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Coinciding with the 30th anniversary of Canon Foundation in Europe, in September 2017, we launched a new program committed to promoting exchange specifically between Japan and Africa.

Together with **Kyoto University** and the **Center for African Area Studies (CAAS)**, this new program is committed to promoting exchange specifically between Japan and Africa. Kyoto University scholars are invited to apply for fellowships to do research related to African Studies at Kyoto's partner institutes in Africa and vice versa.

The program will exist alongside our current fellowship program which offers fellowships to Europeans and Japanese who want to do research in Japan and Europe respectively.

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We are honoured to partner with Kyoto University for this important initiative. Kyoto University represents the foremost academic institution in Japan where research is conducted and exchanged with Africa. The focus is on research and studies regarding Africa's natural environment, in relation to its peoples, cultures and endogenous development including wildlife.

Preferential emphasis will be placed on applications related to **'people-to-people'** exchange projects contributing to development in Africa by means of scientific research and bilateral knowledge transfer.

For more information about the Japan-Africa Fellows, and for application details, please visit: http://www.africaunit.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/news/20171213_1078

In a similar set up, together with our co-sponsored partner, the European University Institute, Florence, Italy, we offer one fellowship per year to a candidate of Japanese nationality or with permanent residency in Japan in the field of international relations. See: <https://www.eui.eu/ServicesAndAdmin/AcademicService/Fellowships>





**YOUR INVITATION TO THE
REGIONAL FELLOW MEETING
FRIDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2018
LISBON, PORTUGAL**

To Alumni Fellows from France, Italy, Portugal, Spain and current Fellows who finish their Fellowships by November, we cordially invite you to the 2018 Regional Fellow meeting in co-operation with the Department of Art History, Universidade Nova de Lisboa.

More details to follow in September



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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE REGIONAL FELLOW MEETING WARSAW, POLAND, 2017

In co-operation with the Faculty of Oriental Studies at the University of Warsaw, the November 2017 meeting was held in the University library. As well as welcoming our Alumni Fellows from East Europe, we were honoured that Alumni Canon Foundation Fellow Prof. Katarzyna J. Cwiertka agreed to give a lecture entitled *Branding Japan: the Global and the Local*.

Before and during the meeting, guests were invited to visit the *Chashitsu Kaian* – a traditional Japanese tea pavilion situated inside the library and is one of its kind in Europe. Guests took part in a tea ceremony served by the students of the Japanese studies department at the Faculty of Oriental Studies. With special thanks to Ula Mach-Bryson and her students for performing the ceremony.

*Above: Guest speaker, Canon Foundation Fellow Prof. Katarzyna J. Cwiertka
Top right: Dr. Fabienne Huebener, Canon Fellow from 2000 receiving her lapel.
Middle and below right: Guests enjoying the traditional Japanese tea and ceremony*



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THIS YEAR'S CANON FOUNDATION IN EUROPE FELLOWS

*JAPAN-AFRICA FELLOW **CO-SPONSORED CANON FOUNDATION FELLOW WITH THE EUROPEAN UNIV. INST.

1. DR. CHRISTOPHER ADENYO*
 FROM: Univ. of Ghana, Ghana
 TO: Kyoto University, Japan
 HOST: Prof. Dr. Miho Inoue-Murayama
 RESEARCH: Agriculture & Forestry: Sequencing and mapping of the grasscutter (large rodent) (*Thryonomys swinderianus*) genome to identify genes relevant for domestication

2. MR. TOBIAS BURGERS
 FROM: Free Univ. Berlin, Germany
 TO: Keio University, Japan
 HOST: Prof. Motohiro Tsuchiya
 RESEARCH: Politics and International Relations: The Concept of Security in the Age of New Technologies. Implications of the rising use of new technologies on international security relations in East Asia

3. MS. ASTRID ENGL
 FROM: Academy of Fine Arts, Vienna, Austria
 TO: Tokyo Gakugei Univ., Japan
 HOST: Prof. Dr. Joshua Paul Dale
 RESEARCH: Art/design: Japanese kawaii culture in Tokyo at the Intersection of Art, Design & Everyday-Life Culture

4. DR. TIMO ESSIG
 FROM: Karlsruher Institut für Technologie, Karlsruhe, Germany
 TO: Hokkaido University, Japan
 HOST: Prof. Toru Ohmoto
 RESEARCH: Mathematics: the topology of manifolds & singular spaces

5. DR. CLAUDIA CECCHETTO
 FROM: Univ. of Padova, Italy
 TO: Okinawa Institute of Science & Technology, Japan
 HOST: Dr. Bernd Kuhn
 RESEARCH: Neurosciences: an innovative multimodal approach for the study of the barrel cortex through VSD imaging & high-resolution LFP recordings

6. DR. GIOVANNI FORCINA
 FROM: National University of Singapore Avian Evolution Lab, Dept. Sciences, Singapore
 TO: Kyoto University, Japan
 HOST: Prof. Dr. Miho Inoue-Murayama
 RESEARCH: Biosciences: Improving the current understanding of the genetic mechanisms underlying mate choice & reproductive success to assist ex situ conservation breeding programs of the Japanese golden eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos japonica*)

