

Call for Applications

Sixth EAJS Workshop for Doctoral Students

Project director: Dr Brigitte Steger

Venue: Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK

Time: 22-24 March 2010

Language for applications and during the conference: English

Application Deadline: 20 November, 2009

Send application to: office@eajs.eu

The European Association for Japanese Studies (EAJS) invites applications from advanced graduate students in all humanities and social science disciplines (except for Japanese language education, translation studies and linguistics) for the Sixth EAJS Workshop for Doctoral Students. The workshop will be held at the Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Cambridge, UK, 22-24 March 2010. Participants will stay at Downing College, Cambridge.

The EAJS applied for funding from the Japan Foundation, the Great Britain Sasakawa Foundation and the Japan Foundation Endowment Committee to cover the costs of travel, lodging in a Cambridge college and meals for the duration of the workshop for a group of max. 20 doctoral students and senior scholars who act as advisors.

The EAJS workshops for doctoral students aim to create a European multidisciplinary network of advanced graduate students and senior scholars in Japanese Studies. The informal environment of the workshop provides a unique opportunity for participants to work together intensively to enhance individual projects and engage in concentrated discussions of common themes and methods. Through presentations and focussed sessions, students give and receive critical feedback on dissertation projects, fieldwork plans and preliminary results. Students will be asked to read the work of their peers and prepare for workshop presentations linking their own work to the broader international Japanese Studies field. Students will also get a one-on-one supervision with a senior scholar in their respective field. Moreover, they will be introduced to study and research facilities at Cambridge.

Eligibility

Full-time graduate students working on Japan, regardless of citizenship, who are enrolled at universities in Europe, and students of European nationality, who are enrolled in graduate programmes outside of Europe with interest in European Japanese Studies, are eligible. Students travelling to the workshop from outside of Europe should expect no more than 400 Euro to be paid toward their transportation costs. Applications are particularly welcome from graduate students in the early-fieldwork through the middle stages of dissertation writing and those from European

universities that do not have major centers of Japanese Studies. All applicants are expected to have studied the Japanese language.

Application and Selection Process

The application, which is to be submitted as an attachment via e-mail to the EAJS office, should in the first instance consist of

- a cover letter (no more than one page), indicating the motivation for attending the workshop as well as the current state of progress of doctoral work
- a summary of the dissertation project (450-500 words)
- a brief professional history (CV), including list of publications, if any.

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Applications should be sent to the EAJS Office at office@eajs.eu

Shortlisted candidates will be notified by 10 December by Brigitte Steger, the EAJS project director of the dissertation workshop.

Shortlisted candidates will then be required to send the following texts to Steger at steger@eajs.eu **by 20 January, 2010**:

- **a project outline and progress report (ca. 1500 words)**
containing major research questions, structure, sources, methodology, difficulties, if any, etc.
- **a long essay (3000-3500 words)**
i.e. any (preliminary) part of the dissertation, e.g. theoretical introduction, research review, data analysis, elaboration of specific questions, and/or arguments etc.
The essay should be up to academic standards (language, referencing, etc.)

These two items will be the basis for the group presentations and discussions as well as for the individual supervisions.

Note that this second application stage will not be competitive. Each applicant who sends in complete and properly elaborated project outline and essay by the deadline will be accepted. However, extension of the deadline will not be possible.

Applicants/participants will receive **final notification by 31 January 2010**; all project outlines and essays will then be sent to all participants.