

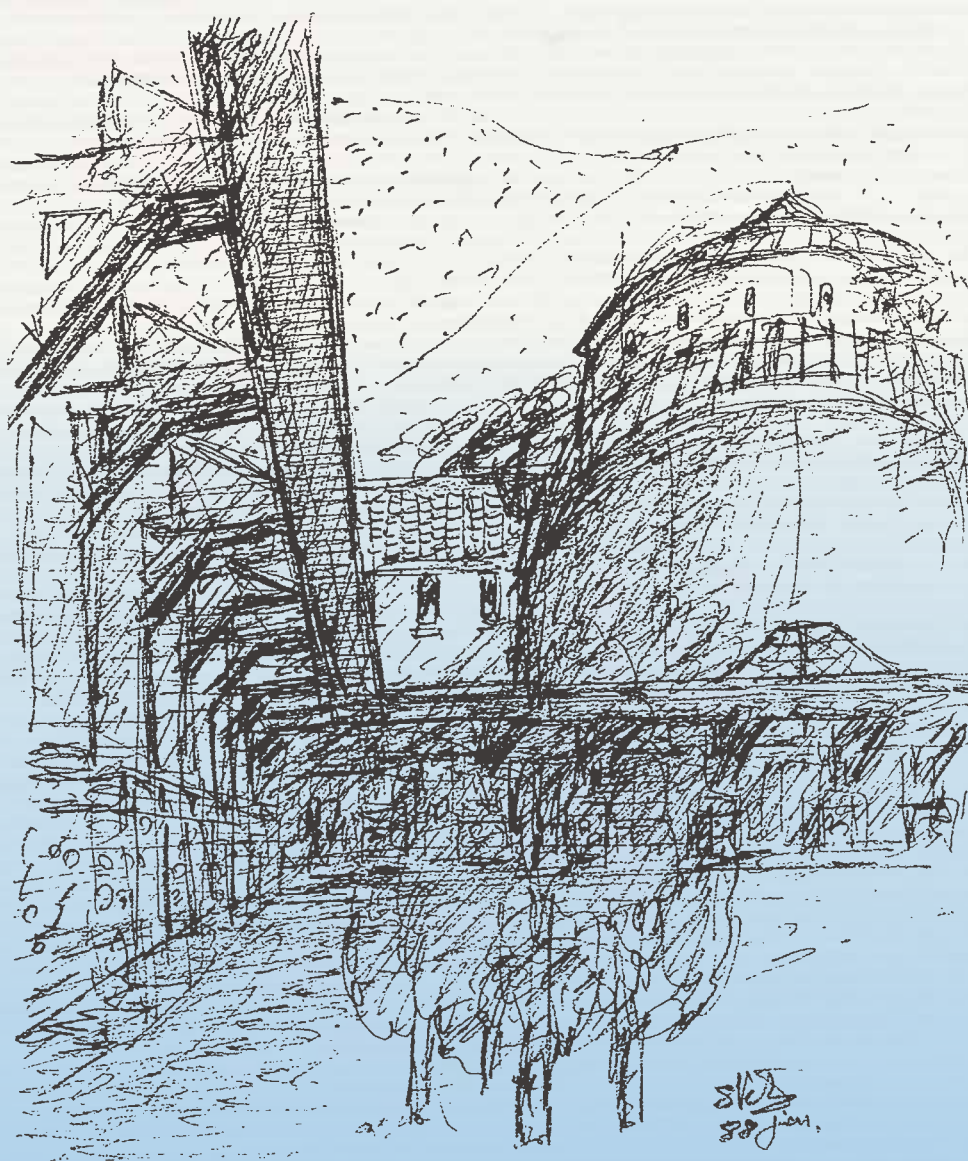
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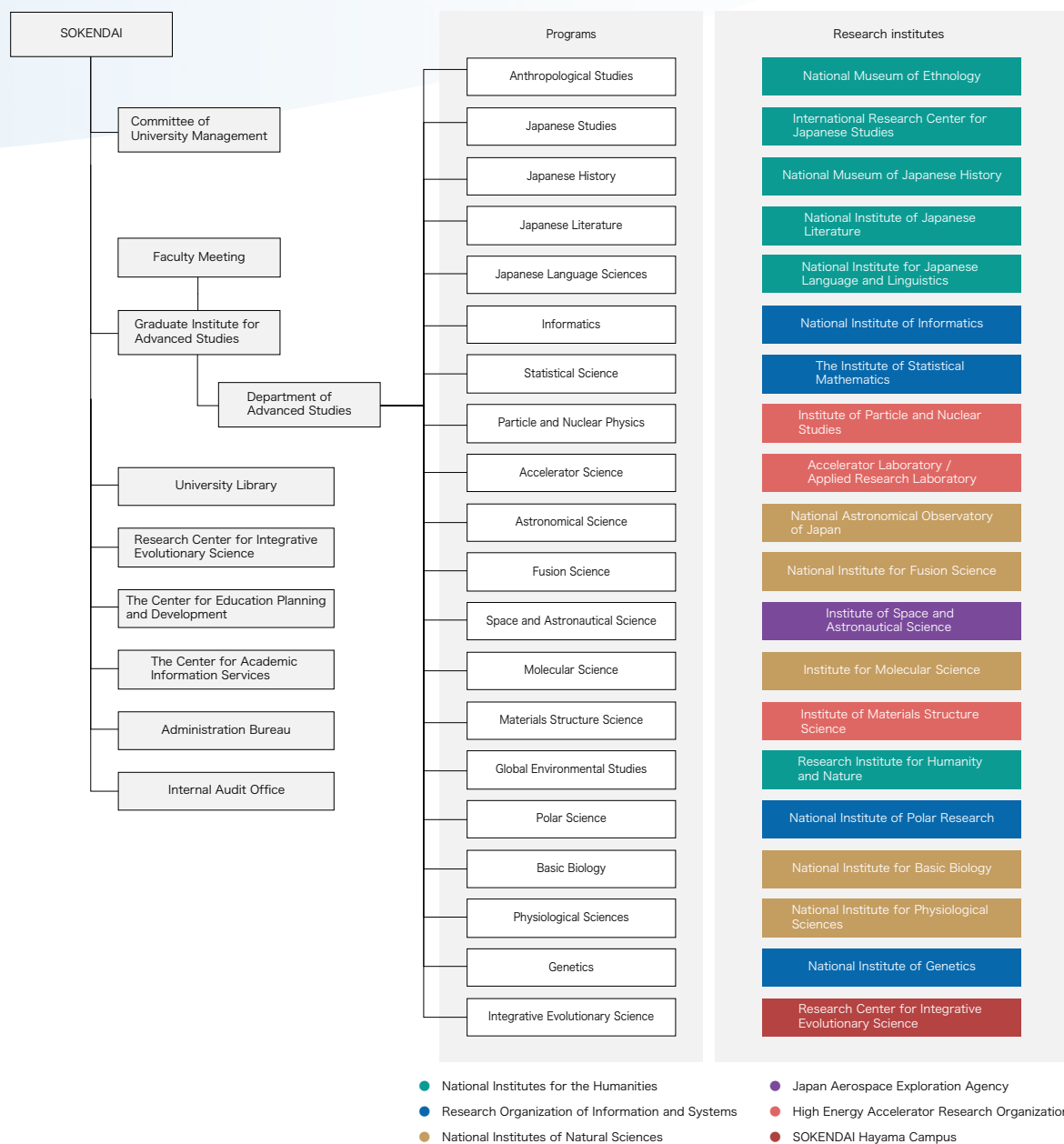
# The Japanese Studies Program,

