuoka prefecture)

Akari Anzawa (No Youth No Japan)

Dr. Dal Yong Jin (Simon Fraser University)

Moderator: Shiori Uchida (UBC CJR)

With the rise of the ageing population in East Asian countries, many have come to question the role that young generations will come to play in the next few years. It is without doubt that frustrations amongst the youth have increased from the rise in cost of living to policies catered towards the elderly. The Centre for Japanese Research at the University of British Columbia invites you to a webinar series focused on sparking conversations amongst the young leaders of tomorrow.

Title: Convergence or Divergence?: Decoding The Indo-Pacific Strategies Of Canada, Japan, The USA, and Europe

Date: March 21, 2022

Speakers: Dr. Akiko Fukushima (Tokyo Foundation for Policy Research)

Dr. Kristi Govella (Asia Program at The German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF))

Nicolas Véron (Brugel Peterson Institute for International Economics)

Johnathan Fried (Canada's ambassador to the World Trade Organization, ambassador to Japan, and chief counsel for NAFTA)

Dr. Yves Tiberghien (CJR UBC, Asia-Pacific Foundation of Canada)

This was a joint event between the CJR and the Centre for the Study of Global Japan at the Munk School of the University of Toronto, held on March 21, 2022. The CJR's director and Konwakai Chair, Dr. Yves Tiberghien, joins the panel.

The Indo-Pacific is a critical region, containing over half the world's population, almost two-thirds of global GDP, and seven of the world's largest military forces. In recent years, major actors have formulated Indo-Pacific strategies to serve as guiding principles for their regional engagement. From an early stage, Japan has articulated a vision for a "Free and Open Indo-Pacific," emphasizing principles such as the rule of law, quality infrastructure investment, and maritime stability. In September 2021, the European Union adopted a strategy for cooperation in the Indo-Pacific, emphasizing stepped up engagement in priority areas such as sustainable and inclusive prosperity and a green transition. In the United States, the Biden administration released its Indo-Pacific Strategy in February 2022, emphasizing both the importance of the region and mounting challenges, particularly China's pursuit of a "sphere of influence" as it seeks "to become the world's most influential power." Canada is also actively developing an Indo-Pacific strategy to diversify trade and investment, strengthen security cooperation, and boost international assistance.

The Centre for the Study of Global Japan – University of Toronto

The Centre for the Study of Global Japan at the University of Toronto has launched a new Initiative for Education Policy and Innovation. Supported by a generous gift from the Newton Foundation, the program aims to support education reform in Japan and beyond through the promotion of evidence-based policy initiatives with global impact. Professor Rie Kijima will serve as the inaugural director and looks forward to collaborating with colleagues across Canada and Japan on this exciting new project. You can learn more about this initiative and the other past and future events of the Centre at:

<https://munkschool.utoronto.ca/csgj/>

The Prince Takamado Japan Centre - University of Alberta

Essay Contest

We will continue the essay contest funded by the PTJC, University of Alberta. For more information, please visit [our website](#).

The essay that is to be submitted does not have to be a full academic article. It is more like an extended conference abstract. Applicants are still required to send their shorter abstracts to the JSAC (and the longer essay to the PTJC). The awardees are required to present their papers in the 2022 JSAC annual conference. This award does not interfere with or affect the result of Klaus Pringsheim Student Presentation Award which evaluates students' oral presentations. If you have any students who are interested in this opportunity, please encourage them to submit their proposal!

The 13th JACAC Student Forum, February 2022

In February, PTJC co-organized the 13th Japan-Canada Academic Consortium Student Forum with the University of Waterloo/Renison College under the theme, “Japan-Canada Peace and Security Cooperation in the Asia/Indo-Pacific.” This forum was led by Dr. Kimie Hara, Professor of Political Science and the Renison Research Professor in East Asian Studies, Renison College, University of Waterloo. Twenty participants from Japanese and Canadian universities engaged in a lively discussion with each other. They also had chance to exchange their ideas with our invited speakers – Mr. Sasayama Takuya, Consul-General of Japan in Toronto, Captain Hugues Canuel, Royal Canadian Navy, Canadian Defence Attaché to Japan, Dr. Akiko Fukushima, Senior Fellow, The Tokyo Foundation for Policy Research, Dr. Phillip Y. Lipsy, Director, Centre for the Study of Global Japan, University of Toronto, Dr. Jonathan Berkshire Miller, Senior Fellow, Japan Institute of International Affairs, and Dr. David Welch, University Research Chair and Professor of Political Science, University of Waterloo and Balsillie School of International Affairs. During the forum, the world received the very shocking news about the Russian invasion of Ukraine, urging all participants to think about how to maintain and promote global peace and cooperation. Many thanks to Professor Hara, Dr. Iuliia Kysla, and six graduate students at the Balsillie School of International Affairs, University of Waterloo/Renison for making this event successful! You can watch the winning presentation by students [here](#).

