

Bulletin 2019



JOIN US IN KYOTO, JAPAN, FOR THIS YEAR'S REGIONAL FELLOW MEETING

With the majority of our Alumni Fellows living in Japan, holding a Regional Fellow meeting there is long overdue. We invite all Fellows who will be in Japan on Friday 22 November, 2019 to join us in Kyoto.

In co-operation with Kyoto University, we are finalising the programme. The meeting will start with lunch at 12pm and end by 6pm. *More details will be sent to you later on in the year.*

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HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST YEAR'S REGIONAL FELLOW MEETING AT UNIVERSIDADE NOVA DE LISBOA IN LISBON, PORTUGAL

Last November, we were in Lisbon for our 2018 Regional Fellow meeting. This was the first time a Fellow meeting had taken place in Portugal. Prof. Francisco Caramelo, Dean of the Faculty of Social and Human Sciences at the Universidade NOVA de Lisboa welcomed guests including His Excellency Jun Niimi (Sr), Ambassador of Japan who was the special guest.

Participants enjoyed two lectures illustrating the historical links between Japan and Portugal. Firstly, Willem van Gulik transported the audience back in time with his stimulating lecture, *"The Japanese Encounter with Portugal and Spain in the late 16th and early 17th centuries as viewed in the arts of Japan at the time"*.

The second lecture, *"Interactions between Christian missionaries and Buddhist sects in Momoyama, Japan"* was given by Alexandra Curvelo and Ana Fernandes Pinto from the Faculty of Social and Human Sciences at the University.

After the event, Board Member José I.R. Fernandez presented awards to the following Fellows:



THIS YEAR'S CANON FOUNDATION IN EUROPE FELLOWS



MR. RAMÓN BARRAL LIJÓ
FROM Universidade de Santiago de Compostela, Spain
TO Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto, Japan
HOST Prof. Hiraku Nozawa
RESEARCH FIELD Mathematics geometry and dynamical systems.



MR. QUENTIN BLAEVOET
FROM Lille University, France
TO Kyoto University, Japan
HOST Prof. Yasuhiko Sugimura
RESEARCH FIELD History of Philosophy, Phenomenology. Investigates the phenomenological legacy of Tanabe Hajime's philosophy from his stay in Germany from 1922-24.



DR. LUCIE ČERNA
FROM Organisation for Economic Co-operation & Development, Paris, France & The Centre on Migration, Policy & Society, University of Oxford, UK
TO Waseda University, Japan
HOST Prof. Christopher Pokarier
RESEARCH FIELD Politics & International Relations – Public policy. Internationalisation of Japanese higher education.



MS. RISA DOMOTO
FROM Kindai University, Osaka, Japan
TO University of Strathclyde, Scotland, UK
HOST Dr Margaret Rose Cunningham
RESEARCH FIELD Medicine – Pharmacology. Molecular mechanisms of HMGB1 release from platelets and its implication in chemotherapy-induced peripheral neuropathy and thrombosis.



DR. ZOHER GUEROUI
FROM Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris, France
TO Kyoto University, Japan
HOST Prof. Hirohide Saito
RESEARCH FIELD Biosciences – Phase transition of synthetic RNA granules using an interdisciplinary approach.



DR. ELEONORA MARGHERITIS
FROM nanoBIOSTRUCTURES Lab, Center for Nanotechnology Innovation@NEST, Italian Institute of Technology, Pisa, Italy
TO Drug Design Lab., Graduate School of Medical Life Science, Yokohama City University, Yokohama, Japan
HOST Prof. Jeremy Tame
RESEARCH FIELD Biosciences – Protein Design: inducing membrane MBL assembly.



DR. CLAIRE MAWDITT
FROM Derby Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, UK
TO St. Luke's International University, Tokyo, Japan
HOST Prof. Stuart Gilmour
RESEARCH FIELD Environmental Studies – Public Health. The clustering of health-related behaviours in a representative sample of the Japanese population.



DR. ANTONIO MIHI RAMIREZ
FROM Granada University, Spain
TO Teikyo University, Tokyo, Japan
HOST Prof. Hiroshi Osada
RESEARCH FIELD Economics – Effects of the older population on migratory flows.



DR. TAKUYA ONODA
FROM London School of Economics & Political Science, UK
TO European University Institute, San Domenico di Fiesole, Italy
HOST Prof. Philipp Genschel
RESEARCH FIELD Politics & International Relations – Drug rationing policies in Europe and Japan.



MR. ESBEN PETERSEN
FROM J.W. Goethe University of Frankfurt am Main, Germany
TO Nanzan University, Nagoya, Japan
HOST Prof. Dr. Okuyama Michiaki
RESEARCH FIELD Philosophy and Religion – Christian-Buddhist encounters in Meiji Japan.



DR. ELISKA PROCHÁZKOVÁ
FROM Institute of Organic Chemistry & Biochemistry, The Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, Czech Rep.
TO Yokohama National University, Yokohama, Japan
HOST Assoc. Prof. Izuru Kawamura
RESEARCH FIELD Chemistry & Pharmacy – NMR spectroscopy with in situ irradiation in solid state.



MS. EMANUELA SALA
FROM University of London, School of Oriental & African Studies, UK
TO Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan
HOST Prof. Okubo Ryoshun
RESEARCH FIELD Philosophy & Religion – Hermeneutical Strategies of Japanese Medieval Religion: the Yōtenki 耀天記.



DR. MIHO SATO
FROM Yamaguchi University, Japan
TO University of Zurich, Switzerland
HOST Prof. Steven Brown
RESEARCH FIELD Neurosciences – Imaging circadian plasticity.



