

[Call for Applications: 17th EAJS Workshop for Doctoral Students](#)

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Type:

Workshop

Date:

August 18, 2021 to August 21, 2021

Location:

Belgium

Subject Fields:

East Asian History / Studies, Japanese History / Studies, Area Studies

Venue: KU Leuven, Belgium

Date: 18-21 August 2021

Project director: Prof. Dr. Jan Schmidt (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven)

Language for applications and during the workshop: English

Application deadline: 23 April 2021

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 17th EAJS Workshop for Doctoral Students (23-26 August 2020). The workshop will take place at KU Leuven. 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 and 4-5 senior scholars who will act as advisors. In addition, the EAJS will also waive the registration fees for the selected PhD students for the 17th EAJS International Conference which will be held from 25 to 28 August 2021 as a virtual event.

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. 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 EAJIS 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 website](#) by 23 April 2021. Selected candidates will be notified by mid-May 2021.

Selected candidates will be required to send a project report (about 5000 words) to the project director by **9 July 2021**.

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

It goes without saying that the project report should conform to 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 until **30 September 2021**.

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

Successful applicants also have to be registered members of the European Association for Japanese Studies by the time of the workshop.

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

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