

Library

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Visiting Research Scholars and Fellows

As an international research center, Nichibunken opens its doors to the world by inviting many scholars from foreign countries to carry out international and interdisciplinary research related to Japanese culture. The foreign scholars are classified either as "visiting research scholars," who are accepted for periods from three months to one year and receive a salary from Nichibunken, or as "visiting research fellows," whose income is provided by public and other foundations.

In addition to carrying out their own research, foreign scholars at Nichibunken take part in team research projects organized by Nichibunken professors and deliver presentations at seminars, forums, and international meetings. They also have the opportunity to publish the results of their research in Nichibunken publications.

We hope that the close collaboration between these foreign scholars and the professors at Nichibunken and members of their research teams will become the base for the further development of Japanese studies in the world.

Applications for Visiting Research Scholars and Fellows
<https://research.nichibun.ac.jp/en/employment/>

Nichibunken House

Nichibunken House consists of family- and single-occupancy units. Family-occupancy units are primarily for visiting research scholars who stay for a long term, with their families. Single-occupancy units comprise two zones, one for long-term users and the other for guests such as team researchers here for a short stay.

Qualification for use :

Short-term stays up to one month

- Visiting Faculty Members
- Team Researchers
- Participants in International Symposiums

Long-term stays

- Visiting Research Scholars
- JF Research Fellows
- JSPS Research Fellows
- Visiting Research Fellows



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Faculty

(As of April 1, 2021)

Director-General	
INOUE Shōichi	History of manners and customs
Deputy Directors-General	
MATSUDA Toshihiko	History of Japanese and Korean relations
TAKII Kazuhiro	Constitutional history; comparative legal history
Professors	
ARAKI Hiroshi	Japanese literature
Frederik CRYNS	Interaction between the Western world and Japan
ISODA Michifumi	Japanese history
ISOMAE Jun'ichi	Religious studies; critical theory
ITŌ Takayuki	History of Chinese thought; cultural interaction in East Asia; comparative culture
KURAMOTO Kazuhiro	History of ancient Japan
LIU Jianhui	History of cultural connections between Japan and China
ŌTSUKA Eiji	History of the arts of manga; Manga writing theory; Yanagita Kunio studies;
Markus RÜTTERMANN	Japanese medieval social history; semiotics; history of mentalities; history of behaviour
SEKINO Tatsuki	Informatics
TSUBOI Hideto	Modern Japanese literature and cultural history
USHIMURA Kei	Comparative literature and culture; intellectual history
YAMADA Shōji	Informatics; history of cultural exchange
YASUI Manami	Japanese folklore; cultural anthropology
Associate Professors	
ENOMOTO Wataru	Medieval history of international exchange
KUSUNOKI Ayako	Japanese political and diplomatic history; security studies
Assistant Professors	
GOZA Yūichi	Japanese medieval history
MATSUGI Hiromi	Art history; art studies
SHIRAISHI Eri	Japanese art history
Specially Appointed Assistant Professors	
ISHIGAMI Aki ※1	Early modern cultural history
MAEKAWA Shiori	Japanese modern art history; design history
MITSUHIRA Yūki ※2	History of music therapy

※1 Project Assistant Professor (The Center for Transdisciplinary Innovation, The National Institutes for the Humanities) and concurrently Specially Appointed Assistant Professor (International Research Center for Japanese Studies)

※2 Project Assistant Professor (The Center for Information and Public Relations, The National Institutes for the Humanities) and concurrently Specially Appointed Assistant Professor (International Research Center for Japanese Studies)

Team Research Projects 2021

Solid "Impermanence"/Fragile "Impermanence": The Transmogrification of the Classics and Future Prospects	ARAKI Hiroshi
Japanese Subcultures and Diversity: The Contribution of International Japanese Studies's Research Methods and Pedagogies to a Global Multicultural Society	Edmond ERNEST DIT ALBAN
The Formation and Development of Western Perceptions of Japan	Frederik CRYNS
Avidya on a Spider's Web: Toward the Future of the Somatic Experience under the Ecology of Social Network System	INAGA Shigemio
Studying Nichibunken's Collection of Inoue Tetsujiro's Correspondence: The Rise and Fall of the Nation-State	ISOMAE Jun'ichi KARITA Shinji
Reconstruing <i>Honzōgaku</i> as an East Asian Multidisciplinary Science: New Developments in Empirical Research on the Fusion of Arts and Sciences	ITŌ Ken ISODA Michifumi
Reconsidering the Early-Modern in the History of East Asia: In Search of a New Global History	ITŌ Takayuki
What are Aristocrats, and What are Samurai?	KURAMOTO Kazuhiro
Reconstructing Modern East Asian Cultural History I: Focusing on the 19th Century	LIU Jianhui
The Japanese Colonial Empire and the Global Linkage of Knowledge	MATSUDA Toshihiko
A Theory of Culture during the Ōei and Eikyō Periods: Between Popular Views of History on "Kitayama Culture" and "Higashiyama Culture"	OOHASHI Naoyoshi ENOMOTO Wataru
Formation and Changes of Correspondence-Texts as Seen in the Principle of 'As If'-Transpositions: The Term <i>Monjo</i> , Its Styles, Signs, Representations, and Intentions	Markus RÜTTERMANN
Imaging Japan in International Cultural Transmissions: An Interdisciplinary Study of Yanagisawa Ken (Takeshi)	SHIBASAKI Atsushi KUSUNOKI Ayako
Japanese Style Education - from the Perspective of the History of Civilizations	TAKII Kazuhiro
The Scars of Post-war Japan	TSUBOI Hideto UNODA Shōya
Sports as Civilization, Sports as Culture	USHIMURA Kei
Cultural Creativity in a Shrinking Society: Individuals, Networks, Capital, and Systems	YAMADA Shōji
Imagining and Developing Images of the Body in Medicine, Art, and Folk Religion	YASUI Manami Lawrence MARCEAU

About Nichibunken

The International Research Center for Japanese Studies (Nichibunken) was founded in 1987 to pursue international, interdisciplinary, and comprehensive research on Japanese culture and to provide research cooperation and support for Japanese studies scholars around the world.

In addition to research on the distinctiveness of Japanese culture, Nichibunken emphasizes the perspectives of comparative studies and cultural exchange. Its professors lead diverse interdisciplinary team research projects on Japanese culture that bring together specialists from a wide range of fields from within and outside Japan. Nichibunken engages in international research collaboration of various kinds such as sharing research information with scholars and research institutions around the world, and sponsoring the participation of its faculty at scholarly meetings held overseas.

PhD Program at Nichibunken

Nichibunken is the institutional home of the Department of Japanese Studies in the School of Cultural and Social Studies at the Graduate University for Advanced Studies, SOKENDAI. The department promotes interdisciplinary and comprehensive Japanese studies education and research from an international perspective. Students from abroad as well as from Japan enroll in the department's doctoral program. Under the special inter-university researchers system, the department also accepts and trains graduate students recommended by other universities.



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Japan Review

Japan Review is published annually. It is a refereed interdisciplinary journal that carries manuscripts, research notes, review articles, as well as annotated translations of important texts relating to Japan.

Submission to *Japan Review* is open to all those engaged in the study of Japanese culture past and present.



Nichibunken Monograph Series

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