EDI Webinar Series 2021-2022

PTJC organized its second webinar series, “the Path to Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: Approaches in Japan and Canada,” funded by Consulate-General of Japan in Calgary. In the first webinar, Dr Shiro Sasaki, Executive Director, National Ainu Museum, and Dr. Maddie Knickerbocker, Kwantlen Polytechnic University discussed how to preserve and commemorate indigenous identity and culture publicly. The second webinar featured Dr. Sara Dorow, University of Alberta and Dr. Naomi Chi. They discussed the issues around temporary workers in Japan and Canada, focusing on intersectionality, gender, and policies. In the third webinar, Dr. Bukola Salami, Director of Intersection of Gender Signature Area, University of Alberta and Dr. Reiko Ogawa, Chiba University exchanged their ideas on immigrants and care. We are still working on our website, but some videos are available on [our website](#). We will continue hosting our webinar series, so please stay tuned!

Asian Heritage Month! May 2022

To mark Asian Heritage Month, PTJC joined the Department of Sociology and Department of Drama at the University of Alberta and the Edmonton Japanese Community Association to co-host Jeanne Sakata’s award-winning play, “Hold These Truths,” based on the life of U of A sociologist Dr. Gordon Hirabayashi, whose brave resistance as a young man to the internment of Japanese Americans during the Second World War was recognized posthumously with the U.S. Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2012. Its digital viewing will be available soon. For more information, please visit [here](#).

Japan-focused academic organizations outside Canada

Now that travel is beginning to open up again, I thought some information on Japan related organizations and their conferences might be useful and enticing! Consider applying to present at one of these conferences and spread the word about JSAC!

The African Association for Japanese Studies - <https://aajstudies.org/index.php>

The AAJS is hosting its fifth conference in Addis Ababa in October 2022.

The Japanese Studies Association of Australia -

<https://www.jsaa.org.au/conferences-and-seminars>

The JSAA conference is held every second year. Dates appear to vary between June and September. The next conference is scheduled for 2023.

British Association for Japanese Studies - <https://www.bajs.org.uk/>

The BAJIS conference is held on a tri-annual basis taking turns with the Joint East Asian Studies Conference (jointly organised by the British Associations for Chinese, Japanese and Korean Studies) and the European Association for Japanese Studies (see below).

European Association for Japanese Studies – <https://www.eajs.eu/>

The EAJIS conference is held every three years. The last conference was held online in August 2021.

European-Japan Advanced Research Network -

<https://www.hhs.se/en/research/institutes/eijs/ejarn/>

Annual conference in June in Europe.

Japan Studies Association (US) - <http://www.japanstudies.org/>

The JSA holds an annual conference in January usually in Hawaii.

Québec and Canada, French and English, poutine, and the *School Lunches Project*


Etienne Lehoux-Jobin (PhD candidate in Translation Studies at Université de Montréal)

In early 2021, through a common friend, I received a message from Dr. Mayo Oyama (大山万容), a language education researcher (then at Ritsumeikan University, in Kyoto, now at Osaka Metropolitan University, in Osaka), asking me to help on a research action project called 「給食プロジェクト」 (“Kyūshoku

purojekuto,” or *School Lunches Project*). Through *kyūshoku* (school lunches), the project aimed to combine *éveil aux langues* (the “awakening to languages,” or plurilingual education approach) with *shokuiku* (food and nutrition education).

| ケベックとカナダのことば

- ケベックしゅうでは、えい語を話す人よりも、フランス語を話す人の方が多いです。
- カナダの他のしゅうでは、フランス語を話す人よりも、えい語を話す人の方が多いです。



My task was to produce a video targeted at elementary school pupils (from the third to the sixth grade) attending Satsuki Gakuen in Moriguchi-shi, Osaka, in which I would introduce Québec and Canada, French and English, poutine as a national dish, and personal anecdotes in connection with poutine.