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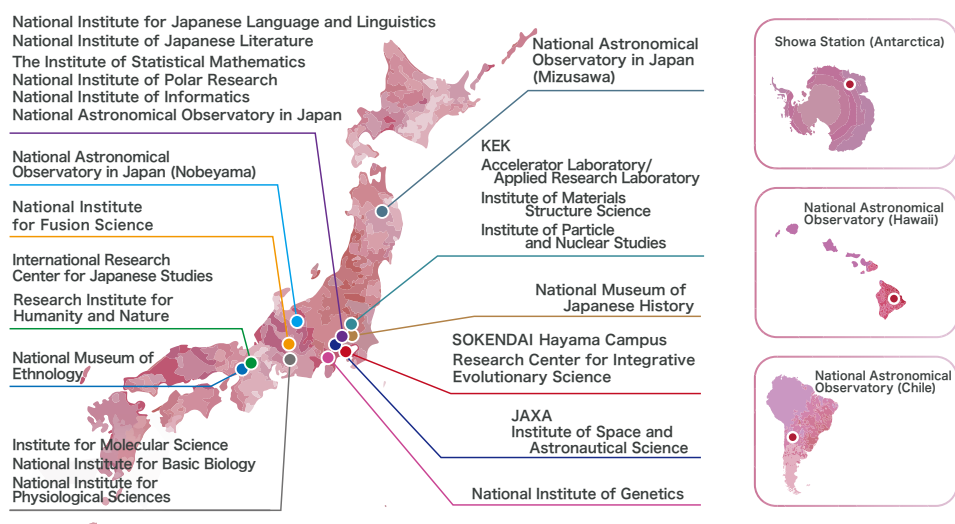


National Institutes for the Humanities  
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# The Graduate University for Advanced Studies



## ● Location of the Inter-University Research Institutes



# Messages from the Director-General and Chair

## Director-General of Nichibunken



Director-General  
INOUE Shōichi

The International Research Center for Japanese Studies (Nichibunken) is the institutional home of the Japanese Studies program within Graduate Institute for Advanced Studies, SOKENDAI. Nichibunken was established to further interdisciplinary research on Japanese culture from an international perspective and also to facilitate and promote research cooperation with overseas scholars. In addition to deepening the study of Japan in the humanities, social sciences, and related fields, Nichibunken also collects and makes available information and materials pertaining to Japanese studies.

Supported by the presence of distinguished senior scholars and a rich research environment, education and research on Japanese culture at Nichibunken aims to nurture young scholars—both from Japan and other countries—through its international and interdisciplinary graduate courses and research programs. The Japanese Studies program also seeks actively to admit promising young scholars from abroad as part of this endeavor.

In order to fulfill its mission of international and interdisciplinary study, Nichibunken is administratively organized under a single chair, allowing for a curriculum that makes possible multifaceted perspectives on Japanese studies and a uniquely flexible teaching and research organization. Nichibunken has also established an environment conducive to team research projects that include scholars from other institutions working in various fields. Postgraduate scholars who seek to continue their research at Nichibunken are encouraged to make full use of its well-endowed teaching and research environment to complete their doctoral degree.

## The Japanese Studies Program



Chair (Japanese Studies)  
ISODA Michifumi

The Japanese Studies program offers a highly interdisciplinary research environment. This is reflected in the list of teaching staff. Each member of the faculty brings a different perspective to the study of Japanese culture. The faculty members are experts in their fields, but also have the ability to work across a variety of other research fields. Graduate students entering the program will be able to develop their research skills from a broad perspective under the guidance of not only their supervisor but also other faculty members. Moreover, through team research meetings, symposia, seminars, and research projects, students are exposed to the academic activities of the International Research Center for Japanese Studies (Nichibunken), which is the parent institution of our program. In doing so, students will develop an interdisciplinary spirit and cultivate their abilities to expand the frontiers of Japanese studies.

Besides its interdisciplinary nature, Nichibunken's activities are also international in scope. Apart from organising and taking part in academic events abroad, every year we invite several leading international researchers to our Center. Interaction with these researchers enriches the research life of the graduate students and provides them with fresh ideas for their doctoral theses. Furthermore, there are opportunities for exchange with students from other programs of the Graduate University for Advanced Studies, such as the National Museum of Japanese History, the National Museum of Japanese Literature, and the National Museum of Ethnology.

In this international and interdisciplinary research environment, the mission of the program is to nurture future researchers who will be active in the academic world at home and abroad. We welcome applicants who aspire to conduct original research with a global perspective.

# The Japanese Studies Program: Overview

## Organization

The Japanese Studies program facilitates the pursuit of an international and interdisciplinary Japanese studies encompassing the humanities, social sciences, and the natural sciences. Key to this is the involvement of all our faculty in teaching and research guidance.

The program requires candidates to take courses on “Theory and Methodology in Japanese Studies”, “Interdisciplinary Research”, and “Dissertation Work in Advanced Studies”, which provide the theoretical and methodological basis for conducting Japanese studies from a global perspective. Through these courses and guided research, we will foster researchers with creative and highly specialized perspectives, equipped to undertake Japanese studies in the twenty-first century.

## Purpose

The Japanese Studies Program supports education and research on Japanese culture and civilization in international and interdisciplinary perspective through its diverse faculty and the rich resources of its research environment and aims to nurture researchers with an international and broadminded perspective.

### ● Courses offered in FY 2023

	Subject	Course Description	Teaching Staff
Elective	Theory and Methodology in Japanese Studies	Lectures present the latest research themes, objectives, and methodologies of each member of the Nichibunken faculty and introduce the latest developments in Japanese studies. Participants engage in research to clarify the theoretical and methodological frameworks of Japanese studies.	All members of faculty
	Interdisciplinary Research	Practice through oral presentations and question-and-answer sessions to promote the writing of an interdisciplinary thesis, thereby offering specific encouragement to a candidate's writing of the doctoral thesis.	All members of faculty
	Practical Training in Symposium Management	Participation in planning and organizing symposiums, seminars, team research projects, and the like, held at the program's home institute (Nichibunken).	Academic supervisor and associated faculty members
Required	Dissertation Work in Advanced Studies	Individually programmed lectures, seminars, and workshops necessary for writing the thesis. The programs are implemented with the support of faculty members working in relevant fields.	Academic supervisor and associated faculty members

## Faculty Guidance

In addition to the main academic supervisor assigned to them, graduate students in the Japanese Studies program receive guidance from two sub-advisors. Students are also free to consult at any time with other faculty or with the visiting scholars. Graduate students may participate in team research projects organized by the faculty, receive training in basic area research, as well as take part in seminars and other symposiums held at Nichibunken bringing together scholars from both within and outside the institute. We hope this stimulating research environment will help students complete the work for their degrees.



Graduate Student Class



# Student Support

## Financial Aid

To defray expenses related to survey and research activities, travel expenses, conference registration fees, copying of documents, etc., support in the form of Graduate Student Project Stipends, the short-stay Study Abroad Program Grants, etc. are provided. Students may also submit requests for help in purchasing books and other materials necessary for research and writing the dissertation.

## Scholarships

The following scholarships are offered to help privately financed international students: If the number of applicants exceeds the quota, an internal selection process will be conducted.

- The International Foundation for Japanese Studies scholarships

Japanese students can apply for Japanese Student Services Organization scholarships.

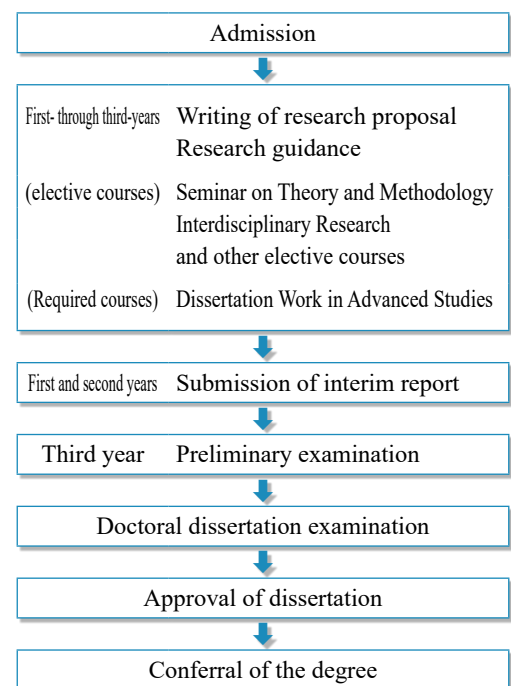


Use of the Nichibun Library



Graduate Student Room

## Timeline Leading to Conferral of the Degree



## Message from a Student

## An Invitation to The Japanese Studies Program

SU Wenbo

At night it is not unusual to see deer roaming the grounds of the International Research Center for Japanese Studies (Nichibunken), the home of the Japanese Studies Program of Sokendai's Graduate Institute for Advanced Studies. The Center is at the foot of the mountains to the northwest of central Kyoto. Unlike other universities, Sokendai does not have an undergraduate arm but focuses on graduate education. Research under this program is approached from a global perspective, for international and interdisciplinary study of Japan.

