Call for Applications (Long Version)

Osaka RESPECT Fellowship for International Graduate Seminar and Workshop

**Landscapes of Cohabitation: Diversity and Divergence in More-Than-Human Entanglements of the Anthropocene**

Date: April 29 – May 6, 2019 (Travel date: April 27-May 7, 2019)
Location: Osaka, Japan
Eligibility: Graduate students or prospective graduate students finishing a BA at the University of Toronto. Priority will be given to PhD students whose dissertation research fits the seminar-workshop theme.

The RESPECT program at Osaka University, one of the leading universities in Japan, will host an 8-day international graduate seminar and workshop focusing on “cohabitation” as a conceptual method for exploring the possibility of including more-than-human beings in discussions of social and cultural diversity. Osaka University will offer 10 fellowships, covering transportation between Toronto and Osaka and accommodation in Osaka for U of T students in order to attend the REPECT seminar and workshop.

The seminar discussions will explore the notion of “cohabitation” and its significance in analyzing such topics as human-nonhuman relationships, environmental and social justice, environmental infrastructure, the Anthropocene, and post-capitalist landscapes from comparative perspectives. The seminar includes fieldtrips in the Osaka-Kyoto region to visit local initiatives in environmental and social justice. The participants will also have the opportunity to develop international collaboration skills by presenting their research to Osaka students and instructors. This program is supported by the Department of Anthropology and the Asian Institute at the University of Toronto.

To apply, please send the following via email to Professor Shiho Satsuka at the Department of Anthropology <s.satsuka@utoronto.ca>.
1. a brief (no more than one single-space page) description of how this seminar-workshop will enrich the applicant’s current and/or prospective research
2. a CV
3. the name & email address of their dissertation/thesis supervisor (undergraduate students should provide contact information for two academic references).

**DEADLINE to apply:** Monday, November 19, 2018.
Tentative Schedule and discussion topics

Day 1: Mon. April 29
• Orientation: Historical overview of Kyosei (Cohabitation) in Japan
• A critical perspective on “comparison” as method (to prepare for the comparative seminar discussions among various case studies)
• Preparatory seminar for Fieldtrip 1

Day 2: Tue. April 30
• Fieldtrip 1: Nishinari district, Osaka - One of the origins of the kyosei movements
• Discussion - kyosei and social justice movements

Day 3: Wed. May 1
• What is Kyosei?: Can we compare “multiculturalism” and “kyosei” (cohabitation)?
• Discussion - kyosei and nature/culture
• Preparatory seminar for Fieldtrip 2

Day 4: Thu. May 2
• Kyosei and the Environment: Infrastructure as a mediator of kyosei
• Fieldtrip 2: Rivers in Osaka and infrastructure

Day 5: Fri. May 3
• Fieldtrip 3: Kyosei among human and monkeys in Arashiyama, Kyoto
• Lecture and discussion: Primatology in Japan

Day 6: Sat. May 4
Osaka-Toronto Joint graduate student presentation on the seminar and fieldtrips

Day 7: Sun. May 5
Free time

Day 8: Mon. May 6
PhD Workshop - discussions on students’ own dissertation work

Workshop Organizers
Osaka:
Dr. Atsuro Morita, Associate Professor of Anthropology and Workshop Coordinator
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**Toronto:**
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**Background**
This international seminar and workshop grew out of the Osaka-Toronto RESPECT Graduate Summer School held yearly from 2014 to 2018 at the Asian Institute and the Department of Anthropology at the University of Toronto. (Please see the report for 2018 RESPECT Summer School in Toronto [https://munkschool.utoronto.ca/ai/feature/diverse-exchanges-osaka-respect-summer-school-in-multicultural-studies/](https://munkschool.utoronto.ca/ai/feature/diverse-exchanges-osaka-respect-summer-school-in-multicultural-studies/). Each spring, about 15 students from Osaka learned about Canadian multiculturalism, its aims and practices. They shared their findings with U of T students in the Osaka-Toronto joint graduate student workshop held the final day of the summer school. In these workshop discussions, students addressed the importance of enlarging perspectives and conceptualizations of social and cultural “diversity” as well as the possibilities and limitations of “comparative” approaches in understanding diverse ways that socio-cultural “diversity” has been dealt with in different societies. Central to this realization was the significance of the Japanese notion of *kyosei* or cohabitation, which addresses the importance of the environment and the wellbeing of nonhuman beings in exploring social justice among diverse groups of people.

Responding to the success of these events, this special international seminar and workshop aims to further develop this new mode of exploring socio-cultural diversity in a time that is often described as the “Anthropocene,” a time in which many have urged for more exploration of new ways of living across difference, including with nonhuman beings.

This 2019 workshop is also the first collaborative project between the University of Toronto and the newly inaugurated Ethnography Lab at Osaka University.