

Australian Studies Association of Japan Annual Conference

Date: Saturday, 11 and Sunday, 12 June, 2016
Venue: Wakayama University, 930 Sakaedani, Wakayama City, Wakayama,
Japan
Registration fee: Free
Language: Japanese and English (Simultaneous interpretation to both English
and Japanese provided at Opening Ceremony, Keynote speech and
Panel discussions I & II).

Schedule Day 1

Saturday, 11 June, 2016

10:00~12:30 ASAJ Board Meeting (Room 107, Building 3)
13:00 Registration Open (Room T101, Building 5)
13:30 Opening Ceremony (Room T101, Building 5)

Opening remarks by Prof. Teruhiko Fukushima,
National Defense Academy of Japan
President of Australian Studies Association of Japan

Official Welcome by Prof. Takehiro Fujita, Dean of Faculty of Tourism
and Director of Centre for Tourism Research, Wakayama University

Congratulatory address by Mr. Bassim Blazey, Minister Counsellor
(Political) at the Australian Embassy in Tokyo

14:00~14:45 Keynote Speech (Room T101 Building 5)
Dr. Maria Nugent
Visiting Professor, The University of Tokyo, and Research Fellow,
Australian National University

“Indigenous Australia in the British Museum: Things, People and
Histories in Transit”

15:00~17:30 Panel Discussion I (Room T101 Building 5)
Tourism in Australia from a Cross-cultural Perspective
Chaired by Prof Etsuko Higashi, the Faculty of Tourism Wakayama
University

Panelists:

Prof. Kumi Kato, Wakayama University,
“Our whales in our waters: Australia’s transition from whaling to
whale watching”.

Dr. Freya Higgins Desbiolles, University of South Australia,

“Encounters at a sharp cultural interface: The case of Indigenous Australian tourism”

Prof. Michiyo Yoshida, Wakayama University,
“LGBT Tourism in Australia: A case of Sydney”.

Discussant:

Dr. Hayato Nagai, Wakayama University

Discussion

18:00~19:30 Conference Dinner at University Hall (Cafeteria)

Day 2

Sunday, 12 June, 2016

9:15 Registration Open (Room T101, Building 5)

9:30~11:15 Session 1 (Room E103, Building 3)

10:00~11:15 Session 2 (Room E104, Building 3)

11:25~12:00 Special Event 1 (Room E102, Building 3)

Book Launch: Japanese Translation of 'Tomitaro Fujii Pearl Diver of the Torres Strait' by Linda Miley'

11:30~12:50 Special Event 2 (3rd Floor, Building 6)

Photo Exhibition “The Life Story of Yasukichi Murakami (1880-1944), a Japanese Migrant from Wakayama to Australia, as Seen through the Photographs He Sent to His Mother”

Exhibition tour conducted by Prof Tsuda Mutsumi, Seian University of Art and Design: 11:30-:50; 12:30-2:50

Please note that Institute of Kishu Economic and Cultural History is open Saturday, on the 11th June. between 10:00-17:00 and closed on the 12th June (except during Exhibition Tour)

12:00~13:00 Lunch (Room E105 and Lounge Room)

Board Meeting (Room 107, Building 2)

13:15~13:45 AGM (Room T101 , Building 5)

14:00~16:30 Panel Discussion II (Room T101 Building 5)

Trans-border Migrations and Border Management across the Arafura Sea Region

Chaired by Prof. Mayumi Kamada, Nagoya University of Commerce & Business

Panelists:

Emeritus Prof Yuriko Nagata, The University of Queensland
“Okinawan Contract Labourers in the Pearl-shell industry in Torres

Strait: 1958-1961”

Associate Prof. Natasha Stacey, Charles Darwin University,
“Transboundary small-scale fisheries in the Timor and Arafura Seas
region of Northern Australia”

Prof. Sayoko Iizasa, Aoyama Gakuin University
“Illegalised Journey: ‘Boat People’ and the Border”

Discussants:

Associate Prof. Yuichi Murakami, Fukushima University
Associate Prof. Kazufumi Nagatsu, Toyo University.

Discussion

16:30 Closing remarks

2. Lunch and Dinner

Cafeterias on campus are only open Saturday (11:00am-13:30pm). On Sunday, bringing your own lunch is strongly recommended as all eating places are closed. For AJF members, lunch box is available. Please let us know in advance by post (please use the reply-paid postcard sent to you). Payment needs to be made at the registration on the first day of the conference.

Dinner: 5000 Yen (Student AJF member: 4000yen)

RSVP required by post (please use the reply-paid postcard you have)

This conference is sponsored by Australian Embassy and Australia-Japan Foundation.

3. Summaries of Keynote speech and Panel discussions 1 & 2

Keynote speech

Indigenous Australia in the British Museum : Things, people and histories in transit

Dr. Maria Nugent

Visiting Professor of Australian Studies 2015-16, University of Tokyo, and

Research Fellow of Australian Centre for Indigenous History, School of History, RISS ANU College of Arts and Social Sciences, The Australian National University

Last year, the British Museum in London staged a landmark exhibition, Indigenous Australia: Enduring Civilisation. The exhibition presented the deep history of Indigenous Australia through the Museum’s extensive collections of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander objects complemented by some contemporary artworks. Ongoing sensitivities about the ways in which the Museum’s collections were acquired during the colonial period contributed to repeated calls for the return of certain items. Other Indigenous spokespeople took a different view. They stressed the value of museum collections for recuperating diverse histories of Indigenous people, including earlier visionary engagements with Britain and the world. This paper uses the exhibition and the issues it raised to reflect more broadly on things, people and histories in transit.

Panel Discussion I: Tourism in Australia from a cross-cultural perspective

Tourism has been regarded as an important industry in Australia in the post-industrial era and has diversified alongside changes in the desired styles of travel. This panel focuses on the current tourism relating to identities and cultures based on ethnicity, sexuality, and environmental ideology.

With Dr. Freya Higgins, a distinguished scholar in the field of indigenous tourism in Australia, invited to this panel, we will explore how such identities and cultures are represented in Australian tourism and whether cross-cultural communication through tourism would help deepen understanding of other identities and cultures. We will also discuss the potential and limitations of the role of tourism in promoting understanding among people from different identities and cultural backgrounds.

Panel Discussion II: Trans-border migrations and border management across the Arafura Sea Region

Border control of Australia's northern waters has been a serious political issue. The panel analyses the cross-border movements of people in the region from historical and transregional perspectives.

Speakers specialized in the fields of Australian studies and Indonesian studies will present papers with a special focus on Japanese pearl divers and indentured workers, Indonesian fishermen, and 'boat people'. The panel will also identify various border management systems in the region by looking into how the 'borders' were institutionalized and how their management affected livelihood activities and migrations.

Focusing on trans-border activities, we would like to shed light on 'borders' from the perspective of people's livelihood and to reassess the relevance of their controls. We believe the panel will provide a new approach to Australian studies with the framework of border studies.

4. Campus Map

http://www.wakayama-u.ac.jp/en/campus_map.html