Prior to entering Sokendai's three-year doctoral program, I spent a year as a research student at Nichibunken. This experience opened up to me a whole new world and made me realize how much more I needed to grow as a student, so much so that I decided to pursue a PhD in the Program.

Nichibunken is a leader in Japanese Studies both nationally and internationally, and students can meet many outstanding scholars and fine colleagues. Each year, leading researchers of all manners of fields are invited as visiting research scholars and graduate students are allowed to participate in discussions with them. This experience greatly broadens the perspectives of students, while also offering them a wealth of intellectual stimulation.

In addition, generous financial support is available for graduate students. The Program covers the expenses graduate students need to conduct research and participate in academic conferences through its Graduate Student Research Project System and research assistantships in support of tasks relating to Nichibunken's research activities. Thanks to these and other systems, students can pursue their research free of financial concerns. The outstanding research environment available at Sokendai and the Japanese Studies Program is something I can confidently recommend to students aspiring to pursue Japanese Studies.

# Faculty Profiles (as of June 2023)

1) Specialized Fields; 2) Current Research Themes;

## ISODA Michifumi (Chair) Professor

1) Japanese history; 2) I am studying reforms of the *bakuh* system of the middle to late early-modern period. Following the Tōhoku Earthquake and Tsunami I began gathering historical material about previous earthquakes and tsunami in an effort to put the information to use in disaster prevention. Recently, in cooperation with local governments, I have begun to investigate old documents concerning the *shinobi (ninja)* of Iga and Kōga.



## ARAKI Hiroshi Professor

1) Japanese literature; 2) My research focuses on *Genji monogatari*, *Konjaku monogatari*, *Tsurezuregusa*, and other classics, and I am also interested in the culture of dreams. Currently, I am engaged in a team research project titled “Solid “Impermanence”/Fragile “Impermanence”: The Transmogrification of the Classics and Future Prospects” to consider new angles for exploring the international and contemporary possibilities of classic culture. The project explores the international and contemporary possibilities of classical culture.



## ENOMOTO Wataru (Vice Chair) Professor

1) Medieval history of international exchange; 2) My research focuses on relations between Japan and other countries from the ninth through fourteenth centuries. While Japan's interest in diplomacy was low in this period, private or unofficial relations with other countries were even more active than before or after that time. As manifestations of that activity, I take up mainly merchants engaged in overseas trade and priests who went to China to study.



## Frederik CRYNS (Deputy Director-General) Professor

1) Interaction between the Western world and Japan  
2) I have been working on the Dutch factory in Hirado, William Adams (Miura Anjin) and Hosokawa Gracia. I am also pursuing a joint research project on “The Formation and Development of Western Perceptions of Japan”.



## ISOMAE Jun'ichi Professor

1) Religious studies; critical theory; 2) I think we can observe something of the essence of humanity in the person who commits evil acts while believing he is doing good. Isn't it true that the concept of the divine as well as the phenomenon of bias (discrimination) arise out of such workings of the mind? This is the source of my fascination with the subject of religion.



## ITŌ Takayuki Professor

1) History of Chinese thought; cultural interaction in East Asia; comparative culture; 2) My research focuses on the philosophical and intellectual history of China, placing it in the context of the East Asian culture sphere including Japan and Korea. In some cases, my consideration adds global viewpoints including that of the West or a comparative or international relations perspective.



## KURAMOTO Kazuhiro Professor

1) History of ancient Japan; 2) I study the aspects and significance of the rise of the ancient Japanese state and compare them with the other states of the north-east Asian world. Also, through readings of the diaries and other old records written by members of the Heian aristocracy, I endeavor to clarify the true nature of the politics, culture, society, and the religion of the Heian aristocracy.



## KUSUNOKI Ayako Professor

1) Japanese political and diplomatic history; security studies; 2) Japan's post Asia-Pacific war policies on diplomacy and security took shape during the period from the occupation to the peace treaty. Why is that these policies have been basically adhered to over the long term? We shall consider the outcomes of the intermingling of two contexts: that of Japan's international relations since the nineteenth century, and that of international politics and domestic environment during the cold war.



## LIU Jianhui Professor

1) History of cultural connections between Japan and China; 2) I pursue the mutual cultural influences and interventions in the modern East Asian region as a whole (including those between Japan and China), transcending one-country views of history and reappraising the region as a cultural community that together experienced the impact of Western modernization.



## MATSUDA Toshihiko (Deputy Director-General) Professor

1) History of Japanese and Korean relations; 2) I am currently studying medical care and sanitation policy in Korea under Japanese rule. Particularly through the activities of the famous bacteriologist Shiga Kiyoshi, famous for discovering the dysentery bacterium, I examine relations between Japanese doctors and Korean society as well as world changes in medical research centered on the United States and how those changes were related to the Japanese empire.



## ŌTSUKA Eiji Professor

1) History of the arts of manga; Manga writing theory; Yanagita Kunio studies; 2) I analyze the interplay among modes of expression in manga and adjacent media from a media mix perspective, using the example of wartime propaganda in particular. I am also interested in reassessing manga writing theory as a form of media theory.



## SEKINO Tatsuki Professor

1) Informatics; 2) I conduct research and development for visualization and analysis of information based on time. Results of this research are made available to the public in the form of the time information system HuTime, Web applications, and basic data for dealing with dates in the Japanese calendar.



**Timon SCREECH**  
Professor

1) Art history and history of the Edo period; 2) 1. Art history and visual culture of the Edo Period. History of anatomy and body criticism; erotica. Rethinking 'sakoku', and international exchange 2. Deification of warriors in the early-modern period (Toyokuni daimyōjin, Tōshō daigongen). Nationwide network of Tōshō-gū shrines. 3. International exchange in the early-modern Kingdom of Lūchū (J: Ryūkyū). Cultural history of the Yaima (J: Yaeyama) islands.



**TAKII Kazuhiro**  
Professor

1) Constitutional history; comparative legal history; 2) I study the formation and development of the Meiji constitutional system from the standpoint of the history of intellectual society and international relations. By approaching the history of Japan's constitution from both internal and external perspectives rather than simply as a phenomenon of one country, I hope to generate research that will have currency at an international level.



**USHIMURA Kei**  
Professor

1) Comparative literature and culture; intellectual history; 2) My current research interest is in reconsidering how civilization was conceived by the Japanese Army during the Shōwa era. Specifically, I am looking to explore how military figures like Tōjō Hideki, the premier at the time of Pearl Harbor, interpreted Western civilization when confronted by the Western powers.



**YAMADA Shōji**  
Professor

1) Informatics; history of cultural exchange; 2) I am engaged in the study of changes in the copyright law and their impact on culture, of the changes that occur in such traditions as Zen or popular culture when they are transmitted overseas and of the responses to them on the Japanese side, and of Digital Humanities, and other topics.



**YASUI Manami**  
Professor

1) Japanese folklore; cultural anthropology; 2) I continue to conduct fieldwork in Japan and Micronesia in order to shed light on folk customs and human interactions as they relate to changes in practices revolving around such issues as pregnancy, childbirth, and medical care. I am also engaged in exploring how people have imagined the body and expressed it symbolically in iconography, from a perspective in which such fields as folk belief, medicine, and art overlap.



