



香港中文大學  
The Chinese University of Hong Kong



# Master of Arts in Japanese Studies

## 2024-2025 Information session



**13 January 2024 (Saturday)**  
**2:30pm to 4:00pm**



**ELB\_LT3 Esther Lee building,**  
**Chung Chi campus, CUHK**

### Speakers:

**Dr. Reijiro AOYAMA**  
**Programme Director**



香港中文大學日本研究學系  
Department of Japanese Studies,  
The Chinese University of Hong Kong

日本研究

文學碩士課程

**2024-25**  
**Master of Arts in**  
**JAPANESE**  
**STUDIES**

(Full-time / Part-time Programme)  
(全日制 / 兼讀制)



# **Welcome!**

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**We invite you to join  
the fascinating world of  
Japanese Studies!**

# Questions you may want answered

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- ❖ **When I meet Japanese people in a business or social setting, what are the proper things to do and say?**
- ❖ **When the earthquake and tsunami destroyed many towns and villages in northeastern Japan, why did the people seem so calm and accepting of the tragedy?**

# Questions you may want answered

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- ❖ **Why was Japan able to become an economic superpower before other Asian countries?**
- ❖ **Japanese people seem extremely polite. How do we understand this behavior?**
- ❖ **How do levels of politeness in Japanese speech reflect actual relationships between people?**

# Questions you may want answered

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- ❖ **How do Japanese people view China and their own society as China has overtaken Japan as the world's second largest economy?**
- ❖ **How does Japan sustain its edge in the creative industries, continuing to produce innovative products and software?**



**Do any of these questions  
interest you?**

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**Would you like to take courses in which these questions are raised by experts in the field, and discussed by curious and eager classmates?**

**If yes, then this may be  
the program for you!**

# Teaching Team (full-time staff)

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**MAJS presents our expert and enthusiastic teaching staff with diverse intellectual perspectives**





# Our team

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**Dr. AOYAMA Reiji**

**Ph.D. in Japanese Language and Literature, Peking University**  
**Senior Lecturer**

## **Courses taught**

<b>Course code</b>	<b>Course title</b>
<b>JASP 5622</b>	<b>The Global Japanese</b>
<b>JASP 5060</b>	<b>Special Topics in Japanese Studies – Social Media and Technology in Japan</b>



# Our team

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**Professor GAGNÉ Nana Okura**

**Ph.D. in Anthropology, Yale University**  
**Associate Professor**

## **Courses taught**

<b>Course code</b>	<b>Course title</b>
<b>JASP 5601*</b>	<b>Theory and Methods in Japanese Studies</b>
<b>JASP 5621</b>	<b>Japanese Management - Work, Culture, and Capitalism</b>

**\*Core course**

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**Dr. GUO Yingxia, Carol**

**Ph.D. in Japanese Social and Cultural Science, Niigata University**

**Lecturer**

## **Courses taught**

<b>Course code</b>	<b>Course title</b>
<b>JASP 5530</b>	<b>Special Topics in Japanese Language – Japanese-Chinese Translation (JLPT N1 required)</b>

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**Professor HO Chi Ming**

**Ph.D. in Linguistics, University of Tsukuba**  
**Associate Professor**

## Courses taught

Course code	Course title
<b>JASP 5517*</b>	<b>Japanese Communication Through Language and Culture</b>

**\*Core course**

# Our team

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**Dr. LIN Chaochun, Chalyn**

**Ph.D. in Japanese Studies, The Chinese University of Hong Kong**  
**Lecturer**

## **Courses taught**

<b>Course code</b>	<b>Course title</b>
<b>JASP 5060</b>	<b>Special Topics in Japanese Studies – Pan-Asianism in Modern Japan</b>
<b>JASP 5614</b>	<b>Japanese Literature in Historical Perspective</b>
<b>JASP 5618</b>	<b>Contemporary Japan-China Relations</b>

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## Courses taught

Course code	Course title
JASP 5519*	Tradition and Modernity in Contemporary Japan
JASP 5615	Anthropology of Japan
JASP 5700	Independent Research Project

\*Core course

**Professor NAKANO Lynne Yukie**

**Ph.D. in Anthropology, Yale University**

**Full Professor, Department Chair**

# Our team

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## Courses taught

Course code	Course title
JASP 5060	Special Topics in Japanese Studies - Chinese Folk Culture in Tokugawa Japan
JASP 5700	Independent Research Project

