

Dear Members,

Below is an item that was to be included in the latest issue:

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN COURSE IN READING  
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FORMS OF JAPANESE, JUNE-JULY 2010

With the support of the JSAA, we are applying for external funding to run a week-long course in reading materials written in older forms of Japanese (from the 1930s back to the 18th century). The course is aimed at members of JSAA and others who need to use such written materials for their research. The course will run in late June-early July 2010 near Adelaide, immediately before the ASAA conference, which is to be held at the University of Adelaide. The proposed dates for our course are 28 June-4 July. We anticipate there will be space for up to 16 students, who will be instructed by active researchers from relevant scholarly fields.

Expressions of interest in participating are invited from researchers from any field (history, literature, etc.), at any level from Honours through to established academics.

Participants will pay their own way to Adelaide. We hope to cover all participants' costs after that, but this will depend on the success of funding applications, and participants will be asked for a modest contribution if necessary. In that case, Honours and postgraduate students will be exempted or asked for a reduced contribution.

Expressions of interest in participating in this course are now invited. Participation will be determined on the basis of the following guidelines.

1. Participants should be able to demonstrate that they are active researchers (relative to opportunity) in Japanese Studies.
2. Participants should have a demonstrated need to use printed materials produced in Japanese at some point between the 18th century and the 1930s.
3. Participants must have a good knowledge of contemporary Japanese, as demonstrated by their academic qualifications and/or their research record.
4. Participants must commit to attending all sessions of the course (tentatively, 28 June-4 July 2010). Selective attendance will not be allowed.

Those interested in participating should send the following materials BY 13 NOVEMBER 2009 to Sandra Wilson, using the contact details below.

1. A resume indicating research field and research activity
2. In the case of Honours and postgraduate students, a brief letter of recommendation from a supervisor
3. A one-page copy from two different sources, as examples of the kinds of materials you would like to study. Please note that this course explicitly excludes handwritten materials (which may be the subject of a later course), and that there will be no obligation for the organisers or teachers of this course to use the actual materials submitted. They are intended only as a guide to the organisers to indicate the range of needs and interests of the participants.

Enquiries may be directed to Sandra Wilson or Beatrice Trefalt. Please feel free to pass this message on to others who may be interested.

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