

8th EAJS WORKSHOP FOR DOCTORAL STUDENTS

AT NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY (UK)

Call for Applications

Project director: Dr Laura Moretti

Venue: Newcastle University, United Kingdom

Time: 22-24 May 2012

Language for applications and during the workshop: English

Application Deadline: 12 February 2012

For an application please use our online submission system at:

<https://www.eajs.eu/index.php?id=563>

The *European Association for Japanese Studies* (EAJS) invites doctoral students in all humanities and social sciences to apply for the 8th EAJS Workshop for doctoral students. The EAJS applied for funding from the Toshiba International Foundation to cover the costs of travel (up to 500 Euro) and accommodation for the duration of the workshop for a group of about 16 doctoral students and 5 senior scholars who act as advisors.

The EAJS Workshops for doctoral students aim to create a European multidisciplinary network of advanced graduate students and senior scholars in Japanese Studies. The informal environment of the workshop provides a unique opportunity for participants to work together intensively to enhance individual projects and engage in concentrated discussions of common themes and methods. Through presentations and focused sessions, students give and receive critical feedback on dissertation projects, fieldwork plans and preliminary results. Students will be asked to read the work of their peers and prepare for workshop presentations linking their own work to the broader international Japanese Studies field. Students will also get a one-to-one supervision with a senior scholar in their respective field.

Eligibility

Full-time graduate students working on Japan, regardless of citizenship, who are enrolled at universities in Europe, and students of European nationality, who are enrolled in graduate programmes outside Europe but have an interest in European Japanese Studies, are eligible. Students travelling to the workshop from outside Europe should expect no more than 500 Euro to be paid towards their transportation costs. Doctoral students from European universities who do not have major centres of Japanese Studies are especially encouraged to apply. Applications are particularly welcome from graduate students in the early-fieldwork 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 EAJS uses an online system to manage submissions for its 8th EAJS Workshop for doctoral students.

Click here to be directed to the submissions website: <https://www.eajs.eu/index.php?id=563>.

In the first instance your application should consist of:

- a brief professional history (CV), including a list of publications, if any
- a covering letter (200 words), indicating the motivation for attending the workshop as well as the current state of progress of the doctoral work
- a summary of the dissertation project (500 words)

These documents must be submitted via the submission website by **12 February 2012**.

Selected candidates will be notified **by 15 March 2012** about their participation in the dissertation workshop.

Short-listed candidates will then be required to send the following texts to Laura Moretti (laura.moretti@ncl.ac.uk) **by 15 April 2012**:

1. **a project outline and progress report (ca. 1500 words)**
containing major research questions, structure, sources, methodology, difficulties, if any, etc.
2. **a long essay (3000-3500 words)**
i.e. any (preliminary) part of the dissertation, e.g. theoretical introduction, research review, data analysis, elaboration of specific questions, and/or arguments etc.
The essay should conform to best academic practice (language, referencing, etc.).

These two items will be the basis for the group presentations and discussions as well as for the individual supervision.

Note that this second application stage will not be competitive. Each applicant who sends in a complete and properly elaborated project outline and essay by the deadline will be accepted. However, extension of the deadline will not be possible since all project outlines and essays need to be sent to all participants.