**ZHAN Xiaomei**  
Professor

1) History of artistic connections between Japan and China in the modern age; 2) I investigate internal factors out of western influences in the formation and transition of modern Japan and China art, from the perspective of cultural history. I purpose the common situation and the relation of the traditional Artists' Society, including Literati Paintings—a common genre between China and Japan. Furthermore, I pursue the Manchurian Experiences of Japanese Artists.



**Edward BOYLE**  
Associate Professor

1) Border studies, heritage studies; 2) My work examines borders from the early-modern to the contemporary era, looking at sovereignty and territory, spatial representation, the politics of belonging and marginalization, and memorialization. I study borders and borderland spaces in Japan and Northeast Asia more broadly, and also conduct field research in Northeast India and on Palau.



**KATAOKA Mai**  
Associate Professor

1) Modern Japanese literature; comparative literature; 2) I conduct research on the English translation, editing and publishing processes of modern Japanese literature, and the reception and dissemination of that literature. My specific focus is on the English-speaking world after the Pacific War, and I examine the inside history of the "passage" across borders of works of translated literature and the transformations they undergo. I am concerned with the reality and possibilities of modern Japanese literature as it takes shape under an international gaze.



Professor ŌTSUKA, Professor KURAMOTO will retire in March 2024.  
Professor ARAKI, Professor USHIMURA will retire in March 2025.  
Professor ISOMAE will retire in March 2026.

# Degrees Awarded

## ● Degree for The Japanese Studies Program

Those who have completed the requirements for the degree in Japanese Studies will be awarded a doctoral degree.

## ● Number of Doctoral Degrees Awarded, by Year

Fiscal Year	1994 ~2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
Coursework Doctorates	19	4	6	0	0	3	1	3	1	2	3	2	3	2	1	4	3	2	3	4	1	67
Thesis Doctorates	10	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	4	1	0	0	3	1	1	1	0	0	28
Total	29	4	7	1	1	3	1	3	1	3	6	6	4	2	1	7	4	3	4	4	1	95

## ● Past Recipients of the Doctoral Degree

### Coursework Doctorates

Year of Admission	Name	Title of Thesis	Date of Award
1992	AOKI Jun	Characteristics of Medieval <i>Kesshu</i> Shown in Offerings Contained in Buddhist Images: General Study of <i>Kechien-kyomyo</i> Including Those Made by Kaikai	March 23, 1995
	WOO Jong Tae	Symbolization of Personality Integration Shown in <i>Iru-i-kontan</i> : Japan and Korea	March 21, 1996
1993	QIAN Guohong	Formation of the Image of the World: Tokugawa Japan and China	March 21, 1996
	KOBAYASHI Hiroyuki	Thought in Food: Andō Shōeki	September 30, 1996
	TSUDA Junko	Tradition and Transformation of <i>Kamiuta</i> : The Case of Karimata Village, Miyakojima, Okinawa	March 24, 1997
1994	ONAHA Maria Cecilia	History of Japanese Immigrants to Argentina: Free Immigration and the Formation of a Community of Japanese Descent	March 24, 1997
	TADA Iori	The Case of the <i>Nihon Ryoiki</i>	March 24, 1997
	KAMOTO Itsuko	Historical and Social Study of International Marriage between 1636 and 1899	September 30, 1997
	SUZUKI Noriko	Modern Society in Japan and Illness: Development of Medicine for Leprosy Patients	September 30, 1997
1995	KATŌ Yoshirō	Religious Commentaries on the Taima Mandara and Jodo Sect in the Middle Ages	March 24, 1999
	DOI Hiroshi	A Genealogy of <i>Muen-bochi</i> Cemeteries	March 24, 1999
	BART Gaens	The Organization of Merchant Houses in Tokugawa Japan: A Comparison with the Low Countries	March 24, 1999
1996	SHIN Chang-Ho	Religion and Politics in the Formation of Korean Nationalism: Analysis of Togaku, Pro-Japan Buddhism, and Protestantism	March 24, 2000
	ONABE Tomoko	Quest for Complete Transparency: Study of “Shaho-Shinjutsu” by Endo Takanori	September 28, 2001
	HIRAI Shōko	Historical Sociology of Home and Life Course: Historical Demographic Analysis of Agricultural Communities in the Tohoku Region in Japan’s Modern Ages	March 22, 2002
1997	ZHAN Xiaomei	Ideological and Artistic View of Tomioka Tessai’s Painting Style: Study of Approbation Comments ( <i>San-bun</i> ) on Paintings by Tessai	March 23, 2001
	TAKENOUCHI Emiko	Study of Instrument Players ( <i>Gaku-shi</i> ) in Kabuki Performance: Kamigata (Kansai district) Kabuki in Japan’s Modern Age	September 30, 2004
	TANG Quan	Romance Across the Sea: Personnel Exchange between China and Japan from 1684 to 1894	March 22, 2002
1998	OGAWA Naoko	“ <i>Tate</i> (Swordfights)” in Samurai Movies	March 24, 2004
	MATSUMURA Kaoruko	Study of <i>Funzō-e</i> : The Case of the Fukuda Kai	March 24, 2004
	KATAHIRA Miyuki	Japanese Gardens Conflict between the Formation of Images and Interpretation: Western Notions and Responses from Japan (1868-1940)	September 30, 2004
1999	MORIMOTO Kazuhiko	Historical Development of the “Family” Seen in Han-Danka: Quantitative Analysis of the <i>Shumon-Aratame-Cho</i>	March 24, 2003
	ITŌ Naoko	Development of Molded Images and <i>Hōgu</i> in the Religious History of Indonesia: A Comparison with Japan	September 30, 2004
	NAGAMATSU Atsushi	Study of the Beginning and Transition of Hunting in Japan from the Viewpoint of History and Folklore	March 24, 2003
2000	ITŌ Akiko	The Development of Statements on Science and Technology in the History and Transformation of the National Identity: Overview during the Two World Wars and the Following Period	September 30, 2003
	ÜLKER Bahadır Bogac	Napoleonic Wars and International System: With Special Reference to the Ottoman Empire and Japan	March 24, 2005
	NASU Hiroo	The Origin and Spread of Agriculture in China and Japan: Archaeo-botanical Study of Chengtoushan Site, Hunan, China	March 24, 2004
2001	IWAI Shigeki	Love Poems ( <i>Renka</i> ) and Related Issues in Japanese Poetry ( <i>Kado</i> ) and Tea Ceremony ( <i>Sado</i> ): Historical Development and Social Background	September 30, 2004
	NAKATANI Masakazu	Cooking Techniques in Prehistoric East Asia Seen in Material Culture: Cases in the Coastal Region of China and Japan in the Early Agricultural Period	March 24, 2005
	MUTŌ Shutarō	The Social Sciences in Modern Japan: Reconsidering East Asia	March 19, 2008
2003	Li Wei	The Use of Space in Edo-Period Daimyo Gardens: A Focus on “View” ( <i>Chōbō</i> )	March 19, 2008
	HORI Madoka	Yone Noguchi: His Life and Work as a Writer of Dual Nationality	September 30, 2009
	TOYA Riina	“Tokyo Ginza Shiseido”: Fukuhara Shinzō and the Construction of Corporate Image	September 30, 2010
2004	SAKAI Junichirō	Educational and Cultural Interchange of Qing’s International Students in Japan: Contribution of Kōbun Gakuin	March 19, 2008
	SAWADA Harumi	Traditional Theatre and Chikamatsu Monzaemon in Modern Japanese Culture: Academicism/Theatre Criticism/Actor’s Body	March 24, 2009
2005	NAKANO Yōhei	The Study of Shinano Miko: The Formation and Transformation of Popular Religious Specialist Groups in the Edo Period	March 24, 2010
	YOKOYAMA Teruki	The Edo Shogunate’s Policy of Encouraging <i>Bugei</i> (Martial Arts): Tokugawa Yoshimune’s Epochal Idea	March 22, 2013
2006	MEI Ding	Changes in Guding’s Thought in Manchukuo as Seen in His Translations, Works, and Publishing Activities	March 24, 2010
	KOYAMA Shuko	Taishō Shin Hanga: Birth of the Art of Modern Japanese Woodblock Print, its Structure and Development, Focusing on the Role of the Publisher	March 20, 2014
2007	NAGATO Yōhei	The Aesthetics of Sound and Image in the Films of Mizoguchi Kenji: The Audio-Visual Analysis of Narrative Structure	March 23, 2012
	SUZUKI Kenkō	<i>Shunga</i> Iconology in the Edo Period: Studies of the Background Art of Erotic Images	September 28, 2012
2008	CHEN Ling Hong	Japan-China Theater Exchange in the Modern Age: The Impact of <i>Shinpa on Wenming-xi</i>	March 23, 2012
	TOKUNAGA Seiko	A Study of the <i>Yūzū Nembutsu Engi</i> : Religious Belief as Seen in Medieval Illustrated Tales	March 22, 2013
	OKAMOTO Kikuko	Memorial Tree-Planting in Modern Japan: Examining Honda Seiroku’s Thoughts and Achievements in Forestry	March 20, 2014



