

[Call for Applications: 19th EAJS Workshop for Doctoral Students](#)

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Call for Applications: 19th EAJS Workshop for Doctoral Students

Venue: Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium

Date: 14-17 August 2023

Project director: Prof. Dr. Jan Schmidt (KU Leuven)

Language for applications and during the workshop: English

Application deadline: 24 March 2023

To apply please visit our [application portal](#).

The European Association for Japanese Studies (EAJS) invites doctoral students in all fields of Japan-related research (humanities and social sciences) to apply for the 19th EAJS Workshop for Doctoral Students (14-17 August 2023). The workshop will take place at KU Leuven, Belgium. The EAJS will cover the costs of travel (up to 400 EUR) and accommodation for the duration of the workshop for a group of 18-20 doctoral students. Moreover, EAJS will also waive registration fees of the selected PhD students for the 17th EAJS International Conference which will take place 17-20 August in Ghent, Belgium.

The EAJS Workshops for Doctoral Students aim to create a multidisciplinary European network of advanced graduate students and senior scholars in Japanese Studies. The informal setting of the workshop provides a unique opportunity for participants to work intensively together to improve individual projects and engage in deep discussions on common themes and methods. Through presentations and focused sessions, participants give and receive critical feedback on dissertation projects, fieldwork plans and preliminary findings. Participants will be required to submit a report outlining their dissertation project prior to the workshop. Moreover, they will be asked to read the work of their peers and prepare for workshop presentations, thus linking their own work to the broader international field of Japanese Studies. Students will also get extensive opportunity to

discuss their projects with a senior scholar in their respective field.

Eligibility

Graduate students working on a dissertation topic related to Japan, regardless of citizenship, who are enrolled at universities in Europe, and students of European nationality who are enrolled in graduate programs outside Europe are eligible. Accepted participants travelling to the workshop from outside Europe can expect a travel cost subsidy of up to 450 EUR. Doctoral Students from European universities that do not have major centers of Japanese Studies are especially encouraged to apply. Applications are particularly welcome from graduate students in the early fieldwork phase through the middle stages of dissertation writing. First-year PhD students are encouraged to apply for this workshop at a somewhat later stage. All applicants are expected to have studied the Japanese language and to use materials written in Japanese as sources for their dissertations. Applicants are expected to provide evidence of Japanese language ability in their applications.

Application and Selection Process

Please be aware that EAJS uses an online system to manage submissions for its workshop for doctoral students.

Your application must include:

- A curriculum vitae;
- A short cover letter (maximum 250 words), indicating why you wish to attend the workshop as well as the current state of progress of the doctoral work;
- A summary of the dissertation project (maximum 500 words), explaining topic, relevance, research question, methodology, and current stage of the dissertation project.

These documents must be submitted via the [application portal](#) by 24 March 2023. Selected candidates will be notified by May 2023.

The evaluation of the applications will be carried out by the EAJS Council. The final selection of participants will then be made in consultation with the workshop director.

Selected candidates will be required to send a project report (about 5000 words) to the project director by **30 June 2023**.

This project report should have the following structure:

1. Title and author
2. Abstract with keywords
3. Current state of research (empirical findings and theories) and research gap(s)
4. Research question of project and its relevance respectively own motivation

5. Theoretical framework, methodology of project, and schedule
6. Hypotheses and/or preliminary results
7. (Possible) difficulties in realizing research project
8. Quoted literature

The project report must be in accordance with best academic practice (language, referencing, etc.). It will be the basis for short presentations on the individual research projects, for group presentations and discussions, and for the individual supervision.

Each applicant who receives a request to send in a full project report will be accepted. However, an extension of the deadline for the project report will not be possible since all project reports need to be sent to all participants and the senior advisors. **Selected candidates who fail to submit their project report by the deadline will not be admitted to the workshop.**

All selected candidates will furthermore be required to submit a short report (250-300 words) on their participation in the workshop by **30 September 2022**.

Reports by participating scholars will be published on the EAJS website as well as in the EAJS Bulletin.

It is not necessary to be a paid EAJS member at the time of application. However, successful applicants need to be registered EAJS members by the time of the workshop.

Should a resurgence of the Covid-19 pandemic make it impossible to hold a physical workshop, we will switch to an online format.

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