**Professor NG Wai Ming, Benjamin**

**Ph.D. in East Asian Studies, Princeton University**

**Full Professor**

# Our team

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## Courses taught

Course code	Course title
JASP 5619	Philosophy in Japanese Culture

**Professor PETERS Kyle Austin**

**Ph.D. in East Asian Languages and Civilizations, University of Chicago**  
**Associate Professor**



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**Dr. TU Siu Hung, Simon**

**Ph.D. in Japanese Studies, The Chinese University of Hong Kong**

**Lecturer**

## **Courses taught**

<b>Course code</b>	<b>Course title</b>
<b>JASP 5601*</b>	<b>Theory and Methods in Japanese Studies</b>
<b>JASP 5060</b>	<b>Special Topics in Japanese Studies – Modern Japanese Visual Culture</b>
<b>JASP 5615</b>	<b>Anthropology of Japan</b>

**\*Core course**

# Our team

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**Dr. UEDA Sanae**

**Ph.D. in Language and Culture, Kyoto University of Foreign Studies**  
**Senior Lecturer**

## **Courses taught**

<b>Course code</b>	<b>Course title</b>
<b>JASP 5530</b>	<b>Special Topics in Japanese Language – Japanese Dialectology (JLPT N1 required)</b>
<b>JASP 5530</b>	<b>Special Topics in Japanese Language – Japanese Business Writing and Presentation (JLPT N1 required)</b>

# Our team

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**Professor YELLEN Jeremy Avrum**

**Ph.D. in Japanese History, Harvard University**

**Vice Chair, Graduate Division Head, Associate Professor,  
Acting Director of the Research Institute for Humanities**

## Courses taught

Course code	Course title
JASP 5060	Special Topics in Japanese Studies – The Samurai in Japanese Culture
JASP 5060	Special Topics in Japanese Studies – Asia at War
JASP 5611	Japan's Modern Transformation, 1600-1945
JASP 5617	History in Postwar Japan

# Studying with MAJS

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- ❖ **Is the workload heavy?**
- ❖ **What can I learn from the course?**
- ❖ **What are the courses offered?**
- ❖ **When is the class time?**



# Workload

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- ❖ **Part-time students** are recommended to **take two courses per semester**
- ❖ **Full-time students** are recommended to **take four courses per semester**
- ❖ **Students should expect to spend approximately 3-6 hours per week to complete the readings of each course**
- ❖ **More time would be required prior mid-term and final assessments**

# Learning outcomes

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- ❖ **The Programme provides the tools to enhance student's ability to continue investigating Japan and understanding more of our own society**
- ❖ **For those who have opportunities for interacting with Japanese people and who travel to Japan either for business or leisure, the Programme will foster a deeper understanding and appreciation of Japanese culture, history, and language, and enable more rewarding experiences in Japan-related areas**

# Course offering – **core courses**

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❖ **JASP5517**

**Japanese Communication through Language and Culture**

❖ **JASP5519**

**Tradition and Modernity in Contemporary Japan**

❖ **JASP5601**

**Theory and Methods in Japanese Studies**



# **Course offering – elective courses**

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- **JASP5501 Teaching Japanese as a Second Language (N1 required)**
- **JASP5515 Japanese Linguistics (N2 required)**
- **JASP5522 Chinese-Japanese Interpretation (N1 required)**
- **JASP5611 Japan's Modern Transformation, 1600-1945**
- **JASP5612 Critical Analysis of Popular Culture**
- **JASP5613 Thematic Study of Japanese Film**
- **JASP5614 Japanese Literature in Historical Perspective**
- **JASP5615 Anthropology of Japan**
- **JASP5617 History of Postwar Japan**

# Course offering – elective courses

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- **JASP5618 Contemporary Japan-China Relations**
- **JASP5619 Philosophy in Japanese Culture**
- **JASP5620 Japanese Cultural Identity**
- **JASP5621 Japanese Management: Work, Culture, and Capitalism**
- **JASP5622 The Global Japanese**
- **JASP5060 Special Topics in Japanese Studies\***
- **JASP5530 Special Topics in Japanese Language\***
- **JASP5700 Independent Research Project**

**\*Special topics subjects encompass an array of Japanese related study fields and the topics varies from year to year**

# Learning environment

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- ❖ **An engaging learning environment where one may meet classmates with similar interests**
- ❖ **Topics are relevant to daily life in Hong Kong and will enhance the experience of dealing with Japanese people, both at work or private, or traveling to Japan**

# Class times and venues

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- ❖ **Most classes are offered in classrooms close to University station (except for a number of \*daytime classes)**
- ❖ **Courses are offered on**
  - Weekday evenings (7:00pm-9:30pm)**
  - Saturdays (morning session 10:00am-12:30pm or afternoon session 2:30pm-5:00pm)**

***\*Daytime classes are subject to availability and details will be announced later***

# **Access to CUHK libraries and resources**

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- ❖ **Access to excellent resources and facilities offered by the Chinese University of Hong Kong**
- ❖ **CUHK libraries contain a world-class collection of Japanese studies materials in Japanese, Chinese, and English**