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2010	URUSHIZAKI Mari	Textual Approaches to Edo Nagauta Music	September 29, 2014
	HAN Lingling	The Literary Activities of Kitamura Kenjiro in Manchuria	March 24, 2015
2011	Anton Luis Capistrano SEVILLA	Exporting the Ethics of Emptiness: Applications, Limitations, and Possibilities of Watsuji Tetsuro's Ethical System	March 24, 2015
	CHIEN Chung-Hao	"Barbarian"; The understanding of Taiwanese aborigines in Modern Japan from the Writers' point of view.	March 24, 2016
2012	RONG Yuan	Activities Organized by Newspaper Companies in the Concession City of Dalian: Focusing on the ManshuNchinichishimbun	March 24, 2017
	NISHIDA Shoichi	Kokutai Theorist KAKEHI Katsuhiko: His Thought and Action	September 28, 2017
2013	MITSUHIRA Yuki	Music Therapy and its Ideological Foundation in the Edo and Meiji Periods: A Study of the Reception of the Healing Qualities of Music in Chinese Nourishing Life Doctrines and western Music Therapy.	March 24, 2016
	USAMI Tomoyuki	The Society of the Northern Kyushu Region in the Yayoi Period as Seen from the Development and Changes of Settlements	March 23, 2018
	KOIZUMI Tomonori	The History of Childhood Sexuality in Early Modern and Modern Japan	March 23, 2018
	YAMAMURA Shou	A Genealogy of Understanding Yang-Ming Learning in Modern Japan	March 23, 2018
2014	SAKA Chihiro	From Old Hag in Hell to Guide to the Pure Land: An Examination of the Representation of Datsueba in Literature and Visual Imagery Together with Rituals and Worship Practices	March 22, 2019
	Gouranga Charan PRADHAN	Reception of <i>Hōjōki</i> in Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Century England and America: With a focus on Natsume Sōseki's English Translation of the Work	March 22, 2019
	KIMISHIMA Ayako	A Study of Kannon Statuary and Faith in Prayers for Peace	March 22, 2019
	SHUNTŌ Ken'ichi	The Humane Treatment of Animals in Postwar Japan: Social Movements for the Humane Treatment (of Dogs and Cats) and the Administration and Management of Animal Protection, 1947-2000	September 27, 2019
	ŌISHI Masumi	Japanese TV Commercials in the 1970s and 1980s: A Perspective Based on the Structure and Ordering of Image Components	September 28, 2020
	KATAOKA Mai	Between <i>Shōsetsu</i> and the 'Novel': With a Focus on the English Translation and the Publishing Process of Modern Japanese Novels in Post-war Japan	September 27, 2019
2015	TAMURA Miyuki	Disability and Gender in Modern Japanese Literature: Body, Sex, Writing	March 24, 2021
	SONG QI	Shinto, Confucianism and Buddhism or "Three Teachings Thought" in the Late Edo Period: An Analysis of Form and Structure	March 24, 2021
2016	SHAN Hejun	The Transformation of Urban Space in Modern Qingdao: Continuity and Discontinuity in Japanese elements	September 28, 2021
	GAO Yanwen	The Discursive Space of "Manchurian and Mongolian Settlement": Focusing on Continental Settlement Literature	March 24, 2022
2018	CHEN Yijie	Seeing the West in Japan: A Study of Western Influences on Fu Baoshi	March 24, 2022
	KUBA Tomoyo	The Perception of Space in Classical Japan	March 24, 2023
2019	YE Xiaoyao	"Kyoto" in the Work of Kawabata Yasunari: Wartime and Postwar Periods	March 24, 2022

Total = 67

## Thesis Doctorates

Name	Title of Thesis	Date of Award
WANG Yong	Prince Shotoku (Shōtoku Taishi) and Chinese Culture: Theory of the Reincarnation of Eshi That Changed History	September 30, 1996
SHIVANI Nandi	Socio-Technological Issues of Technology Transfer: A Specific Case Study of the Maruti-Suzuki Collaboration	March 24, 1997
MANOJ L. Shrestha	Multinational Businesses and Technology Transfer: Business Strategy of Post Echelon Structure	March 24, 1997
SUZUKI Sadami	Study of Kajii Motojirō	March 24, 1997
ITŌ Kenji	Japanese Business Management in East Asia: Globalization of Management and Transfer of "Japanese Corporate Management"	March 24, 1998
KITAGAWA Katsuhiko	Japan: Study of Trading Relations with South Africa	March 24, 1999
KOGUCHI Yasuo	Omi Imperial Court and Emissaries (Torai-jin) from Abroad: Kudara-Kishitsu-shi and Related People	March 24, 1999
TAKADA Yasutaka	Study of Life Culture and Change of Social Situations: Japan's High Economic Growth in the 20th Century	March 24, 1999
HAMAGUCHI Eshun	Principles of Japanology: Japanese People and Society as "Relatum"	September 30, 1999
HANIHARA CHOW Misuzu	Japanese Literacy in Australia: A Changing Demand over Eighty Years	September 28, 2001
KITAGAWA Junko	The Nature and Development of Chestnut ( <i>Castanea Crenata</i> ) and Horse Chestnut ( <i>Aesculus Turbinata</i> ) Culture in Japan	September 30, 2004
OKAMURA Keiji	History of Japan Manchukuo Culture Association: From Foundation to Dissolution	March 24, 2006
KAGAWA Masanobu	Studies of Changing Japanese Perception of <i>Yōkai</i> : "Yōkai Goraku" from the Late Kinsei Period	September 29, 2006
YAMAGUCHI Hiroshi	An Archaeological Study of the Landscapes of Ancient Society: Digital Documentation of Historic Sites and Landscape Analysis	September 30, 2011
JIANG Yingyan	Changes in the Social Status of Tokugawa Shogunal Retainers: With Special Reference to the Trade in <i>Gokenin-kabu</i>	September 28, 2012
SHIBATA Yoriko	Paul-Louis Couchoud and Japan: His Life and the Reception of Haiku in France	March 22, 2013
NOROTA Jun'ichi	Aesthetics and Public Art Policy in the Late Tokugawa Period and the Meiji Era	March 22, 2013
AONO Masaaki	The Logic of State Shinto Established in Colonial Korea : The Shrine Policy of the Japanese Government-General of Korea in the 1930s	March 20, 2014
NEGAWA Sachio	Historical Studies about the Education of Children of Japanese Descent in Brazil during and before the World War II Period	March 20, 2014
KIM Byeongjin	The Revolutionary Syndicalist Ōsugi Sakae: His Ideas on Revolution Based on the concept of "Sei no sōzō" [Creation of Life]	March 20, 2014
Svetlana KORNEEVA	A Historico-Sociological Study of Actions to Contain Quarrels and Altercations during the Early Edo Period: Cases in the Morioka and Kaga Domains	March 20, 2014
ISHIKAWA Hajime	A Study of Funahashi Seiichi: Reappraising the "Literature of Resistance"	March 24, 2015
KADOWAKI Tomohiro	A Study of the Transmission and Enforcement of the Shogunate's National Laws in the First Half of the Early Modern Period	September 28, 2017
NAGAO Yoko	The Cultural Topography of "A Singing Town": Modernity and the Formation of Owara Kaze-no-bon	March 23, 2018
LARKING Matthew	The Pan Real Art Association as an Early Postwar Avant-Garde of Nihonga	March 23, 2018
ISHIKAWA Takumi	Research on Rare Magazines and Publishing Culture during and after the War	September 28, 2018
MATSUMIYA Takayuki	Practical Utility in Ruling the Realm and Calligraphy in Modern China: With Special Reference to Guomoruo	March 24, 2020
SHINOSAKI Atsushi	Research on International Relations and Diplomacy in Heian Japan: The Historical Significance of Intercourse with East Asia from Ancient Times to the Medieval Transition	March 24, 2021

