

NAJS (Nordic Association for the Study of Contemporary Japanese Society)
Conference Program
June 15 – 16, 2023
European Institute of Japanese Studies, Stockholm School of Economics

June 15, Thursday

09:30 – 10:00 Registration

10:00 – 10:15 **Opening of the conference**
Venue: Room Ragnar

10:15 – 11:30 **Keynote Lecture I**
Chair: Patrik Ström, Venue: Room Ragnar

Axel Berkofsky, University of Pavia
“The US-Japan Security Alliance – Ready and Equipped to Deal with China?”

11:30 – 13:00 Lunch at Restaurant Nagano

13:00 – 14:00 **Parallel Session 1 & 2**
Session 1: Business and Economics
Chair: Patrik Ström, Venue: Room Ragnar

Åsa Malmström Rognes
“The somewhat illusory independence of the Bank of Japan”
Discussants: Eva Liias & Erja Kettunen-Matilainen

Eva Liias, Niina Nummela & Urmas Varblane
“Building trust in cross-cultural business negotiations – an analysis of trust-building process in Estonian-Japanese collaboration”
Discussants: H. Richard Nakamura & Klara Melin

Session 2: Japanese Society I
Chair: Christopher Bondy, Venue: Room Torsten

Yuki Nagae
“Bottom-up proposals on the Multicultural coexistence of Japan: Intercultural dialogue among culturally diverse families at preschool”
Discussants: Kristín Ingvarsdóttir & Dick Stegewerns

14:00 – 14:30 Coffee Break

14:30 – 15:30

Parallel Session 3 & 4

Session 3: Business and Economics

Chair: Patrik Ström, Venue: Room Ragnar

H. Richard Nakamura, Patrik Ström & Peter Nandor Popovics

"Digitalization and Green Economy Transition: Smart cities and Society 5.0"

Discussants: Kristín Ingvarsdóttir & Eiko Saeki

Erja Kettunen-Matilainen & Shiho Futagami

"The triple and quadruple helix models of social innovation: Employment support for disabled people in Japan and Finland"

Discussants: Erik Isaksson & Taka Oshikiri

Session 4: Japanese Society I

Chair: Yutaka Yoshida Venue: Room Torsten

Christopher Bondy

"Old Records and New Connections: Tokyo Independent Record Stores and the creation of symbolic community"

Discussants: Kie Sanada & Klara Melin

Kate Sylvester

"Between the sport club and the workplace: The non-transferability of women student-athletes' leadership attributes"

Discussants: Dick Stegewerns & Yuki Nagae

16:30 -

Museum Tour (Invited guests)

18:30 –

Dinner (Invited guests)

June 16, Friday

09:00 – 10:00

Parallel Session 5 & 6

Session 5: Security Policy

Chair: Marie Söderberg, Venue: Room Ragnar

Wrenn Yennie Lindgren & Matthew Brummer

"Bridges Over the New Geography of Danger: China's Rise, Russia's Fall and the Evolution of NATO-Japan Relations"

Discussants: Linus Hagström & Christopher Bondy

Nanae Baldauff & Yee Kuang Heng

"Evaluating Japan's Defense Cooperation Agreements and their transformative potential: Upgrading strategic partnerships with Australia and the United Kingdom"

Discussants: Erik Isaksson & Axel Berkofsky

Session 6: Intercultural Relations

Chair: Ewa Machotka, Venue: Room Torsten

Kristín Ingvarsdóttir

"Japanese Cuisine in Iceland: A Story of Multiple Mobilities"

Discussants: Eiko Saeki & Yutaka Yoshida

Dick Stegewerns

"Tozai bunmeiron"

Discussants: Kie Sanada & Eva Liias

10:00 – 10:15 Break

10:15 – 11:15 Parallel Session 7 & 8

Session 7: Security Policy

Chair: Bart Gaens, Venue: Room Ragnar

Klara Melin

"Everyday approaches to International Relations – a conceptual discussion and thoughts on Japanese case studies"

Discussants: Wrenn Yennie Lindgren & Bart Gaens

Linus Hagström

"When Do Humiliating Events Trigger Great Power Aggression? Meiji Japan vs. Post-War Japan"

Discussants: Åsa Malmström Rognes & Nanae Baldauff

Session 8: Japanese Society II

Chair: Eva Liias, Venue: Room Torsten

Eiko Saeki

"Donor Conception in Japan: From Silence to Embracement"

Discussants: Yutaka Yoshida & Diego Cosa Fernandez

Taka Oshikiri

"Crafting Role Models for Women in Modern Japan"

Discussants: Kate Sylvester & Ewa Machotka

11:15 – 12:00 Art Tour, Stockholm School of Economics

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch at Atrium, Stockholm School of Economics

- 13:00 – 14:15 **Keynote Lecture II**
Chair: Patrik Ström, Venue: Room Ragnar
- Ewa Machotka, Stockholm University
"Visual Culture of Disaster in Early Modern Japan"
- 14:15 – 14:30 **Information Session**
Venue: Room Ragnar
- Inga-Lill M. Blomqvist, Library, Nordic Institute of Asian Studies
"The future of e-resources on the AsiaPortal"
- 14:30 – 15:00 Coffee Break
- 15:00 – 16:00 **Parallel Session 9 & 10**
Session 9: Japanese Society II
Venue: Room Ragnar, Chair: Dick Stegewerns
- Kie Sanada & Kentaro Kuwatsuka
"Negotiation of strategic distance between donor and host countries: Smart city project with ODA in Bang Sue, Thailand"
Discussants: Erja Kettunen-Matilainen & Marie Söderberg
- Yutaka Yoshida
"Seduction of Far-Right Actions: A Pathway to an Authentic Self?"
Discussants: Linus Hagström & Christopher Bondy
- Session 10: Intercultural Relations**
Chair: Åsa Malmström Rognes, Venue: Room Torsten
- Erik Isaksson
"Achieving Recognition? 'Universal Values' in Japanese Foreign Policy 2006-2020"
Discussants: Bart Gaens & Richard Nakamura
- Diego Cosa Feranadez
"Regional revitalization in Japan through heritage re-evaluation: towards the case of Ozu (Ehime Prefecture)"
Discussants: Nanae Baldauff & Taka Oshikiri
- 16:00 – 16:15 **Concluding Remarks**
Venue: Room Ragnar