



Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies in Japan: the State of the Art

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Place: Japan Center for Middle Eastern Studies,
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Program of the meeting:

- 12:00-12:05 Welcome Address by **Hidemitsu Kuroki**
(Director, JaCMES / Professor, ILCAA, Tokyo University of Foreign
Studies)
- 12:05-12:50 **Junko Toriyama** (Ph.D. Candidate, Ochanomizu University)
“Female teacher as pseudo-mother: The role of female teacher in the
current Egyptian education market”
- 12:50-13:35 **Koji Horinuki** (Ph.D. Candidate, Kyoto University)
“Controversies over labour force naturalisation: 30 years of
Emiratisation in the UAE”
- 13:35-15:30 Lunch Break
- 15:30-16:15 **Sayaka Nakano** (Ph.D. Candidate, The University of Tokyo)
“The role of panegyrist-poets and praise poetry in the early Abbasid
society”
- 16:15-17:00 **Asuka Tsuji**
(Research Associate, Institute of Oriental Culture, The University of
Tokyo)
“The mass conversion of 1354 reconsidered: The Copts in Mamluk
Egypt as depicted in the *Life and Miracles of Anba Ruways*”

- 17:00-17:15 Break
- 17:15-18:00 **Hiroko Miyokawa** (Post Doctoral Researcher, Sophia University)
“Nationalisms and national integration of Christians in Egypt and Syria”
- 18:00-18:45 **Satoshi Udo** (Ph.D. Candidate, The University of Tokyo)
“Against fatality: Kateb Yacine and Farjallah Haïk”
- 19:00-21:30 Reception Party

Commentators:

- Dr. Abdulkhaleq Abdulla** (Professor, United Arab Emirates University)
Dr. Massoud Daher (Professor, Lebanese University)
Dr. Iman Farag (Researcher, Centre d’Etudes et de Documentation Economiques, Juridiques et Sociales, Cairo)
Dr. Katia Haddad (Professor, Saint Joseph University)
Dr. Stefan Leder (Director, Orient-Institut Beirut)
Dr. John Meloy (Associate Professor, American University of Beirut)

Observers:

- Dr. Sonia Daher** (Professor, Lebanese University)
Ms. Manami Hato (Ph.D. Candidate, The University of Tokyo)
Mr. Daisuke Okabayashi (Embassy of Japan)
Ms. Megumi Okamoto (Ph.D. Candidate, Kobe University)
Ms. Mitsuko Sano (Lecturer, Japan Academic Center, Saint Joseph University)
Dr. Seiko Sugita (Programme Specialist, Social and Human Sciences, UNESCO)
Mr. Kenichiro Takao (Th.D. Candidate, Doshisha University)
Dr. Ryoko Watabe (Research Associate, ILCAA, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies)
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