Total = 28

# Admissions Data and Postgraduate Career Tracking

## ● Admissions

Admissions in FY 2021-2023

	Number Admitted	Selection		Admitted Students	Background			
		Applicants	Successful Applicants		Sex		International Students	Jobholders
					Male	Female		
2023	Around 3	9	3	3	0	3	2	1
2022	3	7	3	3	1	2	3	0
2021	3	8	2	2	1	1	1	0

## ● Number of Students by Nationality (As of April 1, 2023)

	Japan	China	Total
1st yr.	1	2	3
2nd yr.	0	3	3
3rd yr.	5	4	9
Total	6	9	15

## ● Graduates Places of Employment

Akita University  
Tokyo Institute of Technology  
Kyoto University  
Nara Women's University  
Hiroshima University  
Kochi Women's University  
Miyazaki Municipal University  
Institute of Technologists  
Otsuma Women's University  
Chubu University  
Kyoto Women's University  
Kyoto Seika University  
Kyoto Bunkyo University  
Shuchiin University

Doshisha Women's College of  
Liberal Arts  
Northeast Normal University  
Hakuho Women's College  
International Research Center for  
Japanese Studies (Nichibunken)  
National Museum of Japanese History  
Japan Society for Promotion of Science  
Chulalongkorn University  
Padjadaran University  
Iris Co., Ltd.  
East China Normal University  
Teikyo University  
Kyushu University

Osaka University  
Osaka Metropolitan University  
Jiangsu University of Technology  
National Pingtung University  
Beijing Language and Culture University  
Aichi Shukutoku University  
Jiangxi University of Science and  
Technology  
Qingdao University  
Qufu Normal University  
Shanghai University  
Shanghai Normal University  
Nagasaki Prefectural Board of Education  
and other organizations

## Message from an Alumnus

SONG Qi (Degree awarded in March 2021)

I entered the Department of Japanese Studies in the spring of 2016 during the height of the cherry blossom season, and earned my PhD five years later. The Department is the predecessor to the Japanese Studies Program, one of the 20 programs available at the Graduate Institute for Advanced Studies that Sokendai established in April 2023. With the International Research Center for Japanese Studies (Nichibunken) as its parent institute, the Program promotes Japanese studies through integrated, international, and interdisciplinary approaches.

Graduate students of the Program receive support from both Sokendai and Nichibunken. Some of the many examples include students' access to graduate student research projects, the Sokendai student dispatch program, the dissertation support program, and various research-related events.

As for Nichibunken—a research institute devoted to Japanese studies from an international perspective—the Center attracts outstanding scholars of Japanese studies from around Japan and invites researchers from around the world. This means even casual conversations or interchanges in classes, seminars, team research projects, workshops, and other academic gatherings can prove to be highly informative. Furthermore, the Nichibunken Library has a broad-ranging collection of documents and other resources in various languages indispensable to Japanese studies, and students are allowed to check out the materials and use interlibrary loan services. Also available at Nichibunken are graduate student rooms designed as places for students to concentrate on their research work.

To cover the living expenses of graduate students, Sokendai offers tuition exemptions, various scholarships, and research assistantships to support tasks relating to Nichibunken's research activities. International students can live in an accommodation called the Nichibunken House for up to two years to ease their financial burden.

Cherry blossoms were in their glory on the day I received my doctorate, just like my first day at Nichibunken. I remain immensely grateful to my advisor and the faculty at the Center, and will always cherish the days I devoted to research there as a Sokendai graduate student.



Conferral of Degree, 2021

# Admission

\*For detailed information, see the Application Guidelines for the current fiscal year.

## ● Number Admitted

The Japanese Studies program admits up to about 3 persons graduate students each year.

## ● Application requirements

Those who hold a master's degree or who expect to acquire a master's degree by March 2024. Those who are recognized by the program as having the level of academic ability equal to or higher than that of a person holding a master's degree are also eligible.

## ● Screening

Screening consists of two stages: first, screening of the documents submitted by the applicant, including the master's degree thesis, and second, screening on the basis of an interview.

Note: Those applicants who have passed the first stage will be notified of the date and time of an interview for the second stage.

## ● Application Acceptance Period

Applications are accepted between November 30 (Thursday) and December 6 (Wednesday), 2023

## ● Second-Stage Screening (Interview): Date and Place

Date: January 29 (Monday), 2024. Emergency back-up date: January 30 (Tuesday), 2024.

Place: Conducted online.

## ● Requesting Application Guidelines

**Requesting Application Guidelines by post from within Japan**

Prepare a self-addressed and stamped (¥400) A4-size envelope (33.2 cm long, 24 cm wide;) to receive the Application Guidelines. Send your request with the prepared envelope to the following address:

**Research Support Unit, Research Cooperation Section, International Research Center for Japanese Studies**

3-2 Oeyama-cho, Goryo, Nishikyo-ku, Kyoto 610-1192 Japan Tel: +81-75-335-2052

**Requesting Application Guidelines by e-mail:**

Please send an e-mail to **the Student Section of the Graduate University for Advanced Studies** at the following address  
E-mail address: [gakusei@ml.soken.ac.jp](mailto:gakusei@ml.soken.ac.jp)

Include the following five items of information in your message.

1. Postal code 2. Home address 3. Name 4. Telephone (or mobile phone) number

5. Your request for the Application Guidelines for the School of Cultural and Social Studies

\*In order to receive our reply, please use your internet e-mail address and not your mobile phone's e-mail address.

\*If you do not receive our reply within 3 weekdays, please contact us again.

# The Japanese Studies Program Admission Policy

## ● Qualifications

The Graduate University for Advanced Studies (Sokendai) seeks students of any nationality or cultural background who are interested in Japanese studies and motivated to pursue interdisciplinary research from a broad perspective. Accepted students are expected to draw on the diverse knowledge and methodologies of the Japanese Studies Program faculty, and to independently and critically undertake interdisciplinary Japanese studies research. Admissions are open for the three-year doctoral program. Applicants are required to hold a master's degree.

## ● Selection Criteria

Sokendai screens the submitted documents and interviews potential candidates. Along with an assessment of an applicant's academic abilities and capacity to conduct independent research, candidates are evaluated on the originality, theoretical and empirical, of their master's thesis and any other scholarly papers submitted; on the originality, feasibility, and academic potential of the research the applicant seeks to pursue; and on their presentation skills, communication skills, and overall future potential to contribute to the field.

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Q1 Is there any system for waiver of tuition fees?

There is a system for waiving tuition for students citing economic difficulties and whose academic work is deemed of a high standard. Applications for tuition waivers are offered once each semester each year and are decided on the basis of a fixed screening process.