DR. FEKRİJE SELİMİ
FROM Collège de France, Paris, France
TO ICEMS, Kyoto University, Japan
HOST Dr. Dan Ohtan Wang
RESEARCH FIELD Neurosciences – Role of a new epigenetic modification during the development of brain circuits.



DR. ANA SOFIA TEIXEIRA DE CERDEIRA
FROM University of Oxford, UK
TO Hiroshima University, Japan
HOST Prof. Yoshiki Kudo
RESEARCH FIELD Medicine – Investigation and implementation of preeclampsia biomarkers sFlt-1 and PlGF in Japan.



DR. POL TORRES ALVAREZ
FROM Autonomous University of Barcelona & Materials Science, Institute of Barcelona (ICMAB-CSIC), Spain
TO University of Tokyo, Japan
HOST Prof. Junichiro Shiomi
RESEARCH FIELD Physics – Systematic study of hydrodynamic thermal transport to improve heat in dissipation in electronic devices.



MR. OLIVER WHITE
FROM Columbia University, New York, USA
TO Waseda University, Japan
HOST Professor Ichirō Ikezawa
RESEARCH FIELD Literature – Transformative travel. The Roots & Re-inventions of Hizakurige, an Early 19th Century Japanese Travel Tale.



ASSOC. PROF. YAZIDHI BAMUTAZE
FROM Makerere University, Uganda
TO Kyoto University, Japan
HOST Assoc. Prof. Shuichi Oyama
RESEARCH FIELD Environmental Studies – Soil and land use practices on landslapse patterns on the slopes of Mt. Elgon in Uganda.



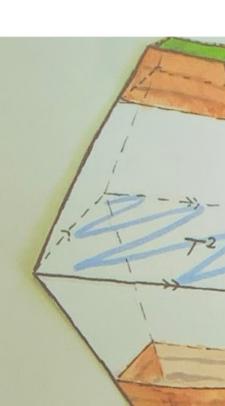
DR. KAZUKI KUSUNOKI
FROM Kyoto University, Japan
TO United States International University, Kenya
HOST Dr. Kennedy Mkuu Agade
RESEARCH FIELD Environmental Studies – Internationalization of the Control of Rinderpest: A Case Study of Kenya.



DR. ANEHA MULUNEH
FROM Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia
TO Kyoto University, Japan
HOST Prof. James Mori
RESEARCH FIELD Earth Sciences – Rotation of the Danakil Micro block and strain accommodations in the Afar Rift, Ethiopia.



DR. PATOU MUSUMARI
FROM Kyoto University, Japan
TO University of Kinshasa, D. R. Congo
HOST Prof. Paulin Mutombo
RESEARCH FIELD Public health studies – Barriers and facilitators to adoption of e-health technologies among primary health care providers in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo.



ONE FELLOW'S EXPERIENCE IN JAPAN

DR. TIMO ESSIG of Karlsruher Institut für Technologie, Germany is in the final quarter of his Canon Foundation Fellowship at Hokkaido University. Under the supervision of his host professor Toru Ohmoto, he is doing research on the topology of manifolds and singular spaces in Mathematics.

Conferences and Talks

'February was defined by my trip to Kyushu and Tokyo. I was supported by the grant of my host professor Toru Ohmoto, who covered the travel expenses. First, I visited my colleague Dr. D. Wrazidlo at Kyushu University in Fukuoka, Japan. I gave a background talk on intersection space cohomology in the local singularity seminar. The week after, I was a speaker at the 14th Algebra-Analysis-Geometry seminar in Kagoshima, Japan, which was held in honour of Professor S. Yokura's retirement. I gave a talk on my research project on the de Rham description of intersection space cohomology on three strata spaces. At the end of the month, I was invited as a speaker to a workshop on the topology of singularities at the Tokyo University of Science.'

Life in Japan

'The longer I am in Japan, the more accustomed I get to the Japanese way of living. The highlight of this second period of my year in Japan was definitely the trip to Kyushu and Honshu. In between the research-dominated parts of the trip, I was able to visit the island of Yakushima with its very special and unique flora and fauna. I enjoyed the jungle, the Pacific, the natural Oonsens, the food and the direct contact with nature. After that, it was an even bigger contrast to visit Tokyo. After being overwhelmed for the sheer endlessness of the city for some days, I got accustomed to the feeling of the city and started to enjoy it more and more. When I left it was sure that I would come back.'

'After coming back to Sapporo, I had a much more quiet time. With the winter taking its time to leave Hokkaido in March, it were perfect conditions for working on mathematics at the university office.'



THE CANON FOUNDATION IN EUROPE-KYOTO UNIVERSITY JAPAN-AFRICA EXCHANGE PROGRAM

This program offers fellowships to highly qualified researchers in fields of research related to African Studies. The program is intended to support 1) fellows from Kyoto University who want to do research in Africa, and 2) for scholars from Kyoto University's partner institutes in Africa who want to do research in Kyoto. The fellowships are for a minimum period of three months up to maximum of one year between April 1, 2020 and March 31, 2021.

Application deadline is October 31st, 2019.

Applicants need to hold at least an MA degree and be employed either at KU or KU's partner institutions as post-doctoral fellows or faculty members at the time of applying.

For the application form and more info, please go to http://www.africanunit.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/news/20180922_1078/

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APPLICATION PROCEDURE

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. **15 September 2019** is the deadline for receiving applications for fellowships starting from 1 January 2020.

Please click here to register online for our application form

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