



WELCOME TO OUR 2024 BULLETIN

IN MEMORIAM

On 5 February 2024, Mr. Andreas Van Agt passed away along with his wife, Eugenie Krekelberg. Mr. Van Agt held many positions during his political career. From 1977-1982, he was Prime Minister of the Netherlands, from 1987-1989 EU Ambassador to Japan, until 1995 EU Ambassador to the USA and from 1999-2015 Honorary Chairman of the Canon Foundation. He will be profoundly missed not only by his family and friends but also by colleagues both in the Netherlands and abroad.

WITH GRATITUDE AND BEST WISHES

Prof. Dr. Willem van Gulik retired from the Foundation's Board of Directors in 2023. He was one of the inaugural Board members when the Foundation was established in 1987. His contributions significantly shaped the Foundation's work and activities, playing a crucial role in its growth and success over the last 36 years.

THE 2024 REGIONAL ALUMNI FELLOW MEETING

Alumni Fellows from southern Europe (France, Italy, Portugal and Spain) will be invited to this year's Regional Fellow meeting in Rome on **Friday 29 November, 2024**, at the Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, Italy.

Additionally, Fellows from other countries who completed their research this year will also be invited.

Our annual Fellow meetings help to nurture a dynamic network of past and present Alumni Fellows, enabling Fellows to exchange experiences and knowledge with each other.

Please see our website for the [full list of Canon Fellows](#)



INTRODUCTION

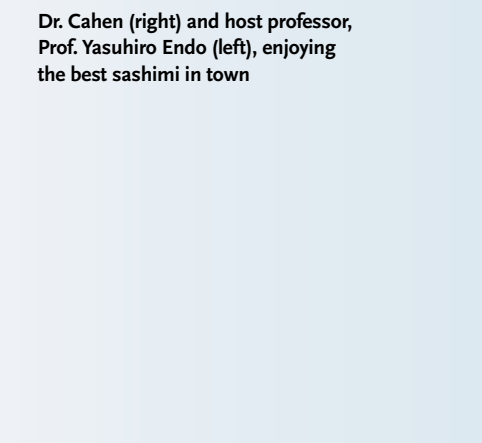
THE 2024 CANON FOUNDATION IN EUROPE FELLOWS

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|  <p>DR. SAMUELE LO PIANO
FROM University of Reading, UK
TO Aoyama Gakuin, College of Economics, Inst. of Economic Research, Shibuya, Japan
HOST Prof. Shigeru Matsumoto
RESEARCH FIELD Environmental Studies: Sensitivity and Uncertainty Analysis for Energy Demand Modeling</p> |  <p>MR. CAYETANO LIMORTE MENCHÓN
FROM Independent curator based in Alicante, Spain
TO Tokyo University of the Arts, Japan
HOST Prof. Fumihiko Sumitomo
RESEARCH FIELD Art: Art meets technology. An artistic cartography of media arts in Japan</p> |
|  <p>DR. TARŌ TOKUTAKE
FROM Kyoto University, Japan
TO CNRS & UNIVERSITÉ PARIS CITÉ, France
HOST Prof. Agathe Keller
RESEARCH FIELD Other social Sciences: History of Indian mathematics. Manuscript Transmission of the Trisāṭi, an Indian Arithmetic Text</p> |  <p>DR. GIL CARRACO
FROM Universidade do Algarve, Faro, Portugal
TO Kyoto University, ASHBI (Institute for the Advanced Study of Human Biology, Japan
HOST Prof. Cantas Alev
RESEARCH FIELD Biosciences: Reconstituting human endodermal organogenesis with synthetic embryo models</p> |
|  <p>DR. KENSUKE NISHIMIYA
FROM Tohoku University Hospital, Sendai, Japan
TO Radboud UMC, Nijmegen, The Netherlands
HOST Prof. Dr. Niels van Royen
RESEARCH FIELD Medicine: Inflammation as A Treatment Target for Coronary Vasomotor Dysfunction in Ischemia and NonObstructive Coronary Artery disease (INOCA)</p> |  <p>MR. MATTIA DELLO SPEDALE VENTI
FROM Naples University "L'Orientale", Italy
TO Kobe University, Japan
HOST Prof. Shin'ichi Tanigawa
RESEARCH FIELD Politics and International Relations: The City Diplomacy of Kōbe in the 21st century</p> |
|  <p>DR. STEFANO TORNIERI
FROM Iuav University of Venice, Italy and LTU Luleå University of Technology, Sweden
TO Nagoya University, Japan
HOST Prof. Masaru Miyawaki
RESEARCH FIELD Architecture and Area Planning: Future Fish Farming. Japanese Innovative aquaculture systems, impacts and application in Italy</p> |  <p>DR. FRANTIŠEK DINNBIER
FROM Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic
TO University of Tokyo, Graduate School of Science, Japan.
HOST Assoc. Prof. Michiko Fujii
RESEARCH FIELD Astronomy: Survival of open star clusters at high galactic altitudes</p> |
|  <p>MS. JERÒNIA CUBELLS
FROM Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain
TO University of Tokyo, Japan
HOST Prof. Giancarlo Troncoso Parady
RESEARCH FIELD Architecture and Area planning: Urban mobility. Intersectional Perspectives on Micromobility and Public Transit Integration in Europe and Japan</p> |  <p>MS. LISA TORIO
FROM Kyoto University, Japan
TO Catholic University of Paris, France
HOST Dr. Emmanuel Falque
RESEARCH FIELD Philosophy and Religion: The Religious Philosophy of Gabriel Marcel</p> |
|  <p>DR. IRENE PAPIANO
FROM Technical University of Denmark
TO University of Tokyo, Japan
HOST Prof. Naoji Matsuhisa
RESEARCH FIELD Material Sciences: 3D-printable conductive and flexible materials for bioelectronic applications</p> |  <p>ASSI. PROF. MIHO SAITO
Japan-Africa Exchange Programme with Kyoto University
FROM University of Zambia, Department of Agric Economics & Extension, Zambia
TO Kyoto University, Japan
RESEARCH FIELD Agriculture and Forestry: Under what conditions do poverty traps appear and persist? An international comparative analysis of long-term farm households panel data</p> |
|  <p>MR. ALEXANDRE TAALBA
FROM Paris 8 University, France
TO University of Tokyo, Department of Interdisciplinary Cultural Studies, Culture & Representation Course, Japan
HOST Prof. Kenji Kajiya
RESEARCH FIELD Aesthetics: Art practices and anti-nuclear radicalism in contemporary Japan</p> |  <p>DR. RACHAEL KEI KAWASAKI
Co-sponsored Fellowship with the European University Institute with Kyoto University
FROM Kyoto University, Graduate School of Human Survivability, Japan
TO European University Institute, Robert Schumann Centre, San Domenico di Fiesole, Italy
RESEARCH FIELD Economics: The Effects of Social and Economic Integration on Attitude towards Immigrants</p> |