As part of the project, a different country was featured every month, and pupils got to learn more about its languages, cuisines, traditions, etc., not only by watching the videos, but also thanks to books and various props, as well as through actual thematic school meals prepared specially for the occasion.



Dr. Oyama published an article in the May 2022 issue of 『学校給食』 (*Gakkō kyūshoku*) in which she explained the project and reported on its outcomes (pp. 31-38, 58-61), and Ms. Emiko Fujita (藤田恵美子), the school’s nutrition teacher, also published an article on the topic in the same issue (pp. 39-45, 58-61). For more



details, see also Oyama *et al.*'s paper in issue 9 (2021) of 『複言語・多言語教育研究』 (*Fukugengo-tagengo kyōiku kenkyū*).

Regarding the link between food and language, in the above-mentioned article entitled 「食育と外国語教育を結ぶ給食プロジェクト」 (“Connecting food and nutrition education to foreign language education through the School Lunches Project”), Dr. Oyama (2022, p. 33) notably writes that when you encounter something new, be it food or language, you might feel uneasy at first, but by exposing yourself to it, little by little, you start to create a connection which eventually leads to making the thing meaningful to you, and thus more comfortable and approachable.

I was glad to contribute to the project, albeit in a very limited fashion, and I hope it inspires both teachers and researchers to implement similar practices in other schools, not only in Japan, but also here in Canada.

Member News

Dick Beason, Professor, University of Alberta

Dick Beason prepared 'Japanese Industrial Policy: An Economic Assessment' for the National Foundation for American Policy (NFAP) which was published by them in November 2022, and which was subsequently mentioned in *Forbes* magazine. The primary focus of the article was not the postwar industrial policies of Japan (1955-1990), but rather new industrial policies being formulated in Japan, the US and Europe aimed at building new semiconductor capacity in order to meet challenges from China. The basic conclusion is that public support for new semiconductor capacity in these nations would simply replace the private investment that would be forthcoming in any event (if the new capacity were viable to begin with), and that at the end of the process with each country trying to 'catch-up' the world will end up with a glut of capacity and falling semiconductor prices that could never justify the public outlays.

Millie Creighton, Associate Professor, University of British Columbia

Millie Creighton published an article on 10th anniversary of Tohoku Disasters: Creighton, Millie. 2022. "A View from Japan's and Tohoku's 2011 Disasters' 10th Anniversary: Past, Present, Future". Part of the *JAWS [Japan Anthropology Workshop] Online Series of Reflections from Tohoku*, a monthly series between the 10th and 11th anniversaries of Japan's March 11, 2011 Triple Disasters. Article available at:

<https://japananthropologyworkshop.org/a-view-from-japans-and-tohokus-2011-disasters-10th-anniversary-past-present-future-by-millie-creighton/>

Lectures, Conference Papers Presented, Other Presentations:

Creighton, Millie. 2022. "Rivers Delineating Space, Place, Social Relations, Life and Death in a Japanese Mirrored World View." Invited/Sponsored presentation for special conference on "Rivers as 'Flowing Spaces'" held in Dusseldorf, Germany, May 11-13.

Creighton, Millie. 2022. "Just Say NOlympics Didn't Work: Connecting Tokyo 2020ne, Atomic Commemorations, Peace, Article 9, 3-11, and Minorities Movements" at the Association for Asian Studies conference in Honolulu, Hawaii, Saturday, March 26.

Creighton, Millie. 2022. Presented work on a residential Japanese work community in Palestine involved in heritage work on the covering of the ancient Hisham's Palace near Jericho. virtually at the University of Bethlehem.

2021. Creighton, Millie. "Long Engagements and Multiple Boundary Crossings: A Japanese Work Community in Palestine." Presented at the International Convention of Asian Scholars (ICAS12), held in Kyoto, Japan and virtually, on August 27 (August 26 PST).

