Nichibunken-AMU-UW EAJS Pre-Symposium Program
(Poznań, 26 August 2026)

Sparking Global Japanese Studies: Bodies, Limits, and Linguistic Boundaries

Venue: Collegium Heliodori Święcicki, Adam Mickiewicz University (AMU), Grunwaldzka 6, 60-780 Poznań, Poland
Date: 26 August 2026
Organizers: Manami Yasui, Ayako Kusunoki, Edward Boyle, Beata Bochorodycz, Aleksandra Jarosz, Oskar Dylewski, Marcin Kłos, and Marek Skurski

Program **Aula, Collegium Heliodori Święcicki**

13:30 – 13:40 Opening remarks
Beata Bochorodycz (AMU) & Manami Yasui (Nichibunken)

13:40 – 14:20 **Keynote Lecture:** Shoji Yamada (Nichibunken)
"From Digitization to the Eureka Moment"
Moderator: Mai Kataoka (Nichibunken)

14:20 – 14:40 **Tea Break**

Panel Sessions:
14:40 – 16:40

1. ***Bodies, Health, Politics*** **– Room 801**
   Coordinators: Manami Yasui & Ken Daimaru (Université Paris Cité)

   Session Overview: Manami Yasui
   Presentation 1: Ken Daimaru
   Social Studies of Health and Diseases in Contemporary Japan: International and Interdisciplinary Perspectives seen from France
   Presentation 2: Angelika Koch (Leiden University)
   Picture-Book Medicine: Commercial Medicines and Advertising in Late Edo Popular Fiction
   Presentation 3: Kathryn Tanaka (University of Hyogo)
   Their Place in Japan: Handwritten Magazines from the National Sanatorium for Hansen's Disease, Oshima Seishō-en 1944-1948.
   Comment: Matthias Hayek (École Pratique des Hautes Études-PSL)
   Moderator: Minhyeok Kwon (Nichibunken)
   Discussion and Q&A

2. ***Limits of Japanese Democracy*** **(Roundtable) – Room 802**

Coordinators: Ayako Kusunoki (Nichibunken) &
Katarzyna Starecka (University of Warsaw)

Session Overview: Ayako Kusunoki
Presenters: Kaoru Iokibe (University of Tokyo)
Alexander Bukh (Waseda University)
Yasuko Miyazaki (Hiroshima Shudo University
Moderator: Yufei Zhou (Nichibunken)

3. ***Categorizing Japonic Linguistics*** **– Room 803**

Coordinators: Aleksandra Jarosz (AMU) &
Zahra Moharramipour (Nichibunken)

Session Overview: Aleksandra Jarosz

Presentation 1: Arkadiusz Jabłoński (AMU)
Categorization (and its Lack) in Basic Terms of Japanese Linguistics
Presentation 2: Akiko Yokoyama (NINJAL)
Challenges of Local Diversity in Ryukyuan Language Revitalization
Presentation 3: Hanna Jaśkiewicz (Nicolaus Copernicus University, Toruń)
Categorizing Social Perceptions of Japanese Dialects in Fiction
Discussion and Q&A

16:40 – 17:00 Tea Break

17:00 – 17:30 General Discussion in Aula

Coordinators: Manami Yasui & Ayako Kusunoki

- Summaries of the three panels
- General discussion
- Research topics for the next EAJS conference

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