## Q2 Does the Program have a research assistant system?

The Program does employ research assistants, chosen from among current graduate students, to perform support tasks relating to research and teaching, and a system is in place for allowing RAs to perform duties beneficial to their own research in the Program. A salary is paid for the services performed as a form of financial assistance.

## Q3 Where do students study and research? At Hayama? Or Kyoto?

The headquarters of The Japanese Studies program and the base for research guidance and dissertation writing is on the premises of the International Research Center for Japanese Studies, located in Kyoto. Some functions for all students of Sokendai, such as the entrance and degree-awarding ceremonies, are held at the Hayama campus, headquarters of Sokendai.

## Q4 Is it necessary to choose an academic supervisor before applying for admission?

Yes, it is necessary to choose an academic supervisor and to consult with the supervisor about the contents of your research before applying for admission. The program administrative staff does not suggest faculty advisors, so applicants should check the faculty profiles provided in the Program brochure and at the Program website in making their choice.

## Q5 Does the Program grant degrees to students residing elsewhere?

Currently many of our students are working toward their degrees while living in areas distant from the Department headquarters. It is necessary, however, to be attend in person the lecture class part of the requirements for the degree.

## Q6 Is it possible to enroll in October?

The Japanese Studies program no longer offers October enrollment.

## Q7 Is it possible to apply to another program at the same time?

No.

## Q8 Does the Program have Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (DC1, 2) fellowships (for doctoral course 1 and 2)?

As of FY 2023, the Program has 2 doctoral course fellowship students (One awarded a grant in 2019 and another in 2022).



Entrance Ceremony



Graduate Student Class



# Research Activities at Nichibunken

The International Research Center for Japanese Studies (Nichibunken) was established on May 21, 1987 as an inter-university research institute incorporated under the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology. Its purpose is to promote the comprehensive, international, and interdisciplinary study of Japanese culture and provide cooperation and support for the work of Japanese Studies specialists around the world. From April 2004, Nichibunken became a member of the National Institutes for the Humanities (NIHU, headquartered in Tokyo). The three main pillars of Nichibunken activities are: Research (individual, basic, and team [joint] research), research cooperation, and outreach. Of these activities, those closely related to the graduate students in The Japanese Studies program are introduced below:

## ● Team Research

The pursuit of research on Japanese culture calls for the steady accumulation of the results of study in separate specialized fields related to Japan. It also calls for a place where scholars can transcend the framework of their separate disciplines and expand their insight and knowledge through exchange and collaboration. Such opportunities for team research can play a major role in promoting understanding of Japanese culture as a whole.

Exchange between researchers from Japan and those from other intellectual traditions is also considered an essential part of team research at Nichibunken. Furthermore, as we enter an era of expanding internationalization, such interaction helps the field of Japanese studies to better respond to the needs of the times.

The team research carried out at the Center is not limited to exchange of research findings. The essence of what the Center is trying to achieve is fostering of creative energy generated through the cooperative research of scholars from diverse intellectual traditions.

## ◆ Seventeen team research projects were organized in FY2023.

Units	Title of project	Project Leader
Views of Nature and Views of Humankind	The Japanese Colonial Empire and the Global Linkage of Knowledge	MATSUDA Toshihiko
	Solid “Impermanence”/Fragile “Impermanence”: The Transmogrification of the Classics and Future Prospects	ARAKI Hiroshi
	Mouths and Noses: A Cultural History of the Junctures between the Human Body and the Outside World in Japan	ISODA Michifumi
	From Womb to Tomb: Exploring Life and Death in Contemporary Japan	YASUI Manami
	City and Monument: Urban Planning and Memory in Japan, from the Perspective of Visual Culture	Timon SCREECH
	Imagining Islands in Japan	Edward BOYLE
Culture and Power	Japanese Style Education - from the Perspective of the History of Civilizations	TAKII Kazuhiro
	What are Aristocrats, and What are Samurai?	KURAMOTO Kazuhiro
	Reconsidering the Early-Modern in the History of East Asia: In Search of a New Global History	ITŌ Takayuki
	Studying Nichibunken's Collection of Inoue Tetsujirō's Correspondence: The Rise and Fall of the Nation-State	ISOMAE Jun'ichi
	The Formation and Development of Western Perceptions of Japan	KARITA Shinji
	The Formation and Development of Western Perceptions of Japan	Frederik CRYNS
	Beyond the Postwar and Modernity: Japan in the 1970s	KUSUNOKI Ayako
Developments in the Study of Popular Culture	Japanese Foreign Policy in the Cold War Era: The Formation of “Peace State” (1952-1972)	HUANG Tzu-chin
	Reconstructing Modern East Asian Cultural History I: Focusing on the 19th Century	LIU Jianhui
	Sports as Civilization, Sports as Culture	USHIMURA Kei
	Yanagita Kunio as a connector	ŌTSUKA Eiji
	The power of culture in the Japanese Empire and Cold War Asia: Intersecting ideologies and symbolism in Ch'oe Sŭng-hŭi's dance	PARK Sang Mi
		MATSUDA Toshihiko

## Research Activities at Nichibunken

### ● Theory and Methodology Seminars

◆ Seminars based on the following ten basic research themes are being held in FY2023.

Title	Organizer
Perusing English Monographs on Japanese History	USHIMURA Kei
Reading Medieval Japanese Literature	ARAKI Hiroshi
Practical Korean Language (Intermediate)	MATSUDA Toshihiko
Fundamental Research of Old Diaries	KURAMOTO Kazuhiro
French Language (Beginners)	MATSUGI Hiromi

Title	Organizer
French Language (Intermediate)	MATSUGI Hiromi
Study in Modern Historical Documents	TAKII Kazuhiro
An Introduction to Chinese Classics	ITŌ Takayuki
Introduction to the History of Modern Religious Thoughts	ISOMAE Jun'ichi
Reading Documents and Studies of Japanese Political and Diplomatic History	KUSUNOKI Ayako

### ● Research Cooperation

The regular research-related events held at Nichibunken shown below are provided to facilitate exchange among scholars of Japanese studies from all over the world. Graduate and international students are also welcome.

#### ● Nichibunken Forums

Nichibunken Forums, which are held monthly, serve as a venue for presentations and discussion by researchers visiting from other countries. Limited to topics related to Japan and completed in a single session, these events are open to the public.

#### ● Nichibunken Thursday Seminars

These seminars are held every third Thursday of the month to facilitate exchange among researchers.

#### ● Nichibunken Evening Seminars

These seminars provide occasions for researchers from overseas to present their research and engage in discussion with other researchers from within and outside the center. The seminars are held in English.

Nichibunken holds other lectures and symposiums at irregular intervals.

### ● International Symposiums and Other Programs

With mounting interest in Japanese culture and society among the countries of the world, the issues of scholarly inquiry and research methods have grown increasingly diversified. To deal with these developments, Nichibunken has held international symposiums mainly on the themes of team research projects undertaken at Nichibunken, thereby providing an international forum for debate to propel the further development of Japanese studies. Nichibunken also organizes several types of international symposiums overseas as part of research activities and collaborative research programs outside Japan. Through various support programs the graduate students at The Japanese Studies program are encouraged to participate in these international meetings.



International Symposium



Presentation by a Graduate Student



# Books and Resource Materials

## ● Library

The Nichibunken Library, opened in April 1991 offers a variety of information services and a wide-ranging collection of books, reference materials and documents—some 600,000 in all—vital to the field of Japanese studies and available for use by all qualified researchers. The library is open-stack and users have unlimited access.

Including Library Annex I, Library Annex II and the newly opened Annex III (2014), the library has a total capacity for approximately 600,000 volumes housed in both fixed and electronically controlled compact shelving. The library also has a rare book room, map room, microfilm room, four study rooms for individual researchers, and two for groups.

