

The University of Tokyo Global Japan Studies Summer Program 2019 (Report)

AN INQUIRY INTO JAPAN'S POSTWAR

July 1-11, 2019



Program Organizer:

Global Japan Studies (GJS) Network

Program Host Institution:

Institute for Advanced Studies on Asia, the University of Tokyo

Global Japan Studies at the University of Tokyo is an interdisciplinary and multilingual network of research and education on Japan. It seeks to bring together Japanese studies overseas and studies of Japan within Japan. This summer program is a short-term education project in pursuit of this goal.

Introduction to the Global Japan Studies Summer Program (2019)

Japan's postwar period is most often described in terms of four decades of high economic growth followed subsequently by the recent recession dubbed "the lost two decades" (1990-present). Japan's postwar, however, points to a far more complicated and ongoing process of social, cultural, and political changes, which this program set out to explore.

Participants were immersed in a ten-day intensive program of interdisciplinary academic lectures (in humanities & social sciences) as well as carefully planned fieldtrips in the Tokyo metropolitan area. Through a well-designed combination of on- and off-campus study, the program challenged participants to both critically analyze and actually experience specifically identified sociological and technological issues such as gender inequality, historical memory and social stratification. These issues are key for understanding not only Japan's postwar itself but also the larger world to which Japan is closely connected and of which Japan is intrinsically a part.

Program requirements:

Participants were required to conduct group research projects and give presentations on the final day of the program. Project topics were decided in consultation with program faculty members. Participants completed a program evaluation.

The program lecture and fieldtrip counted toward two course credits. Participants also received a University of Tokyo summer program certificate upon successfully completing the program.



Visiting the Sensoji Temple

Lunch
discussion
with Prof.
Sahashi
Ryo



Visiting Sanya
and Yoshiwara



Examining
primary source
in class



Program Schedule 2019

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	9:00-10:20	10:40-13:30 (10:40-12:10 Lecture; 12:10-13:30: Lunch & Discussion)	13:30-17:30 (approx.)	Lodge
7/1 (Mon)	Guidance, ID card, self-introduction, grouping, campus exploration / Main Conference Room (MCR), Institute for Advanced Studies on Asia / Atten: Profs. Sonoda, Zhong, Ms. Stephanie		Group presentation, group photo taking / Atten: Profs. Sonoda, Zhong, Ms. Stephanie	APA Hotel Ochanomizu-Eki Kita (14-min walk to university) Address: 3-1-6 Yushima, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo, 113-0034 https://www.apahotel.com/hotel/shuto-ken/ochanomizu-kita/ (check-in: June 30, check-out: July 12)
7/2 (Tue)	Japanese class /MCR	Lecture (1): Prof. SAHASHI Ryo "Postwar Japanese Diplomacy" / Lunch & discussion / MCR	Fieldtrip (1) Yasukuni Shrine //Attn : Prof. Zhong, Ms. Stephanie	
7/3 (Wed)	Japanese class /MCR	Lecture (2): Prof. Yijiang ZHONG "The Question of Religion in Postwar Japan" /Lunch & discussion / MCR	Fieldtrip (2) Sensoji Temple /Attn: Prof. Zhong, Ms. Stephanie	
7/4 (Thu)	Japanese class /MCR	Lecture (3): Prof. SATO Jin "Resource Thinking in Postwar Japan" /Lecture & discussion /MCR	Fieldtrip (3) Kajima Corporation / Attn: Prof. Zhong, Ms. Stephanie	
7/5 (Fri)	Japanese class /MCR	Lecture (4): Prof. Joshua BAXTER "Marxism and Leftist Politics" /Lunch & discussion / MCR	Fieldtrip (4) Japanese Communist Party Central Committee / Attn: Prof. Zhong, Ms. Stephanie	
7/6 (Sat)	Free activity			
7/7 (Sun)	Free activity			
7/8 (Mon)	Japanese class /MCR	Lecture (5): Prof. KIM Sung-Won "Problem or Opportunity? Aging in Japan and Korea" /Lunch & discussion/ MCR	Fieldtrip (5) Visiting Sanya with NPO Moyai /Attn : Prof. Zhong, Ms. Stephanie	
7/9 (Tue)	Japanese class /MCR	Lecture (6): Prof. NAKANO Yoshiko "Rebranding Japan: Kamikaze, Kimonos, and Postwar Airline Advertising" / Lunch & discussion / MCR	Fieldtrip (6) Japan Airlines / Attn: Profs Nakano and Zhong, Ms. Stephanie	
7/10 (Wed)	Preparation for group presentation /MCR /Attn: Prof. Zhong, Ms. Stephanie			
7/11 (Thu)	Presentation preparation /MCR/Attn: Prof. Zhong, Ms. Stephanie		Group presentation /MCR /Attn: Prof. Zhong, Ms. Stephanie, etc.	6:30-8:30 Farewell party /MCR /Attn: Prof. Zhong, Stephanie, etc.

