

Learning History in Times of Difficulty

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Information Literacy and the Battle of Nagashino (1575) in Memory

July 26, 2023 19:00 (JST) on-site and online

Learning History in Times of Difficulty series has been hosted as a collaboration between the Historians' Workshop and Warm Heart Cool Head Ltd. since October 2022.

For the fifth instalment, Professor Hiraku Kaneko (Historiographical Institute, The University of Tokyo) will give a lecture titled "Information Literacy and the Battle of Nagashino (1575) in Memory", followed by a discussion with the guest speaker Ryuichiro Takeshita (Executive Officer and Global Editor-in-Chief at PIVOT Ltd.), who specialises in cutting edge media and social issues.

When reconstructing the events of the past, historians do not take information at face value. Instead, they explore how a piece of evidence was created, transmitted, consumed and mobilised across time and place. Learning about such "critical reading of sources" may help us find new approaches to information literacy, a pressing issue in today's world.

The discussants will explore what we can do so as to not get overwhelmed by the sea of information that surrounds us today.



Max. number of in-person participants: 60

The event will be held in Japanese.

Participation is free-of-charge but registration is required!

Time and Place (on-site): July 26, 2023, 7pm at 2F Kojima Conference Room, Economics Research Annex, University of Tokyo, Hongo Campus

Program (Doors open 15 min before the start)

19:00~19:10 Opening word

19:10~19:40 Lecture

19:40~20:20 Discussion, Q&A

20:20~20:30 Closing remarks

20:30~21:00 Networking

For more details see

https://historiansworkshop.org/academia_business_05/

Registration link <https://forms.gle/5no7vhrXPVisUkrm6>

The zoom link will be sent on the day of the event.



Participants

Professor Hiraku Kaneko, Historiographical Institute, the University of Tokyo

Born in the city of Yamagata, Yamagata Prefecture, Hiraku Kaneko earned his Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral Degrees at the University of Tohoku. Since 1998, he has been affiliated with the Historiographical Institute, the University of Tokyo, where he has been working on the 10th edition of a primary source compilation, *Dai Nihon Shiryō* (the rule of Oda Nobunaga). Major publications include *Oda Nobunaga kenryoku ron* [On authority of Oda Nobunaga], *Oda Nobunaga "tenka bito no jitsuzō"* [The real image of Oda Nobunaga, the man of the realm], *Uragirare Oda Nobunaga* [Betrayed Oda Nobunaga], *Torii Suneemon*. Currently, he is also a member of the *Yomiuri Shimbun* Book Committee.



Ryuichiro Takeshita, Executive Officer and Global Editor-in-Chief at PIVOT Ltd.

Following his appointment as a correspondent at the *Asahi Shimbun* in 2002, Ryuichiro Takeshita was a visiting research fellow at Stanford University in 2014–2015. From May 2016 until June 2021, he served as Editor-in-Chief of *Huffington Post Japan*. Currently, he is in charge of two editorials in PIVOT Ltd: a series of international English-language interviews and an editorial “Extreme Science” co-hosted with neuroscientist Kentaro Mogi on gaming, quantum computing and AI.



Daisuke Yamazaki, CEO at Warm Heart Cool Head Ltd.

Having earned his Bachelor's Degree at Keio University, Daisuke Yamazaki started his career at Goldman Sachs Securities. He was one of the co-founders of MotherHouse Ltd, becoming deputy CEO in 2007 and CEO in 2019. Since 2018, he runs a private seminar series for entrepreneurs and executives (Warm Heart Cool Head Ltd), which pursues a social mission of improving managerial skills. He also serves as non-executive director of Que Ltd. and non-executive board member of the Japan Blind Football Association.



More on organisers:

About *Historians' Workshop* <https://historiansworkshop.org/>

Founded in 2016 by Koji Yamamoto as a bottom-up research group connecting historians across Japan, *Historians' Workshop* has been selected as an official research enterprise by the University of Tokyo since 2019. The main goal of *Historians' Workshop* is to promote rigorous historical research and to develop dynamic spaces for public discussions.

About *Warm Heart Cool Head Ltd.* <https://whch.jp/>

A private school for executives and entrepreneurs run by Daisuke Yamazaki since 2018. Designed with the goal of “learning effective managerial skills” and “cultivating business leaders of the next generation”, this school boasts over 200 graduates.