# Learning activities

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**In addition to lectures and small-group discussions.....**

- ❖ **Cultural, social, and academic activities**
- ❖ **Academic talks, workshops**
- ❖ **Academic lunch or student gatherings**
- ❖ **Study tour to Japan (on voluntary-basis, subject to the Division's final decision, varies from year-to-year)**



# Japanese table (subject to teachers' availability)

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# Meet with business leader

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# Scholarships



**\* MAJS Scholarship is subject to availability and may vary year to year.**

# Professor and student gathering

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# Student activities



和諧粉彩 **Nagomi Art**



三味線 **Shamisen**



**Origami Workshop**



**Campus Tour**



日本武道祭 **Budo Festival**

# Student activities – exchange with Shinshu University (信州大学)

**May 2023**





# Student activities – online exchange with Shinshu University (信州大学)

## May/June 2022



  
香港中文大学 & 信州大学  
The Chinese University of Hong Kong  
& Shinshu University  
Online Exchange on Zoom

Day 1: 5月21日(土)  
3PM HKT / 4PM JPT  
FOOD CULTURE - 食文化

Day 2: 6月3日(金)  
4:30PM HKT / 5:30PM JPT  
FAMILY STRUCTURE - 家族世帯構成

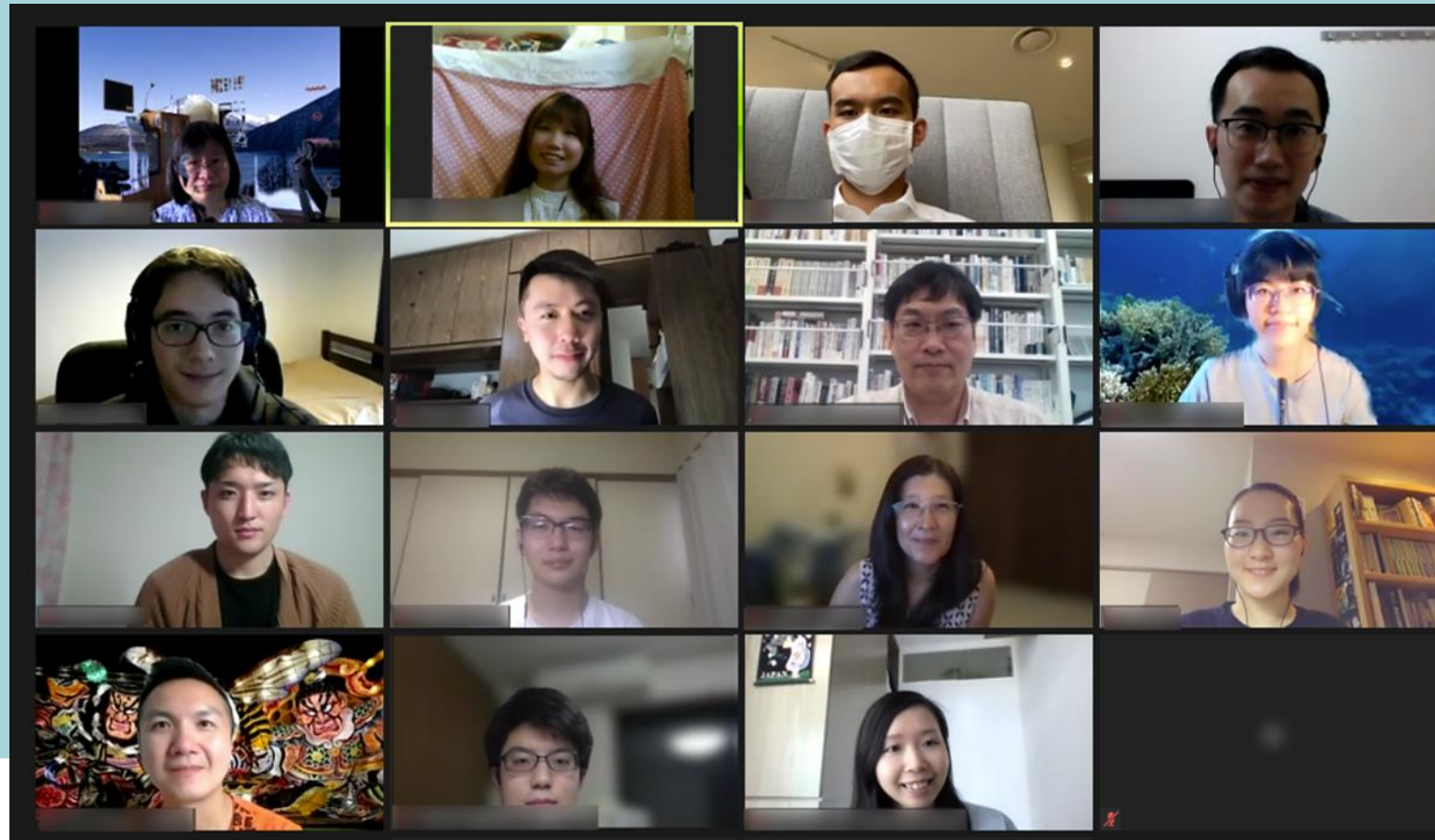
ALL ARE WELCOME!  
**REGISTER NOW!**

For CUHK  
Student registration

(DEADLINE: 1 MAY 2022)



