

GSI Caravan

Project Title: Public Sphere and Diversifying Views of History: Memories and Reconciliation in Europe and Asia

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I – 2021 Research Plan (1): If Travelling Abroad

Building on the results of the previous year, we, the Japanese research members will carry out our 3rd workshop in semester S and discuss the composition of the essay collection slated for publication at the conclusion of the project. At the 4th workshop, in semester A, we will present our research reports.

As for international meetings, we will hold a 2nd international workshop in November, in collaboration with the DESK project “Reconciliation Research in Transnational Urban Space”. We will extend on the results of the 1st workshop (March 2021) to discuss concepts such as “crime” and “violence,” and consider the possible value of the perspective of “urban space” in the context of a broader examination of reconciliation.

There will also be an international conference in November, held in collaboration with Peking University’s German Studies Center, and Chung-Ang University’s Department of German and European Studies. The conference title is “Toward a Sustainable Future in Europe and Asia, Together”. Through online keynote lectures provided by researchers at our partner universities in Germany, as well as two-panel sessions, we will engage in conversation about two topics and their reciprocal relationship: memory and history (recollecting the past), and the reconciliation process (endeavors for the sake of the future).

Following these meetings, we will visit our partner universities (Bonn, Dresden) in Germany in March 2022, for an investigatory trip.

To help share the research findings of this project, we will cohost a seminar (with the University of Western Australia and the University of Frankfurt) in June 2021. In this seminar, students from each university will have the opportunity to communicate with one another. We will also provide simultaneous translation for the keynote speeches given at the international conference in November to ensure that the work undertaken during the project is broadly accessible.

Schedule for the Year

2021

June	Student discussion seminar “The Past Within the Present”.
July	3 rd workshop (discussing the composition of the essay collection).
October	4 th workshop (research reports by members).

	November 5 th	2 nd international workshop (in collaboration with the DESK project “Reconciliation Research in Transnational Urban Space”).
	November 6 th , 7 th	International conference “Toward a Sustainable Future in Europe and Asia, Together” (in collaboration with Peking University’s German Studies Center, and Chung-Ang University’s Department of German and European Studies).
2022	March	We will visit our partner universities (Bonn University, TU Dresden) in Germany, for an investigatory trip (seven-day period).

II – 2021 Research Plan (2): If Unable to Travel Abroad

There will be no differences, when compared with section I, in the workshops conducted by the Japanese research members, international workshops, the international conference, or the student discussion seminar. However, the planned visit to our partner universities in Germany in March 2022 will have to be postponed for the following academic year.