

## [New Books in Asian Studies: Murakami Haruki and Our Years of Pilgrimage](#)

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In this upcoming edition of the 2021 **New Books in Asian Studies** series, the Sigur Center will host a discussion of *Murakami Haruki and Our Years of Pilgrimage*, featuring insights from editors **Gitte Marianne Hansen** (Newcastle University, UK) and **Michael Tsang** (Birkbeck, University of London), and contributors **Ted Goossen** (York University, Canada), **Jay Rubin** (Harvard University), and **Barbara E. Thornbury** (Temple University). The discussion will be moderated by **Gregg Brazinsky**, Sigur Center Interim Director and Professor of History and International Affairs at GW. The webinar will take place from **11:00 AM EST to 12:30 PM EST** on WebEx.

*Murakami Haruki and Our Years of Pilgrimage* is a timely and expansive volume on Murakami Haruki, arguably Japan's most high-profile contemporary writer. With contributions from prominent Murakami scholars, this book approaches the works of Murakami Haruki through interdisciplinary perspectives, discussing their significance and value through the lenses of history; geography; politics; gender and sexuality; translation; and literary influence and circulation. Together the chapters provide a multifaceted assessment on Murakami's literary oeuvre in the last four decades, vouching for its continuous importance in understanding the world and Japan in contemporary times. The book also features exclusive material that includes the cultural critic Katō Norihiro's final work on Murakami - his chapter here is one of the few works ever translated into English - to interviews with Murakami and discussions from his translators and editors, shedding light not only on Murakami's works as literature but as products of cross-cultural exchanges. This book will prove a valuable resource for students and scholars of Japanese studies, comparative and world literature, cultural studies, and beyond.

Registration closes at **11:00 AM EST on December 8th**. Registered guests will receive an email with instructions for joining Webex prior to the event.

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