



Scandinavia Japan Sasakawa Foundation (SJSF)
Japanese Studies Networking Conference
**“Contemporary Japanese Studies in the Nordics:
Taking stock and looking forward”**
November 20-22, 2024
at European Institute of Japanese Studies,
Stockholm School of Economics

Conference Program

November 20, Wednesday: Arrival in Stockholm

Arrival of conference participants

Check-in at Hotel Birger Jarl, Tulegatan 8, Stockholm

18:00 – 21:00 **Welcome Dinner**

Venue: Atrium, Stockholm School of Economics, Sveavägen 65, Stockholm

November 21, Thursday: Conference Day 1

Venue: Stockholm School of Economics, Sveavägen 65, Stockholm

08:30 – 09:00 Registration

09:00 – 09:30 **Welcome speeches**

Venue: Aulan, Stockholm School of Economics

Dr. Patrik Ström, Director, European Institute of Japanese Studies, Stockholm School of Economics

Dr. Sofie Roy, Senior Executive Vice President, Stockholm School of Economics

H. E. Mr. Hideki Mizukoshi, Ambassador, Embassy of Japan in Sweden

Dr. h.c. Elisabeth Nilsson, Chairperson, Scandinavia-Japan Sasakawa Foundation

Ms. Yuko Tani, Manager, Global Issues Department, The Nippon Foundation

09:30 – 10:30 **Keynote speech I**

Professor Ari Kokko, Copenhagen Business School

“Relations between Japan and EU: a trade perspective”

10:30 – 11:00 **Coffee Break**

11:00 – 11:45 **Keynote speech II**

“Development of Japanese Studies in the Nordics”

Professor Emeritus Marie Söderberg, European Institute of Japanese Studies, Stockholm School of Economics

11:45 – 13:00 Lunch

Venue: Atrium, Stockholm School of Economics

13:00 – 14:30 **Session I**

Venue: Room Ragnar, Stockholm School of Economics

Chair: Erja Kettunen-Matilainen, University of Turku

Patrik Ström, European Institute of Japanese Studies, Stockholm School of Economics

“Digitalization and green economy transition in EU and Japan: Smart Cities and Society 5.0 within the changing geopolitical context”

Kristín Ingvarsdóttir, University of Iceland

“Icelandic-Japanese whaling relations”

Kamilla Szczepanska, University of Turku

“Japan and its support for Ukraine: focusing on ODA and humanitarian aid in the post 2022 environment”

14:30 – 15:00 Coffee Break

15:00 – 16:00 **Session II**

Venue: Room Ragnar, Stockholm School of Economics

Chair: Paul O’Shea, Lund University

Lixin Lu, European Institute of Japanese Studies and Department of Marketing and Strategy, Stockholm School of Economics

“Collective Innovation between Japanese Government and Industry: Unleashing the Potential of Digitalisation in a Consensus-based Society”

Frans Autio, University of Helsinki

“History of Japanese car design, specifically on Toyota Motors and their two concept cars for camping and outdoor activities in early 1970s”

Jonathan Puntervold, University of Gothenburg

“Role of English as an academic lingua franca through the perspective of Japanese intellectual history”

17:00 – 18:00 **National Museum – Guided Tour (Invited guests)**

Venue: Nationalmuseum, Södra Blasieholmshamnen 2, Stockholm

18:00 – 21:00 **Conference Dinner (Invited guests)**

Venue: Restaurant Nationalmuseum, Södra Blasieholmshamnen 2, Stockholm

November 22, Friday: Conference Day 2

Venue: Stockholm School of Economics, Sveavägen 65, Stockholm

09:00 – 10:30 **Session III**

Venue: Room Ragnar, Stockholm School of Economics

Chair: Raymond Yamamoto, Aarhus University

Peter Popovics, Copenhagen Business School (online)

“Innovation and Venture Capital: Green economy transition”

Sara Park, University of Helsinki (online)

“Family, nation and the state: Japanese-ness and nationality act in the age of migration”

Bendik Manum, Norwegian University of Science and Technology

“Inspiration from Japan regarding how to think of nature”

Misuzu Shimotori, University of Bergen

“The language learning of elderly people in Japan and Norway: Motivation and influencing factors”

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30 **Session IV**

Venue: Room Ragnar, Stockholm School of Economics

Chair: Ene Selart, University of Tartu

Oshie Nishimura-Sahi, University of Tampere

“How popular artwork touching upon global challenges in the Anthropocene”

Amanda Brødsgaard, University of Copenhagen

“Techno-nationalism and the Land of the Rising Robots: The Japanese government’s co-construction of policy and technoscience”

Natsumi Goto, Lund University

“The acquisition of Japanese pitch accent: the effect of learners’ first language, Swedish”

Erik Isaksson, European Institute of Japanese Studies and Berlin Free University

“Rearming with likeminded allies: “values” and “international order” during the second Abe government”

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch
Venue: Atrium, Stockholm School of Economics

13:30 – 14:30 **Roundtable Discussion and Concluding Remarks**
Venue: Room Ragnar, Stockholm School of Economics

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Moderator: Patrik Ström, European Institute of Japanese Studies, SSE

Panelists:

Bart Ganes, Finnish Institute of International Affairs

Kristín Ingvarsdóttir, University of Iceland

Eva Liias, University of Tartu

15:00 Leave for Ericsson, Sveavägen 65, Stockholm School of Economics

15:30 – 16:30 **Company visit, Ericsson**

17:00 Return back to Stockholm School of Economics

18:00 - **Farewell Dinner (Invited Guests)**
Venue: Restaurant TAK, Brunkebergstorg 2-4, 111 51 Stockholm