

# Nissan Institute Seminar in Japanese Studies

## Michaelmas Term 2017

***Fridays 5.00 p.m. in the Pavilion Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Gateway Building,  
St. Antony's College, Oxford unless otherwise stated***

**Convenors: Professors Sho Konishi and Ian Neary**

- Friday 13<sup>th</sup>  
October** Sir Howard Stringer, Former Chairman, President and CEO of Sony Corporation  
*Reflections on being the first foreign CEO of Sony*
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup>  
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 27<sup>th</sup>  
& Saturday  
28<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup>  
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 10<sup>th</sup>  
November** Dr Penny Francks, University of Leeds  
*Japan and the Great Divergence*
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup>  
November** Jeff Kurashige, Keio University and Cambridge University  
*The "Salaryman" Samurai: Japan's Medieval Warrior and the "Birth" of the Early Modern World*
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup>  
November** Olga Solovieva, Assistant Professor, Depart. 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 28<sup>th</sup>  
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 1<sup>st</sup>  
December** Dr Thomas Garcin, Tanaka Junior Research Fellow in Japanese Studies, Pembroke College  
*Mishima Yukio and Takahashi Kazumi: Commitment and Literature in 1960s Japan*

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