### Research Material Collection Principles

#### **Books and materials related to Japanese studies written in languages other than Japanese**

We are trying to acquire as many of these materials as possible. In 1998, to mark the tenth anniversary of the foundation, we compiled a detailed catalogue of all the foreign books and materials edited before 1900 in the Nichibunken collection and published it in four volumes.

#### **Books and materials considered basic for any research on Japan**

We acquire basic materials published both in and outside of Japan. Among our holdings are the “Microfilm collection of books and materials.”

#### **Catalogues and indexes of literature related to Japanese studies**

We seek to keep up-to-date catalogues and indexes of literature related to studies on Japan, as referring to them is the first step towards gathering the necessary information in scientific research.

#### **Audio-visual materials**

The library also holds colored photographs and glass negatives of works from the late Edo and Meiji periods, old maps, DVDs of Japanese movies, and other audio-visual materials.

### Usage of Library Materials

The Nichibunken Library is open to unlimited use by all Nichibunken staff and students, with some restrictions for rare books and some other items. Researchers outside Nichibunken may obtain access for scholarly research purposes by applying in advance. The database recording Nichibunken’s library holdings may be accessed via the Internet. Documents in the collection may be photocopied or obtained on loan through other libraries and institutions through the NACSIS-ILL (interlibrary loan) system.

Library staff are on duty between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays. The Library is open to Nichibunken staff and students between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

## ● List of Nichibunken Databases

Catalogue of the Research Center for the History of Sino-Japanese Relations	Illustrations of Historic Places in Kyoto	Overseas Images of Japan
Early Photographs	Illustrations of Strange Phenomena and <i>Yōkai</i> (Ghosts, Monsters, Spirits)	Pre-1900 Western-language Publications Related to Japan
Enpon (Ukiyo-e Shunga)	Japanese Art Overseas	Rare Books and Maps on Japan in European Languages
Folktales of Strange Phenomena and <i>Yōkai</i> (Ghosts, Monsters, Spirits)	<i>Kojirui</i> en Page Search System	Renga
Haikai	Kyoto Festivals and Customs	Sōda Archives: Pictorial and Miscellaneous Materials
<i>Heian Jinbutsu Shi</i> (Who’s Who in Old Kyoto)	Letters Addressed to Inoue Tetsujirō	Waka
Heian-Period Chronicles (Old Diaries, Historical Documents)	Nichibunken Map Collection	etc.
	Noma Archives (Rare European Medical Books)	

<https://db.nichibun.ac.jp/en/>



## Access

### From Hankyu Railway Katsura Station (West Exit)

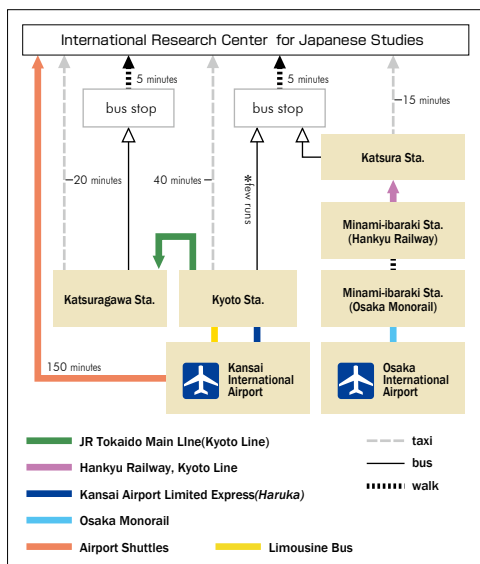
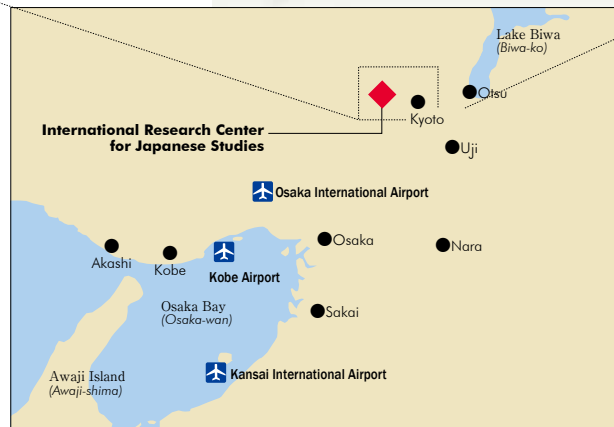
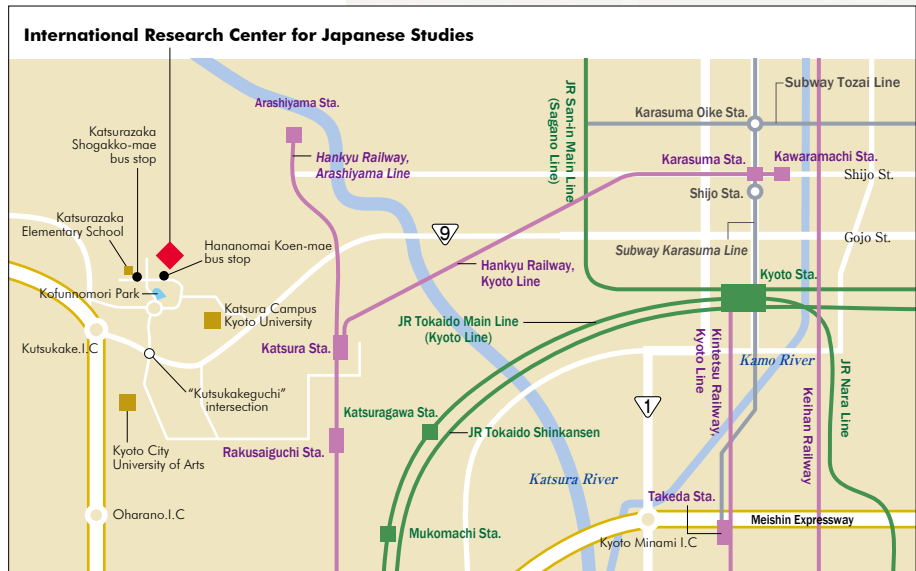
By Bus: Take the Keihan Kyoto Kotsu Bus “#20” or “#20B” bound for “Katsurazaka Chuo” and get off at “Hananomai Koen-mae” bus stop (20 min.). Nichibun is a five-minute walk from the bus stop. Take the Kyoto City Bus “Nishi#5” or “Nishi#6” bound for “Katsurazaka Chuo” and get off at “Katsurazaka Shogakko-mae” bus stop (30 min.). Nichibun is a five-minute walk from the bus stop. By Taxi: 15-minute ride from Katsura Station West exit (approximately 1,500 yen). Getting to Katsura Station from Kyoto Station (25 min.) From Kyoto Station, take the Subway (Karasuma Line) north to Shijo Station (5 min.) and transfer to the Hankyu Railway. Take an Umeda (Osaka)-bound train to Katsura Station (10 min.).

### From JR Kyoto Station (Karasuma Chuo Exit)

By Bus: Take a Keihan Kyoto Kotsu Bus “#21”, “#21A” or “#26” bound for “Katsurazaka Chuo.” Get off at “Katsurazaka Shogakko-mae” bus stop or “Hananomai Koen-mae” bus stop (45 min.). Nichibun is a five-minute walk from the bus stop. By Taxi: 40-minute ride from Kyoto Station (approximately 3,500 yen).

### From JR Katsuragawa Station

By Bus: Take the Yasaka Bus “#1” or “#6” bound for “Katsurazaka Chuo.” Get off at “Katsurazaka Shogakko-mae” bus stop or “Hananomai Koen-mae” bus stop (30 min.). Nichibun is a five-minute walk from the bus stop. By Taxi: 20-minute ride from JR Katsuragawa Station (approximately 2,000 yen). Getting to JR Katsuragawa Station from Kyoto Station (10 min.) From Kyoto Station, take an Osaka-bound local train to Katsuragawa Station. From JR Osaka, take a Kyoto-bound local train to Katsuragawa Station.



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