

Introducing the Hasekura Bulletin

Welcome to the inaugural issue of the Hasekura Bulletin, the official newsletter of the Hasekura League. As the name suggests, this newsletter will serve to provide regular updates and news concerning Hasekura League events, activities, and publications, but that is only the beginning. This is also intended as a forum for Hasekura members, friends, and associates to announce publications and other news, advertise upcoming academic events, and make calls for papers or conference/panel participants. It is hoped that the Bulletin will offer a stable and regular means of supporting and extending the opportunities that the annual international Hasekura symposia have generated for scholars to share their work and to connect with collaborators and colleagues. Our community has grown over the course of the last four years and the events held in Florence, Sendai, Ghent, Venice, and Bologna, and the Hasekura Bulletin will help strengthen the bonds we have made and carry them into the future.

Alongside regular updates concerning the comings and goings of the League, plans for the quarterly newsletter include profiles of emerging scholars, reviews of recent work by Hasekura affiliates, commentaries on developments within Japanese studies and interdisciplinary studies, and other features of interest to League members and associates. We welcome submissions and ideas from interested scholars and look forward to continuing to develop our vibrant community.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Work is nearing completion on the fourth volume in the Hasekura League Intercultural Studies publication series, Furusato: 'Home' at the Nexus of Politics, History, Art, Society, and Self. The book, which brings together works based on the papers presented at the November 2018 Hasekura Symposium in Venice, will be published by Mimesis International in March 2020. The audience for our

publications continues to grow, and we hope to see the book spread far and wide. Thanks once again to all of the contributors.

Planning is also beginning for our annual Hasekura Symposium to be held at Sapienza University of Rome in November 2020. More details will be coming soon.

We are also excited to announce the Hasekura League's first expansion into North America in partnership with the University of British Columbia.



UPCOMING EVENTS

February 27-28

International Student Workshop - The Past as a Source of Imagination and Inspiration: Strategy, Function, and Diversity of Historical Narratives
Tohoku University, Sendai – Co-presented by Université Grenoble-Alpes and Tohoku University

March 5

International Student Workshop – The Internationalization of Japanese Studies
University of British Columbia, Vancouver – Co-presented by the University of British Columbia and Tohoku University



MEMBER PUBLICATIONS

This space will be reserved to publicize publications by Hasekura affiliates. Please submit any publication news to Hasekura.Bulletin@gmail.com so that we can help to get the word out.



CALLS FOR COLLABORATION

This space will be reserved to announce calls for papers, proposals for panels, solicitations for workshop/conference/symposia participants, and other calls for academic collaboration. Please submit event/request details to Hasekura.Bulletin@gmail.com for inclusion in our next issue.

NEXT ISSUE

Our next edition will feature more news, including details on the November conference and the Furusato book, and our first forays into original content. We look forward to receiving news from our readers about publications and academic events and invite any comments or suggestions that you might have.

ABOUT THE HASEKURA LEAGUE

The Hasekura League was formed in Florence in 2015 with representatives from 15 universities in Europe and Japan. Centered on a new international and interdisciplinary view of Japanese Studies, the League has expanded broadly in the years since, connecting with scholars in a wide variety of fields from institutions around the world. In 2020, Hasekura will continue its development and launch new initiatives in North America and Asia.

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