Creighton, Millie and Ahmed Sayed. 2022. Had their co-authored and recorded

video entry selected for the Exhibition entitled 'Hidden Talents' that was run with the International Convention of Asian Scholars (ICAS12). This included the on-going showing of their recording, "Cosplay Performances" which included their own competition performances at Egycon 6 in Cairo, Egypt. The exhibition and the film/recording ran from August 10 t Sep to 2022.

Creighton, Millie. 2021. "Performing J-Pop and K-Pop Transnational Fandoms at Special Events,

Festivals, and Competitions and Within J-Wave or K-Wave Zones," for "Global Creative

Industries Conference" held at The University of Hong Kong, 6-7 November, 2021.

Grants received:

Creighton, Millie. 2021. Awarded a SSHRC Explore—Faculty of Arts Research Grant for project on, "Community Renewal in Japan via Art, Architecture, and History Tourism."

Creighton, Millie. 2021. Awarded a SSHRC Exchange International Travel Grant for project entitled, "Hope in Heritage Sites: Palestine's Hisham's Palace and Jericho." (The grant was awarded but travel to Palestine during the conference was prohibited due to Omicon variant.)

David Edgington, Professor Emeritus, University of British Columbia

Dr. Edgington published his JSAC 2020 presentation in a planning journal: D.W. Edgington (2021 in press) "Planning for Earthquakes and Tsunamis: Lessons from Japan for British Columbia, Canada", Progress in Planning. He also presented the paper to an on-line Emergency Management and Business Continuity conference

in October 2021. David notes that at UBC, some energetic junior faculty have set up a Disaster Resilience Research Cluster, with a link to Sendai University.

Evan Koike, Postdoctoral Fellow, Reischauer Institute, Harvard University

Evan Koike is graduating from UBC in May and will join Harvard's Reischauer Institute as a Postdoctoral Fellow this fall!

Etienne Lehoux-Jobin, Translator and PhD candidate in Translation Studies (Université de Montréal and Rikkyo University)

Lehoux-Jobin, Etienne (2021). Influence de la distance entre langues-cultures sur la traduction : le cas des références culturelles dans les sous-titres japonais et anglais de films québécois [翻訳に対する言語文化的距離の影響—ケベック映画の日本語字幕と英語字幕における文化要素の事例—]. *Revue japonaise des études québécoises/ケベック研究*, 13, pp. 33-51.

Lehoux-Jobin, Etienne (2022): La pratique terminologique des traducteurs japonais>français, d'hier à aujourd'hui ["The terminological practice of Japanese>French translators, past and present"]. *ScriptUM*. 5.

Phillip Lipsky, Professor, University of Toronto

Phillip Lipsky published a volume co-edited with Takeo Hoshi titled *The Political Economy of the Abe Government and Abenomics Reforms* (2021, Cambridge University Press). The volume examines the politics and economic policies of the Abe government, which ruled Japan from 2012-2020. He also published a related piece co-authored with Adam Liff, "Japan Transformed? The Foreign Policy Legacy of the Abe Government" (2022, *Journal of Japanese Studies*, Volume 48, Number 1, pp. 123-147). The article provides an overview of foreign policymaking under Abe and assesses the former prime minister's long-term impact on Japan's international relations.

Starting in April 2022, Lipsky was cross-appointed as Professor in the Faculty of Law at the University of Tokyo. The appointment entails teaching an intensive

class during the summer months and advising University of Tokyo graduate students throughout the year. He will retain all of his current roles and responsibilities at the University of Toronto. Lipsy looks forward to the new connections and collaborations that the appointment will hopefully facilitate.

Shigenori Matsui, Professor, University of British Columbia

Shigenori Matsui published a book last winter, *Songenshi oyobi anrakushi wo motomeru kenri* [Right to Medically Assisted Dying] (Nihon hyouronsha 2021). He is now preparing publication of his next project on sexual autonomy and right to sexuality together with another edition of my textbook on the Constitution of Japan.

Norio Ota, Associate Professor (Teaching), York University, Secretary-Treasurer JSAC

The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Rays was conferred on Norio Ota by the Government of Japan on November 3, 2021.