NEW FELLOWS

TWO FELLOWS' JOURNEYS



Dr. Cahen (right) and host professor, Prof. Yasuhiro Endo (left), enjoying the best sashimi in town

DR. RAPHAËL CAHEN EXPLORING JAPAN'S ARCHIVES

Dr. Cahen is a Senior Researcher at Justus-Liebig-Universität Giessen, Germany. He used his Fellowship to go to Matsuyama University to do research on *Socio-cultural history of International Law and Japanese encounters (1815-1912)*.

Dr. Cahen wanted to examine the lesser well known "players" and their interaction with foreign experts living in Japan. He visited public and private archives such as the Diplomatic Archives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan and archives of universities in Tokyo.

During his stay, in February 2024, he was invited to speak at a conference at Okayama University on "Legal Advisers in Foreign Affairs: A comparative perspective (1815-1918)" by Assoc. Prof. Hirofumi Oguri, Fac. Humanities and Social Sciences. In April 2024, he also spoke at a conference organised by Matsuyama University on "Friedrich Gentz and the international order around 1815".

MR. RAÛL PÉREZ I GONZALO END-TO-END LEARNING FOR WIND TURBINE BLADES

Raül is from the Institut de Robòtica i Informàtica industrial, Barcelona, Spain. The Institut is a joint Research Center of the Spanish National Research Council (CSIC) and the Technical University of Catalonia (UPC).

A Spanish researcher towards his PhD, he went to Waseda University to do research on Computer Vision & Artificial Intelligence. End-to-end learning for Wind Turbine blades. In recent decades, a primary focus within the wind industry has been the reduction of operational costs to enhance the competitiveness of wind energy. The project's aim is to create an end-to-end algorithm that can provide comprehensive blade assessments enabling the formulation of repair strategies.

Life in Japan
I tried to immerse myself in Japanese culture, explore different places and utilize social platforms like the meet-up app to connect with people. I also had the initiative to engage in events, including board games with locals in order to commit to socializing and building connections outside of the academic setting. Another significant portion of my dedicated time was learning the Japanese language and understanding the local culture.

With the support of the Canon Foundation, I was in contact with other Canon Research Fellowships that were living in Japan.

My stay in Japan had a huge effect on my personal life. Despite not wanting to admit it, before I went to Japan, I had distinct opinions about how Asian people would be. For instance, I thought that people are shy in Japan than in Spain. That is because in my home city, locals and Asian people do not mix so much. However, I since changed my opinions during these months and I am proud to say that I consider myself more open-minded now.



Raül with lab members at a dinner, a Japanese party which takes place at the end of the year and is generally held among groups of co-workers or friends

FELLOWS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

REGIONAL FELLOW MEETING VIENNA, 2023

Alumni Fellows hailing from the Benelux, East Europe and Scandinavia were invited to Vienna last December. With presentations from three speakers, discussions sparked an exchange of ideas and fostering intellectual dialogue among participants.

At the meeting, recently concluded Fellowship researchers were also invited where they were awarded certificates and lapel badges signifying their membership into the Alumni Association.

Below: Jan-Ton Prinze (Chairman Board of Directors) awarding certificates to Fellows



AWARDING CERTIFICATES TO FELLOWS

OUR PROGRAMMES

- Research Fellowships**
Eligibility - Europeans (including the Balkan and Baltic countries, Israel, Turkey and UK) and Japanese nationals who want to do research in Japan and Europe respectively. Applicants must have obtained at least a Master's degree within the past 10 years prior to applying. Non-nationals should have international citizenship either in Europe or Japan.
Stipend - up to 30,000 Euros per year pro rata.
Duration - 3 months minimum to 1 year maximum.
Deadline - 15 Sept 2024.
[General information / Registration and requirements](#)
- Co-sponsored Research Fellowships with the European University Institute**
Eligibility - Japanese nationals who already obtained their Ph.D within the past 5 years or have official approval to defend their thesis by the start of the programme on 1 September.
Duration - 1 year from Sept-Aug.
Deadline - 18 Oct 2024.
[General information / Application via our website or via the European University Institute](#)
- Japan-Africa Exchange Programme**
In co-operation with Kyoto University, Center for African Area Studies. Grants are offered to scholars from Kyoto University who want to do research in African Studies in Africa, and for scholars from Kyoto University's partner institutes in Africa who want to do research at Kyoto University.
Deadline - 15 Oct 2024.
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