

**Report for Toshiba Foundation on  
The Fourth EAJS Doctoral Workshop  
at Nissan Institute of Japanese Studies in Oxford, United Kingdom**

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**Objectives of the Fourth EAJS Workshop**

The Fourth EAJS workshop aimed at supporting PhD students in allowing them to present their PhD projects to a number of experienced researchers during a two days workshop and getting their feedback.

Targeted were students who are working on a PhD project related to Japan. The overall aim of the workshop was to allow students interested in researching about Japan to participate from the knowledge of professors who have long experience researching and publishing about Japan. The main focus lay not on students who are enrolled in Japanese Studies. Other disciplines such as Political Science, Management and Social Studies were preferred. The workshop so tried to increase the quality of the presented PhD projects in other disciplines than Japanese Studies, because we assumed that students of Japanese Studies to have easier access to Japan experienced researchers and feedback.

**Selection Procedures**

The call for paper for the workshop was published at the EAJS homepage in January 2007 and send to the recipients of a number of Japan research related mailing lists. The deadline for application was the end of January 2007. Even though the application period was quite short, more than 30 PhD students applied. Interested students had to hand in a 10 page research proposal about the planned project. After this, the students were selected by Dr. Parissa Haghirian. The selection was based on following principles:

- 1) Quality of the PhD proposal (The proposal should contain a solid and understandable explanation of the planned PhD research project)
- 2) Medium stage of PhD project (Students were supposed to be have a very clear idea on what they would like to investigate, but at the same time should be in a stage in which feedback from experienced advisors could still shape and improve the planned PhD project)
- 3) PhD in the following topics: Management, Social Studies and Political Studies (these topics were preferred because the advisors were specialists in these fields)

After this, the selected participants were invited to prepare their participation. They were required to hand in another revised and improved proposal and to prepare a maximum 10 slides PowerPoint presentation for the workshop. They were further sent some guidelines to prepare these materials for the workshop and some instructions on how financial reimbursement would take place.

## Participants

The following table give an overview on the selected participants of the Fourth EAJWS Workshop at St. Antony`s College in Oxford 2007. Silvia Croydon is a student at the St. Antony`s College in Oxford and therefore she did not receive any funding.

Name	Country of Residence	Topic	Title
Loeffler, Karin	Switzerland	Management	Problem identification and problem solving in R&D projects - Insights from Japan-based MNCs
Stockstrom, Christoph	Germany	Management	Planning and Management of New Product Development Projects - A Comparison of Japanese and German Companies
Iosifidou, Maria	Japan	Political Science	Intergovernmental cultural exchanges between Japan and Greece
Ishibashi, Natsuyo	Germany	Political Science	Germany and Japan Respond to the US Invasion of Iraq: A Comparative Study of Foreign Policymaking
Iai, Yew Meng	UK	Political Science	The Politics of Pride and Passion?: Rising Nationalism in contemporary Japan-China Relations
Ponjaert, Frederik	Belgium	Political Science	Japan, Regional Cooperation and the Pitfalls of Nationalism since 45
Croydon, Silvia	UK	Political Science	Japan`s Eroding System of Capital Punishment: Ambitions and Foreign Pressure
Wallentowitz, Anna	Germany	Political Science	What is Imperialism? Japanese views on teikoku shūgi at the beginning of the 20th century
Baikovich, Avital	Japan	Social Sciences	The social and cultural role of white collar foreign professionals within Japanese corporations
Georgi, David	Germany	Social Sciences	Influences of the individualisation and cultural identity in modern societies on late adolescent relationships exemplified by Japanese and German students
Jäger, Heide	UK	Social Sciences	Resonances of the rōji: A study of urban streets as mediator of everyday life in contemporary
Oda, Akiko	UK	Social Sciences	Japanese Spouse Relationships and Gendered Meaning of Care
Tamas, Carmen	Japan	Social Sciences	Crying as a Ritual in Japan

## Advisors

The following advisors were participating in the workshop.

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Prof. Ian Neary is Professor at the St. Antony`s College in Oxford and organized the rooms and the facilities at Oxford. He did not receive any funding. Prof. Cornelius Herstatt was participating as a volunteer at the workshop and did not receive any funding either.

## Workshop

The Workshop started on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007 in the late afternoon with the first two presentations, which were followed by a little reception at the St. Antony's College. The following day was filled with seven more students' presentation. On the 5<sup>th</sup> of May, the final four students presented their projects in the morning. After lunch students had the chance to get individual feedback from one assigned supervisor. These individual coaching sessions were scheduled for 30 minutes each and allowed students to ask questions they did not want to ask in front of other participants and to get more individual feedback on their projects. The overall program is shown in the table below. The workshop closed on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May with some conclusive remarks by Dr. Parissa Haghirian.