Dr. Ota presented at JSAC 2021. His topic was “Narrative-based advanced and post-advanced Japanese language courses.”

York University won big at the regional speech contest. The two students coached by Ota-sensei won the grand and second prizes in the advanced category.

James White, Research Analyst (Economic Affairs) Consulate-General of Japan in Toronto

Recent publications:

‘Marketing Men (,) Silencing Men: The Sapporo Beer-Mifune Campaign and Perspectives on Gender in Japanese Advertising’ in Kirsch, G. & Mithani, F. (eds), *Handbook of Japanese Media and Popular Culture in Transition* (Forthcoming - 2022)

Marketing Men, Selling Beer: Challenging Gender in Japanese Advertising Discourse 1950 – 1996 (2019). PhD, University of Sheffield, <https://etheses.whiterose.ac.uk/23066/>

Review of Sand, Jordan, Tokyo Vernacular: Common Spaces, Local Histories, Found Objects. (2015) H-Japan, H-Net Reviews. <https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=44180>

Bill Sewell, Professor, Saint Mary's University

Bill Sewell published “Japanese Public Health Concerns in Treaty-Port Manchuria” in Canadian Journal of History Vol. 57, No. 1.

Scholars often portray colonial medicine either as exemplifying the triumph of progress or as a means of expanding imperial authority. Adding to these views a consideration of the range of activities present on the ground reveals activities consistent with both perspectives, but points also to limitations inherent in perceiving these efforts in these two ways.

Yves Tiberghien, Professor, University of British Columbia

Latest Book:

Tiberghien, Y. (August 2021). *The East Asian Covid-19 Paradox* (Elements in Politics and Society in East Asia). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/9781108973533>

Recent articles:

- 26 March 2022: [The paradox of China–India relations](#), in *East Asia Forum*, with Meghna Srivastava.
- 20 March 2022: “[Disrupted Order: G20 Global Governance at a Time of Geopolitical Crisis](#),” in *Global Summitry*

- 14 Feb 2022. “[Existential gap: Digital/AI Acceleration and the Missing Global Governance Capacity](#),” CIGI Online Article, project on peaceful competition (with Danielle Luo and Panthea Pourmalek)
- 6 Feb 2022. “[Japan slams the borders shut on Omicron](#),” *East Asia Forum* (with Saya Soma)
- 8 Nov 2021. “[The good, the bad and the incongruous at the Rome G20](#)” in *East Asia Forum*
- 28 Oct 2021. “[South Korea’s deepening social fractures amid COVID-19 success](#)” in *East Asia Forum* (with Yoojung Lee)
- 24 Sept 2021. “[Taiwan’s COVID-19 vaccine struggles](#)” in *East Asia Forum* (with Jackie Zhao)
- 13 Sept 2021. “[Delta upends the East Asia COVID-19 model](#),” in *East Asia Forum*

Book interview:

August 2021: <https://politics.ubc.ca/news/prof-yves-tiberghien-examines-why-east-asian-countries-handled-covid-better-in-his-new-book/>] Analysis of the politics of the Meiji Restoration in Japan and of its global impact today: <https://ici.radio-canada.ca/ohdio/premiere/emissions/aujourd-hui-l-histoire/episodes/589170/rattrapage-du-mardi-7-decembre-2021>



Dr. Henry Tsang

Registered Architect & Assistant Professor
Athabasca University, RAIC Centre for Architecture

Family:

Welcomed to his family twin Japanese-Canadian girls, Noemie 和えみ and Amelie 愛めり, born in Tokyo on March 25, 2022.



Awards:

Winner of two Construction Canada Emerging Leader Awards in two categories: the 'Leadership Award' and the overall best 'Juror's Choice Award'



Winner of 2nd Prize in International Essay Competition on Accessible Architecture for his article “Accessible Design: An Architect’s Blind Spot”.

Projects:

Was appointed as Japanese architectural consultant by the city of Montreal for the design of the new Japanese Pavilion in the Montreal Botanical Gardens.



