

Nanzan Seminar for the Study of Religion and Culture 2 (A Nagoya University JSPS Core-to-Core Program)

Application Information

The Nanzan Institute for Religion and Culture will conduct a Seminar in Japanese for international graduate students (who do not speak Japanese as their native language) on 13–14 January 2019. Presentations and discussion will all be held in Japanese. We invite advanced graduate students eager to present their research in Japanese to apply for participation in this Seminar, which is sponsored by a JSPS Program (coordinated by Abe Yasuro of Nagoya University).

Conditions for Participation

1. Applicants should be graduate students (or recent post-docs) who are not native speakers of Japanese and conducting research in Japanese religions for a university outside Japan. Five participants will be chosen from among the applicants.
2. Participants will be provided an economy-class round-trip air ticket between their current residence and Japan, and expenses for the duration of the Seminar (transportation and meals). Hotel accommodations will also be provided. Participants must attend and participate in the entire program of the Seminar.
3. An excursion is planned for 15 January (Tuesday), the day following the Seminar, as part of the JSPS Core-to-Core Program. All participants are encouraged to attend.

Application Procedures

1. Applicants should fill out the Application Form ([download here from the Institute homepage](#)). Submit an English abstract (250–350 words) and a Japanese summary (600–900 characters) of your research presentation by 30 September 2018. Please send completed applications as an attachment by e-mail to nirc-office@ic.nanzan-u.ac.jp with the title “Nanzan Seminar Application.”
2. The chosen applicants will be notified by 15 October.
3. Participants must submit a full paper either in English (under 8,000 words) or in Japanese (under 12,000 characters) by 1 December, sent by e-mail attachment. If papers are not submitted on time, participation may be revoked. Presentations will last for 45 minutes, followed by 45 minutes of discussion.
4. Discussants will need to read the papers in advance in order to facilitate comment and discussion, so the presentation should follow the content of the prepared paper. The presentation must be in Japanese, and the discussion will also be in Japanese with some English if necessary.

Seminar Schedule

- 12 January (Sat): Arrive in Nagoya by evening and check in to Hotel.
- 13 January (Sun): Arrive at the Nanzan Institute after lunch.
- 13:00 Opening Ceremony
 - 13:10–14:30 Opening lecture
 - 14:45–16:15 Seminar Presentation 1
 - 16:30–18:00 Seminar Presentation 2
 - 18:30 Welcoming Party
- 14 January (Mon): Second day of presentations at Nanzan Institute
- 9:30–11:00 Presentation 3
 - 11:15–12:45 Presentation 4
 - Lunch
 - 14:00–15:30 Presentation 5
 - 15:45–17:00 Final Discussion
 - 17:30 Closing Dinner
- 15 January (Tue): Excursion
- 16 January (Wed): Leave Nagoya

Advisers

Nanzan Institute for Religion and Culture

James Heisig (Philosophy of Religion, Japanese Philosophy)
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Discussants

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