

Eajs Council Election 2017

Candidates' Self-introductions and Statements

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Statement

I feel honoured to have been nominated as candidate for President of the EAJC Council. I believe that my more than twenty years of experience as head / full professor of Japanese Studies programme at the University of Ljubljana, combined with my experience of studying, teaching and researching at several universities in Japan put me in a good position to pursue the important intercultural and international work of the EAJC. .

For fruitful academic work in the field of Japanese Studies, cooperation between universities and research institutions, in Europe, in Japan, in East Asia and elsewhere, is essential. Successful cooperation contributes to the enrichment of research and teaching and to a more balanced approach to one's field of study, balancing the 'outside' and 'inside' perspectives as well as perspectives on Japan from 'close distance' with those from 'afar'. By pooling the vast experience of its members, the EAJC has great potential to help individual institutions and to promote larger collective efforts in this respect.

Since my field of interest is linguistics, I must draw attention to the rapidly increasing availability of Japanese language resources such as corpora in Japan and elsewhere, resulting in profound changes in contemporary and classic language research paradigm. New insights in discourse analysis and corpora research also influence Japanese language teaching. More intensive cooperation within Europe, with Japanese institutions and with institutions elsewhere would contribute also to further developing Japanese language research, Japanese language teaching and teaching resources in Europe. The EAJC has enormous potential to promote and coordinate such developments.

In short, these two areas are where I see my potential to contribute most as the President of the EAJC Council during the next three years.

Curriculum Vitae

Education

February 1971: BS in mathematics, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Sciences and Technology.

March 1975: MS in mathematics, Osaka University, Graduate School.

March 1981: MA in Japanese Linguistics, Osaka University of Foreign Studies, Graduate School.

March 1986: Ph.D. (Bungaku Hakushi) in Linguistics, University of Tsukuba, Graduate School,
Thesis title: "Tekusuto to shintakusu" (Text and Syntax).

Major Teaching Positions

Sep. 1988 - Mar. 1990: Assistant Professor, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana.
Apr. 1990 - Sep. 1995: *Gaikokujin kyoshi* (Foreign professor), University of Tsukuba.
Oc. 1995 - Oct. 2002: Associate Professor of Japanese Studies, Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana.
Nov. 2002 - 2011: Full Professor of Japanese Studies, Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana.
Sep. 2010 - Mar. 2013: Full professor, University of Tsukuba, Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences;
April 2013 - present: Full Professor of Japanese Studies, Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana.

Major Research Positions

Jan. 2004 - Dec. 2008: leader, Research Project "Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa", ARRS, Slovenia.
Jan. 20015 - present: member, Research Project "Languages and Cultures of Asia", ARRS, Slovenia.
Dec. 2005 - Mar. 2006: visiting researcher, Nagoya University, GSID (Invited JSPS fellow).
Feb. 2010 - Aug.2010: visiting researcher, Tokyo Institute of Technology (Japan Foundation Fellow).

Supervisor, doctoral dissertations

Supervisor: 5 completed dissertations.
Co-supervisor: 4 completed dissertations.

Management

Oct. 1995 - Sep. 1999: Head of the Department of Asian and African Studies, Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana.
Oct. 1999 - Dec. 2001: Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana.
Oct. 2007 - Sep. 2009: Head of the Department of Asian and African Studies, Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana.
Oct. 2013 - 2015: Head of the Department of Asian and African Studies, Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana.
Aug. 2014: Chair, local organising committee of the 14th International Conference of EAJS, Ljubljana, Aug. 27-30, 2014.

Decorations

Nov. 3, 2008 'The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette (旭日小綬章)' (Government of Japan)

List of Selected Publications

1. Bekeš, Andrej (2015) Bunmyaku kara mita bunmatsu hyôgen to shudai no jizoku. In ABE, Jirô et al. (eds.) *Bunpô danwa kenkyû to nihongo kyôiku no setten*, 243-264. Tôkyô: Kuroshio shuppan.
2. Bekeš, Andrej (2012) Possibility of content shifts as predictors of the wa-topic in Japanese narrative. In Nishina K. (ed.) *Nihongo gakushuusha shien no kouchiku gengo kyouiku koopasu shisutemu kaihatsu*. 157-174. Tokyo: Bonjinsha.
3. Bekeš, Andrej (2011) Images of pre-WW II: national language policies as reflected in the field of “national language studies” itself. *Acta linguistica asiatica*, Volume 1, No. 1: 39-51.
4. Bekeš, Andrej (2008) *Text and Boundary: A Sideways Glance at Textual Phenomena in Japanese*. Ljubljana: ZIFF.
5. SRDANOVIĆ, Irena, BEKEŠ, Andrej, NISHINA, Kikuko (2008) Distant collocations between suppositional adverbs and clause-final modality forms in Japanese language corpora. Large-Scale Knowledge Resources. Construction and Application. Lecture Notes in Computer Science Volume 4938, pp 252-266.