Interviews:

“AU Architecture Prof designs for underserved communities”. Interview published in The Hub by Athabasca University, December 2, 2021. <https://news.athabascau.ca/faculty/faculty-of-science-and-technology/au-architecture-prof-designs-for-underserved-communities/>

Presentations:

Hosted the *Discovering Japanese-Canadian Nikkei Identity & Culture: Past & Present* conference between August 23 to September 21, 2021. The project hosted 23 Japanese students virtually from the University of Tokyo, Doshisha University, Kyoto University of Foreign Studies and Wakayama University.



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 日系カナダ人のアイデンティティーと文化を探る

Virtual Conference
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8.30.2021 @ 6PM MDT | Calgary Time
Virtual Guided Tour of the Nikkei National Museum
 Carolyn Nakagawa, Education Program Developer

9.06.2021 @ 6PM MDT | Calgary Time
Academic Webinar Forum
 Prof. Henry Tsang, RAIC Centre for Architecture, Athabasca University
 Prof. Kristen Emiko McAllister, School of Communication, Simon Fraser University
 Prof. Hiroko Nono, Dept. of Pacific & Asian Studies, University of Victoria
 Prof. Audrey Kobayashi, Dept. of Geography, Queen's University

9.13.2021 @ 6PM MDT | Calgary Time
Nikkei Storytelling
 Koiko Mary Kitagawa, Educator & Activist
 Vivilan Wakabayashi Rygnestad, School Principal
 Jack Kobayashi, Architect

www.utokyocanada.ca/DiscoveringNikkei

Logos: 東京大学 (The University of Tokyo), Athabasca University, JAPAN FOUNDATION (国際交流基金), Calgary Japanese Community Association

Presented at the Japanese MEXT Scholars Association's academic conference on the topic of 'How COVID-19 Affected the Academic World' on May 15, 2021.

Presented at the “Let’s Talk to Japan Alumni” panel session hosted by Tobitate on May 30, 2021.

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Presented “Understanding Japanese Architecture”, guest lecture for The Japan Foundation Toronto on May 6, 2021.



Will be giving an in-person lecture at the Shibaura Institute of Technology 芝浦工業大学 in Tokyo on June 2022.

Will be giving a virtual lecture at the University of Tokyo as part of the Modern Japan History Workshop on May 27, 2022.

Grants:

Co-Applicant, recipient of a SSHRC Insight Development Grant for *The Politics of Placemaking in Chinatown* (\$72,000)

Committees:

President, The University of Tokyo Alumni Association of Canada. (2019 - Present)

Jury Member, Japan Exchange & Teaching (JET) Programme. (2020 – Present)

Jury Member, MEXT Monbukagakusho Scholarship (2021 – Present)

Committee Member, Calgary Japanese Community Association. (2021 - Present)

Board Member, MEXT Scholarship Alumni Association of the Prairie Provinces. (2020 - Present)

Board Member, Ship for World Youth Alumni Association of Canada. (2019 - 2022)

Noriko Yabuki-Soh Associate Professor, York University

Publication:

Japanese L2 learners' subjective construal: An analysis of expressions of emotion and evaluation in written storytelling found in I-JAS data. Co-authored with Y. Okuno. *Journal of Japanese Linguistics* 38, 49-69.

Conference Presentations:

ストーリー描写課題における日本語学習者の事態把握の表現方法 — 視点表現に代わる主観的表現に着目して — [The way Japanese L2 learners express construal in their written storytelling: Focusing on expressions of subjectivity as alternatives to expressions of viewpoint].

Paper co-presented with Y. Okuno at the annual conference of the Canadian Association for Japanese Language Education (CAJLE 2021) held online, August 18-19, 2021

Portrayals of women in advertisements in present-day Japan. Paper presented at the annual conference of the Japan Studies Association of Canada (JSAC 2021) held online, October 17-18, 2021

Manuscript reviewing:

Feb 2020 – Present: 『第二言語としての日本語の習得研究』 [*Acquisition of Japanese as a Second Language*]

Japanese language community service:

Member of the Organizing Committee for the 40th Ontario Japanese Speech Contest (Online), University of Toronto, March 6, 2022.

Member of the Organizing Committee for the 33rd Canada National Japanese Speech Contest (Online), March 26, 2022.

Glad to report that York U students won many of the top prizes in the provincial Japanese language speech contest this year again. This was featured in our university newsletter [Y-File](#).

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