Friday, May 3 <sup>rd</sup>				
	Time	Name	Topic	Room
Presentation	17.30 to 18.15	Georgi, David (German) Augsburg University, Germany	Influences of the Individualisation and Cultural Identity in Modern Societies on Late Adolescent Relationships Exemplified by Japanese and German Students	Seminar Room A
	18.15 to 19.00	Jäger, Heide (German) Manchester Metropolitan University, UK	Resonances of the <i>rōji</i> : A Study of Urban Streets as Mediator of Everyday Life in Contemporary Tokyo, Japan	Seminar Room A
BREAK (15 Minutes)				
Reception	19.15 to 20.30	Welcome Reception Opening of the Workshop by Prof. Haghirian Speech Dr. Brian Powell, Former President of the EAJS	"Starting and Finishing a Career Studying Japan"	The "New Room"

Friday, May 4 <sup>th</sup>					
	Time	Name	Topic	Room	
Presentation	9.00 to 9.45	Stockstrom, Christoph (German) Technical University of Hamburg-Harburg, Germany	Planning and Management of New Product Development Projects - A Comparison of Japanese and German Companies	Seminar Room A	
	9.45 to 10.30	Iosifidou, Maria (Greek) Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan	Intergovernmental Cultural Exchanges Between Japan and Greece	Seminar Room A	
	BREAK (15 Minutes)				
	10.45 to 11.30	Baikovich, Avital (Israeli) Sophia University, Tokyo, Japan	The Social and Cultural Role of White Collar Foreign Professionals Within Japanese Corporations	Seminar Room A	
	11.30 to 12.15	Ishibashi, Natsuyo (Japanese) Free University Berlin, Germany	Germany and Japan Respond to the US Invasion of Iraq: A Comparative Study of Foreign Policymaking	Seminar Room A	
	Lunch Break (12.15 to 13.30)				
	13.30 to 14.15	Löffler, Karin (German) ETH Zurich, Switzerland	Problem Identification and Problem Solving in R&D Projects - Insights from Japan-Based MNCs	Seminar Room A	
	14.15 to 15.00	Oda, Akiko (Japanese) University of Surrey, England, UK	Japanese Spouse Relationships and Gendered Meaning of Care	Seminar Room A	
	BREAK (15 Minutes)				
	15.15 to 16.00	Iai, Yew Meng (Malaysian) University of Warwick, UK	The Politics of Pride and Passion? - Rising Nationalism in Contemporary Japan-China Relations	Seminar Room A	

Saturday, May 5 <sup>th</sup>					
	Time	Name	Topic	Room	
Presentation	9.00 to 9.45	Ponjaert, Frederik (Belgian) Université Libre de Bruxelles and Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium	Japan, Regional Cooperation and the Pitfalls of Nationalism since 45	Seminar Room A	
	9.45 to 10.30	Tamas, Carmen (Romanian) Osaka University of Foreign Studies, Japan	Crying as a Ritual in Japan	Seminar Room A	
	BREAK (15 Minutes)				
	10.45 to 11.30	Wallentowitz, Anneli (German) University of Bonn, Germany	What is Imperialism? Japanese Views on <i>teikoku shugi</i> at the Beginning of the 20th Century	Seminar Room A	
	11.30 to 12.15	Croydon, Silvia (Bulgarian) University of Oxford, Merton College, UK	Japan's Eroding System of Capital Punishment: Ambitions and Foreign Pressure	Seminar Room A	
Lunch Break (12.15 to 13.15)					
Individual Coaching	13.15 to 13.45	Prof. Haghirian	Stockstrom, Christoph	Seminar Room A	
		Prof. Midford	Iosifidou, Maria	Seminar Room A	
		Prof. Getreuer-Kargl	Baikovich, Avital	Seminar Room B	
		Prof. Neary	Ponjaert, Frederik	Seminar Room B	
	13.45 to 14.15	Prof. Ben-Ari	Jäger, Heide	Seminar Room A	
		Prof. Haghirian	Löffler, Karin	Seminar Room A	
		Prof. Ben-Ari	Tamas, Carmen	Seminar Room A	
		Prof. Midford	Croydon, Silvia	Seminar Room A	
		Prof. Getreuer-Kargl	Oda, Akiko	Seminar Room B	
		Prof. Neary	Ishibashi, Natsuyo	Seminar Room B	
	14.15 to 14.45	Prof. Midford	Iai, Yew Meng	Seminar Room A	
		Prof. Ben-Ari	Georgi, David	Seminar Room A	
14.50 to 15.00	Prof. Neary	Wallentowitz, Anna	Seminar Room B		
Conclusive Remarks by Prof. Parissa Haghirian (Sophia University)					

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