

JIGE 2025 Global Doctoral Colloquium
Cosmopolitanism and Nationalism in a Changing World: Exploring Collaborative Pathways
across the Humanities and Social Sciences
Conference Information

1. Overview

The online JIGE 2025 Global Doctoral Colloquium welcomes doctoral students and early-career researchers in the humanities and social sciences. This year, the common theme is “Cosmopolitanism and Nationalism in a Changing World.” In addition to sharing the latest insights from their fields, participants will engage in interdisciplinary dialogue and explore opportunities for collaborative research in relation to this theme. This event is organized as part of the JIGE project, a global education initiative co-led by Tohoku University, Kansai University, and Chiba University, in partnership with 36 international universities, to support the formation of sustainable research communities and encourage efforts to address social challenges through research.

- Date: Saturday, November 8, 2025, 9:00–11:00 AM (Japan Time)
- Venue: Online
- Content: Research Presentations
- Participation Fee: Free
- Submission Deadline for Research Presentations: Sunday, October 19, 2025 (Japan Time)

2. Research Presentations

Format: Individual research presentations

Presentation Time: Approximately 15 minutes

Languages: English or Japanese

Eligibility: Presenters must meet all of the following criteria:

1. Affiliated with Tohoku University, Kansai University, Chiba University, or an international partner university of the JIGE project.
2. Currently enrolled in a doctoral program or have completed a doctoral degree within the past five years.
3. Conducting research in the humanities or social sciences* (*including philosophy, literature, linguistics, history, human geography, cultural anthropology, law, political science, economics, sociology, psychology, and education).
4. Able to attend the colloquium in its entirety (partial attendance is generally not allowed).
5. Complete the presentation application within the designated submission period.

Application:

To apply, please submit the following information via the Google Form by Sunday, October 20, 2024 (Japan Time): Google Form: <https://forms.gle/pUiBGxjYSorxVSK7>

- Presenter information (name, affiliation, year of study, etc.)
- Presentation language (English or Japanese)
- Presentation title (in English for English presentations, in both English and Japanese for Japanese presentations)
- Keywords (up to three; in English for English presentations, in both English and Japanese for Japanese presentations)
- Abstract (one-page PDF file)

Presentation Content Requirements:

This colloquium sets a common theme: “Cosmopolitanism and Nationalism in a Changing World.” In addition to presenting their research, presenters are asked to address the following two points:

1. Their perspectives and reflections on this theme, taking into account the current global and social context
2. The relevance of their research to this theme, and its potential contribution to addressing it through academic work

Abstract:

For those who choose English as the presentation language, abstracts can be prepared in English only. For those who choose Japanese, please prepare the abstract in both English and Japanese. Use the provided template to include the presentation title, presenter information, keywords, and summary. All abstracts will be reviewed by the colloquium's academic committee. If revisions are needed, presenters will be notified and asked to submit corrections within a specified timeframe. Please note that all reviewers will maintain confidentiality, and abstracts will not be disclosed to third parties before publication.

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Overview of JIGE

JIGE is an educational and workforce development initiative promoted by Tohoku University, Kansai University, and Chiba University. This project started in 2023 and will be promoted under MEXT's Inter-University Exchange Project until 2028. Aimed at a diverse audience from high school students to professionals, the project offers specialized virtual learning spaces containing interactive COIL/Virtual Exchange modules. These modules grant stackable micro-credentials, providing a pathway to higher education and career development.

Official Website: <https://www.kansai-u.ac.jp/Kokusai/JIGE/>

JIGE International Partner Universities

Listed in order of the project plan document.

United States:

Clemson University, Cornell University, DePaul University, Fashion Institute of Technology, Florida International University, Kapi'olani Community College, North Carolina State University, Northern Arizona University, Portland State University, The Ohio State University, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, University of Hawai'i at Hilo, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, University of California, The Pennsylvania State University, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Baylor University, University of Washington, University of Montana, Temple University, The University of Alabama, University of Cincinnati, Stony Brook University, The New School, University of Maine

Other Countries/ Regions:

São Paulo State University (Brazil), Western University (Canada), National University of Malaysia, San Pedro College (Philippines), Nanyang Polytechnic (Singapore), CEU Cardinal Herrera University (Spain), Soochow University (Taiwan), Panyapiwat Institute of Management (Thailand), University of Waterloo (Canada), University of Malaya (Malaysia), University of Regina (Canada)