

## **International Research Conference: Call for Papers**

**Overview:** This conference aims to encourage links and connections between the research developing around the world on modern Japanese literature and research activities within Japan. We hope to offer the opportunity for researchers in other countries who are working on modern literature to present their work in Japan, while also offering a venue for joint panel presentations by foreign researchers and domestic ones who aim to make links and connections with research trends abroad.

**Aims:** Crossing the boundaries of “Japan” and “the Japanese language”, movements in search of networks within modern Japanese literature research are on the rise. Even if the objects of study are texts written in Japanese, the research itself is done in a variety of languages, and each research space also has its own unique character. Unfortunately, however, the regional and linguistic constraints on this research have also hindered the mutual exchange of ideas, leaving a situation in which research is stalled at the regionalist level. With such considerations in mind, the Association for Modern Japanese Literary Studies hitherto has held two international conferences, “Interfaces within Modern Japanese Literature” in December 1, 2013 and “Intersections within Modern Japanese Literature” in November 22, 2015 and we are now planning the third conference in November 26, 2017.

The plan is to directly connect the research venue of the Association for Modern Japanese Literary Studies to research activities that have grown around the world, and also, by so doing, to acknowledge, confront and reconsider any aspects of our existing research system that may have constrained us up until now without our knowing it. We are calling for active participation to create a space for open dialogue not constrained by the framework of traditional conferences.

### **Conference Details:**

- The conference will be held on November 26, 2017 at Rikkyo University (Toshima-ku, Tokyo) .
- Presenters are free to choose their own topics (provided they relate to modern Japanese literature or to literary studies).
- Individual or panel presentations will be accepted.
- Both members and non-members of Association for Modern Japanese Literary Studies may apply. However, presentations that fit with the conference’s aim will be given priority, regardless of whether or not the presenters are Association for Modern Japanese Literary Studies members.
- Both individual and panel presentations are to be given in Japanese (for panel presentations only, if presenters can provide their own Japanese interpreters, then any language will be accepted).
- Individual presentations are to be 30 minutes (plus 15 minutes for Q&A); panel presentations are to be a total of 2-2.5 hours for the entire panel (there is no limitation on the number of presenters in a given panel; the number of participants and the structure of the panel is up to each panel to decide; please be sure to include time for discussions with audience).
- There is no fee for presenting. However, presenters (including interpreters) are

responsible for any of their own travel, accommodation, printing, and miscellaneous costs (On this occasion the Association for Modern Japanese Literary Studies will not be providing the assistance it usually extends to member-presenters at regular meetings to cover travel and printing costs).

- We will be accepting applications for both individual and panel presentations between April 1 and April 30, 2017 (applications must be received by this date). Applicants will be contacted as to whether their applications will have been selected in about a month. Until that time, we will not respond to inquiries about the result of selections.
  
- Please send your completed entry sheet (found on the Association for Modern Japanese Literary Studies website) and your abstract to the address given below either by e-mail or by post (to be received by the deadline). For individual papers, abstracts should be about 400 Japanese characters; for panels, please provide an abstract in Japanese for the panel as a whole in addition to the abstracts for each individual presenter, for a total of about 1500 characters.

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