Nissan Institute Seminar in Japanese Studies
Michaelmas Term 2017

Fridays 5.00 p.m. in the Pavilion Room, 4th Floor, Gateway Building, St. Antony’s College, Oxford unless otherwise stated

Convenors: Professors Sho Konishi and Ian Neary

Friday 13th October
Sir Howard Stringer, Former Chairman, President and CEO of Sony Corporation
Reflections on being the first foreign CEO of Sony

Friday 20th October
Professor Sheldon Garon, Nissan Professor in Japanese Studies; Professor of History and East Asian Studies, Princeton University
Transnational History and Japan’s “Comparative Advantage”
This seminar starts at the later time of 5.30 pm.

Friday 27th & Saturday 28th October
Ecologies of Knowledge and Practice. A day and a half workshop in association with: The Japan Foundation; TORCH; St. Antony’s College; Japanese History Workshop and The Oxford Environmental History Network, University of Oxford.
This event will take place in the Fellows Dining Room, Hilda Besse Building, St. Antony’s College.

Friday 3rd November
Beyond the Gender Gap in Contemporary Japan
The following have confirmed their participation: Mito Akiyoshi, (Senshu University); Hiroko Takeda, (Nagoya University); Gill Steel (Doshisha University); Sherry Martin (U.S. State Department), and Susan Pavloska, (Doshisha University)
This event will start at 2.00 pm.

Friday 10th November
Dr Penny Francks, University of Leeds
Japan and the Great Divergence

Friday 17th November
Jeff Kurashige, Keio University and Cambridge University
The “Salaryman” Samurai: Japan’s Medieval Warrior and the “Birth” of the Early Modern World

Friday 24th November
Olga Solovieva, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Comparative Literature, University of Chicago
Akira Kurosawa’s Reception of Tolstoy in the film Ikiru (To Live, 1952) in the Context of Postwar Japan

Tuesday 28th November
His Excellency Koji Tsuruoka, Japanese Ambassador to the UK
Japan and Brexit
Discussant: Sir Ivan Rogers, formerly Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to the European Union
This Seminar will take place in the Nissan Institute Lecture Theatre from 5.00 pm.

Friday 1st December
Dr Thomas Garcin, Tanaka Junior Research Fellow in Japanese Studies, Pembroke College
Mishima Yukio and Takahashi Kazumi: Commitment and Literature in 1960s Japan

Those travelling from outside Oxford are advised to check on the Institutes website in case there has been a cancellation or change of venue www.nissan.ox.ac.uk/events