

Call for Papers for the 15th EAJS International Conference

(SECTION 8B: Intellectual History and Philosophy)

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The European Association for Japanese Studies invites paper and panel proposals for the section “Intellectual History and Philosophy” at the forthcoming 15th EAJS International Conference to be held in Lisbon, Portugal, from 30 August to 2 September 2017.

The section will have the following theme:

Time

The section Philosophy and the History of Ideas covers broadly all sustained intellectual endeavours within Japan's many intellectual and religious traditions, ranging from Confucianism and Buddhist philosophy, through Kokugaku and Rangaku, to the history of knowledge and the sciences, modern academic philosophy and intellectual discourse.

In terms of subject matter, papers may address ideas about ontology and metaphysics, epistemology, aesthetics, ethics, as well as politics, law, technology and the sciences. They can also explore the nitty-gritty of intellectual production, e.g. the organisation and structure of the intellectual and scholarly world, or the means of producing, reproducing, and circulating ideas, as well as their bearing on politics and the social order.

As a special theme for this conference, we propose the subject of time – which can be considered from many aspects: temporal scaling and measurement, orders of time, the context and ideological function of calendars and clocks, the evaluation of periods or concepts of time, temporal regimes, their intellectual justification and social use.

Please note that proposals that fall outside of the theme are welcome and shall be considered fully and equally. All proposals will primarily be considered on the grounds of their originality, their relevance within the field, and methodological consistency. Papers that connect their topic to larger issues of intellectual history will be given priority. All papers must have a solid basis in the original Japanese sources. Decisions about acceptance will be based on academic merit after a thorough review process. We will consider both individual abstracts and panel proposals, but will vet each paper in panels individually. A failure to be accepted as a panel may lead to proposals to present individually to some participants.

Papers should generally be presented in English, but may be presented in Japanese if necessary and must, if so, be accompanied by an abstract and slides in English.

Sessions will normally last for 90 minutes, leaving 15 to 20 minutes per paper plus 10 minutes of discussion per paper. There may be up to three individual papers, or if it is a panel, three papers and a discussant's comment in the 90-minute session.

Abstracts and panel proposals should be written in English and submitted no later than 30 November 2016.

For individual papers, please submit an abstract of not more than 350 words. For panels, please submit the title of the panel and an abstract of up to 350 words explaining the overall focus of the panel, together with a 350 word abstract from each participant. Please also identify a panel chair.

Please note that any one participant cannot be on the programme in more than one session.

Any audio-visual equipment requirements you might have need to be submitted together with your proposal.

Applicants will be informed of the selection results by the end of January 2017.

Accepted presenters will be asked to submit a short, one paragraph biographical statement.

Please direct all inquiries to the convenors at philosophy@eajs.eu.