

UCML Executive Committee

Friday 2 November 2018 12.30 – 16.00
Monnet Room, Europe House
32 Smith Square, London SW1P 3EU



East Asian Studies

British Association for Japanese Studies (BAJS) Report

During the past twelve months BAJS has concentrated in supporting postgraduate students, in particular via 1. grants to attend national and international conferences and 2. The John Crump Studentship to support writing up year for PhD students. We have noticed an increase need for support during the writing up year, as most funding are only for a 3-year period.

BAJS have been working with other associations (such as JFEC, Japan Foundation, The Great Britain Sasakawa Foundation) to streamline funding opportunities and make sure all areas (postgraduate, writing up, research) are covered. We also continue collaborating with Japan Foundation and The Great Briatin Sasakawa Foundation in organizing training events for postgraduate students.

Professor Ian Reader, Professor Glenn Hook, and Heidi Potter have been nominated BAJS Emeriti Fellows

The Annual BAJS Conference was held at Sheffield University in September 2018 and it was extremely successful, attracting several international participants.

Japan Forum continue supporting scholarly endeavour and graduate students and it's the primary source of revenue for BAJS. During the past year, together with publishing great scholarship, *Japan Forum* also organised workshops, hands-on events with early career academics, and outreach work.

The 2017 Ivan Morris First Prize (£200) went to Amy Dafnis (Oxford) whose submission was entitled 'Peasant Rebellions and the Tokugawa Judicial System: A study of illegal petitions in the context of seventeenth and eighteenth-century social protest'. Kit Laurence (Manchester) received the Second Prize (£125) for the submission 'Special Education Needs: Complications in the Japanese Context'.

Dr Matanle resigned from Honorary Treasurer. Dr Ian Rapley, from Cardiff, will take his place. However, Dr Matanle will remain in the Council as coopted member. Dr Andrew Cobbing also ended his term as Council Member.

Erica Baffelli
BAJS Honorary Secretary

British Association for Chinese Studies (BACS) Report

BACS held its annual conference at King's College London on 12-14 September. This included an open-to-the-public keynote by Carrie Gracie, former China Editor for the BBC, who talked about engaging with China as a journalist. Next year's Joint East Asian Studies Conference is expected to take place in early September.

We have placed the BACS journal, JBACS, on a steadier footing in terms of finance and staffing in order to enable the journal to continue to build its reputation and value to the scholarly community, and we are pleased to be able to provide steady funding for the Early Career Researcher (ECR) prize. The journal has also moved from producing one to two volumes a year.

We revised the constitutions of both BACS and BPCS, including additions to explicitly assert the non-partisan status of these academic organizations. We feel that such assertions are important in a political climate that is increasingly charged both nationally and internationally.

Paul Kendall
BACS Honorary Secretary

Derek Hird
24 October 2018