7. DR. YUKARI HIRA
 FROM: Kyoto Univ. of Ed., Japan
 TO: Univ. of Strasbourg, France
 HOST: Prof. Christophe Geiger
 RESEARCH: Law: Intellectual Property Law. Balancing Copyright & Freedom of Expression: recent development of fundamental right approach of European & French courts

8. DR. NORIKO ITOH*
 FROM: Kyoto University, Japan
 TO: Mahale Mountains National Park, Tanzania
 RESEARCH: Anthropology: Re-assessment of local knowledge on plants & species identification after 50 years at Mahale National Park, Tanzania

9. DR. SAKIKO KAIGA**
 FROM: International Christian University, Peace Research Institute, Tokyo, Japan
 TO: European Univ. Institute, San Domenico, di Fiesole, Italy
 HOST: Prof. Corinna Hunger
 RESEARCH: History of International Relations: the Label of Democracy: the Mobilisation of a 'Universal Value' in the Era of the League of Nations 1919-45

10. MS. GAIA PINTUCCI
 FROM: Univ. Hamburg, Germany
 TO: Kyoto University, Japan
 HOST: Prof. Yuko Yokochi
 RESEARCH: Literature (Sanskrit): A New Adornment: the Creation & Transmission of Commentaries on the Western Recension of the *Amaruśataka*

11. PROF. HAJANIRINA RAKOTOMANANA*
 FROM: Univ. of Antananarivo, Antananarivo, Madagascar
 TO: Kyoto University, Japan
 HOST: Prof. Akira Takada
 RESEARCH: Environmental Studies: meta-analysis of the long-term biological data collected by Kyoto University scholars in Ankarafantsika, north-western Madagascar: its implication to conservation efforts

12. MS. ANA RUIZ
 FROM: San Jorge University, Zaragoza, Spain
 TO: University of Tokyo, Japan
 HOST: Prof. Yasushi Asami
 RESEARCH: Architecture & Area Planning: Urban planning. Shrinking communities in Spain & the linkage with Japanese case

13. DR. GABRIEL SANCHEZ SANTOLINO
 FROM: Institute of Materials Science of Madrid, CSIC, Spain
 TO: University of Tokyo, Japan
 HOST: Prof. Naoya Shibata
 RESEARCH: Material Sciences: direct Visualization of Electromagnetic Fields in Domain Wall Nanoelectronic Devices

14. DR. JOANA SILVA
 FROM: University of Minho, Portugal
 TO: Gakushuin University, Tokyo, Japan
 HOST: Prof. Akihiko Takashima
 RESEARCH: Neurosciences: unmasking the role of Tau protein in adult brain homeostasis: a novel approach for new answers

15. DR. HIROYUKI TAKEMOTO*
 FROM: Kyoto University, Japan
 TO: Makerere University, Makerere, Uganda
 HOST: Prof. Eric Sande
 RESEARCH: Physical Anthropology: the origins of human terrestrial life: investigation from the perspective of the forest thermal environment

16. MR. RYOSEI TANIGUCHI
 FROM: Kyoto University, Japan
 TO: University of Paris 1, France
 HOST: Prof. Dominique Kalifa
 RESEARCH: History: The 'Political Crimes' in Elections: In the Beginning of the French Third Republic (1870-1879)

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THE JOYFUL 'SIDE EFFECTS' OF VISUAL RESEARCH BY ASTRID ENGL (2018 CANON FOUNDATION FELLOW)

A quite unexpected but promising outcome of my research stay in Japan is that I developed an enthusiastic passion for Japanese vintage toys, particularly for Hiragana blocks (*tsumiki*). Originally purchased as a learning tool to improve my Hiragana skills, I quickly got excited about the beautiful design. My collection now includes several sets from different decades which I purchased at flea markets or online auctions.

Always being fascinated with the simplicity and beauty of Japanese artifacts, it quickly turned out my stay in Japan wouldn't only have an essential impact on the quality and realization of my project but also for my own art practice.

I now own about a hundred sets from different periods in various colours and styles.

There is actually one more side effect to my passion: by studying the illustrations but also by the refinement of research strategies, I could not only make out relations to aspects of kawaii culture as my research topic but it also improved my Japanese in an efficient and joyful way.

Hiragana is the basic Japanese phonetic script. It represents every sound in the Japanese language. By learning hiragana, you will learn the basics of Japanese pronunciation. In essence, it is the first step to learning Japanese.

Astrid is an artist and researcher at the Academy of Fine Arts in Vienna. She is at Tokyo Gakugei University doing research on Japanese kawaii culture at the intersection of art, design and everyday-life-culture.



AWARD

2015 Canon Fellow Dr. Nobuaki Murai (3rd from left) receiving his Research Doctorate in Assyriology at Leiden University, the Netherlands in January 2018.



Above right: Two examples from her substantial collection of Hiragana blocks

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Founded in 1987 to enhance cultural and scientific understanding between Japan and Europe, **we offer grants for research in all fields.**

Candidates should have obtained **at least their Master's degree** within the last ten years. Non-nationals should have permanent citizenship in either Europe or Japan.

Fellowships are awarded for a minimum of three months to maximum one year.

[Please click here to register online for our application form](#)

15 September 2018 is the deadline for receiving applications for Fellowships starting from 1 January 2019.

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