Visiting the Kajima Corporation



Program Lecturers 2019

BAXTER Joshua (Project Assistant Professor of Japanese history, PEAK, College of Arts and Sciences, the University of Tokyo)

KIM Sung-won (Associate Professor of Sociology, Graduate School of Humanities and Sociology, the University of Tokyo)

NAKANO Yoshiko (Associate Professor of Japanese Studies, The University of Hong Kong & Visiting Fellow of Institute for Advanced Studies on Asia, the University of Tokyo)

SAHASHI Ryo (Associate Professor of International Politics, Institute for Advanced Studies on Asia, the University of Tokyo)

SATO Jin (Professor of Resource Politics, Institute for Advanced Studies on Asia, the University of Tokyo)

ZHONG Yijiang (Associate Professor of Japanese History, Institute for Advanced Studies on Asia, the University of Tokyo)

Total Number of Participants: 18 (University of Tokyo student: 1)

Place of Origin: Aarhus University, Amherst College, Bard College, Boston College, Central South University of Forestry and Technology (China), College of William and Mary, George Washington University, Instituto Politecnico Nacional (Mexico), National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Russian State University for the Humanities, University College London, University of Hong Kong, University of Nottingham Ningbo, University of Oxford, University of Southern California, Wuhan University, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, University of Tokyo

Final-day Group Presentation Topics:

- Nuclear Power in Japan
- Lolita: An Inquiry into Postwar Japanese Society
- Is Japan a Pressure Society?
- Society 5.0: A Realistic Vision of Japan's Future?
- Aging in Postwar Japan
- Ainu and Japan's Minority

Q&A at the Japan Communist Party





Japanese language class

Lecture by
Prof.
NAKANO
Yoshiko



Lunch discussion with Prof. SATO Jin



Participants' Feedback:

The program schedule and itinerary are really tight and densely packed. By the time the group presentations come around, most (if not all) students are exhausted; however, I really enjoyed every lecture and field trip and don't think any should be eliminated.

The program schedule strikes a pretty good balance between pushing the students to experience a lot in a small amount of time and giving them enough free time for other activities. The same goes for the lectures and field trips, as they were of appropriate length and relevant to one another.

The Japanese classes were very useful for me as a total beginner, I found myself using the phrases learnt in the classes on a daily basis whilst being in Japan. I think the fieldtrips added to the nuances to the topics we discussed in lectures.

The program exceeded my expectation, all the materials covered from this course expanded my horizons and greatly enhanced my understanding of not only Japan, but the world.

The Japanese class is helpful. I think the lectures, fieldtrips and Japanese classes are well integrated. I like the field trip to JCP most, which is a valuable opportunity to know about a communist party's condition in a capitalist country.

I think the schedule is just well. Actually before I came, I thought maybe the amounts of lectures and field trips are small, but after experiencing it by myself, I think the length of the program is just right. For the group presentation, yes, I would like to have more time for preparation.

I would not change the schedule of the program. I really liked how logically the Japanese classes, lectures and field trips are organized. The program was very interesting and tight.

The hotel for the program participants was very comfortable and it was good that it was located near the university and in the center of Tokyo. The lunches' bento were very tasty. I was glad that participants were provided with water all day long.

Visiting the Japan Airlines





Thank all the summer program participants of 2019! It is YOU who made the program a success.

Latest information of the 2020 Summer Program will be available soon at [gjs.ioc.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/summer program](https://gjs.ioc.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/summer%20program)

We look forward to your participation in 2020!

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