



MSc and MPhil in Japanese Studies 2020/2021

Texts in Modern Japanese Literature

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Trinity Term, 2 hours of tutorials per week.

Tutorials will be held from Weeks 1-4, two hours per week. One hour per week will be spent on text translation; one hour per week will be dedicated to short presentations and discussions of the secondary literature.

A revision session will be offered in week 5. Tutorials will be held on Tuesdays from 0900-1100, unless otherwise indicated.

The purpose of this course is for students to explore the topic of trauma in its various manifestations in modern Japanese literature. Students will read and translate primary texts of trauma fiction and/or literary criticism in Japanese; they will also read criticism on trauma theory and related issues in the field in English. The emphasis in this option will be on '3.11 Literature', though other works of trauma fiction will be considered. This course will explore the politics of writing and representing 3.11 in literature. It will consider questions such as: How is the trauma of 3.11 represented in modern Japanese literature? Is the field of trauma studies, much of which is rooted in Holocaust studies, relevant to the study of trauma in modern Japanese literature?

Students will be invited to submit one essay on an assigned topic, to be submitted in 5th week of Trinity Term.

**Students taking this option are welcome to attend the Modern Japanese Literature lecture series taught during Michaelmas and Hilary terms (Tuesdays 1300-1400), though attendance is not compulsory.*

Statement of Coverage

This document applies to students starting the MSc and/or MPhil in Japanese Studies in Michaelmas Term 2020. The information in this handbook may be different for students starting in other years.

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