# Student activities – online exchange with Ritsumeikan University (立命館大学)




**May 2021**

Ritsumeikan University &  
The Chinese University of Hong Kong

**WORKPLACE  
CULTURE IN JAPAN  
AND HONG KONG**

May 22, 2021  
15:00 (JST) | 14:00 (HKT) • Zoom  
Scan the QR code and register now!



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# MAJS alumni

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**What are they doing after they graduated from MA Programme in Japanese Studies?**



# **Heidi Lee,** Ph.D. student, Waseda University (Japan) (MAJS class of 2019)

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**“MAJS Programme would definitely quench your thirst for knowledge of the country’s culture and traditions, and help you build a strong foundation in this area of study.**

**The professors’ research interests, academic backgrounds made the Department an ideal place for me to pursue my academic passion and prepare for further study.”**

# **Dr. Samantha MA**, Solicitor, Ph.D., University of Sheffield (UK) (2020) (MAJS class of 2014)

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**“The course not only enriched my knowledge of Japanese history and culture, but also let me come to know fellow classmates who come from diverse backgrounds while sharing the same interests in Japanese language and culture.**

**It is the course of international relations of Japan that I took from the MA class that inspired me to pursue a Ph.D. studying the constitutional revision of Japan.”**

# **Karman Tseung**, Marketing specialist in F&B sector and Japan tourism (MAJS class of 2014)

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**“I am grateful for the opportunity to pursue my master's studies at CUHK, where I had the privilege of learning from inspiring lecturers and professors who enlightened me in every way.**

**After graduating, I spent a year living in Tokyo, where I was able to apply the knowledge and insights gained from my master degree to practical situations. I could effectively integrate what I have learned from my course to enhance my job performance. My enriching experiences at CUHK has equipped me with the knowledge and skills necessary to thrive in my career path.”**

# How to apply? Who is eligible?

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- ❖ Is knowledge of Japanese language a pre-requisite for application?
- ❖ What are the entry requirements?
- ❖ How much is the tuition fee?
- ❖ How long is the Programme duration?
- ❖ What are the graduation requirements?



# Admission

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- ❖ **All applicants shall have obtained a Bachelor's degree from a recognized university, normally with honours not lower than Second Class;**
- ❖ **English language proficiency:**
  - **A pass in HKALE or**
  - **Achieve level 4 or above in the HKDSE; or**
  - **A degree obtained from a university in HK or a degree programme of which the medium of instruction was English; or**
  - **Achieved certain scores of one of the following - TOEFL, IELTS, GMAT\***

(\*for details, please refer to updates on Graduate School website:

<https://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/admissions/admissions/requirements>)

# Graduation

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**Students are required:**

- ❖ to complete and pass 24 units of courses offered by this Programme with at least 3 units selected from the core course list
- ❖ to achieve a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0
- ❖ if a student fails a course, he/she must enroll in an additional 3-unit course and receive a passing grade in order to complete the degree. A supplementary course fee is applied



# Duration of Study & Tuition fee

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Study Mode	Full-time	Part-time
Normative Study Period	1 year	2 years
Maximum Study Period	3 years	4 years
Tuition Fee	HK\$ 121,000 per annum	HK\$ 60,500 per annum

- ❖ **Students are expected to complete the Programme within normative study period**
- ❖ **Any course/s taken beyond this period will be charged on a per course basis**



# **CEF (continuing education fund)**

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- ❖ **The Programme has been included in the list of reimbursable courses under the Continuing Education Fund**
- ❖ **CEF reimbursable courses commenced on or after 1 August 2022:**
  - **The maximum entitlement for new applicants is HK\$25,000**
  - **For applicants who have opened CEF accounts before 1 August 2022, they are eligible for claiming the additional HK\$5,000 subsidy and the unused balance (if any) of the original subsidy HK\$20,000**
- ❖ **Reimbursement conditions\*:**
  - **Achieved at least D grade for each course**
  - **Achieved at least 70% face-to-face attendance for all the classes enrolled within the study period**

# Application deadlines

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- **Priority round: 1 Dec 2023**
- **Final round : 31 Mar 2024**

**\*Subject to availability, applications after deadline will be considered.**

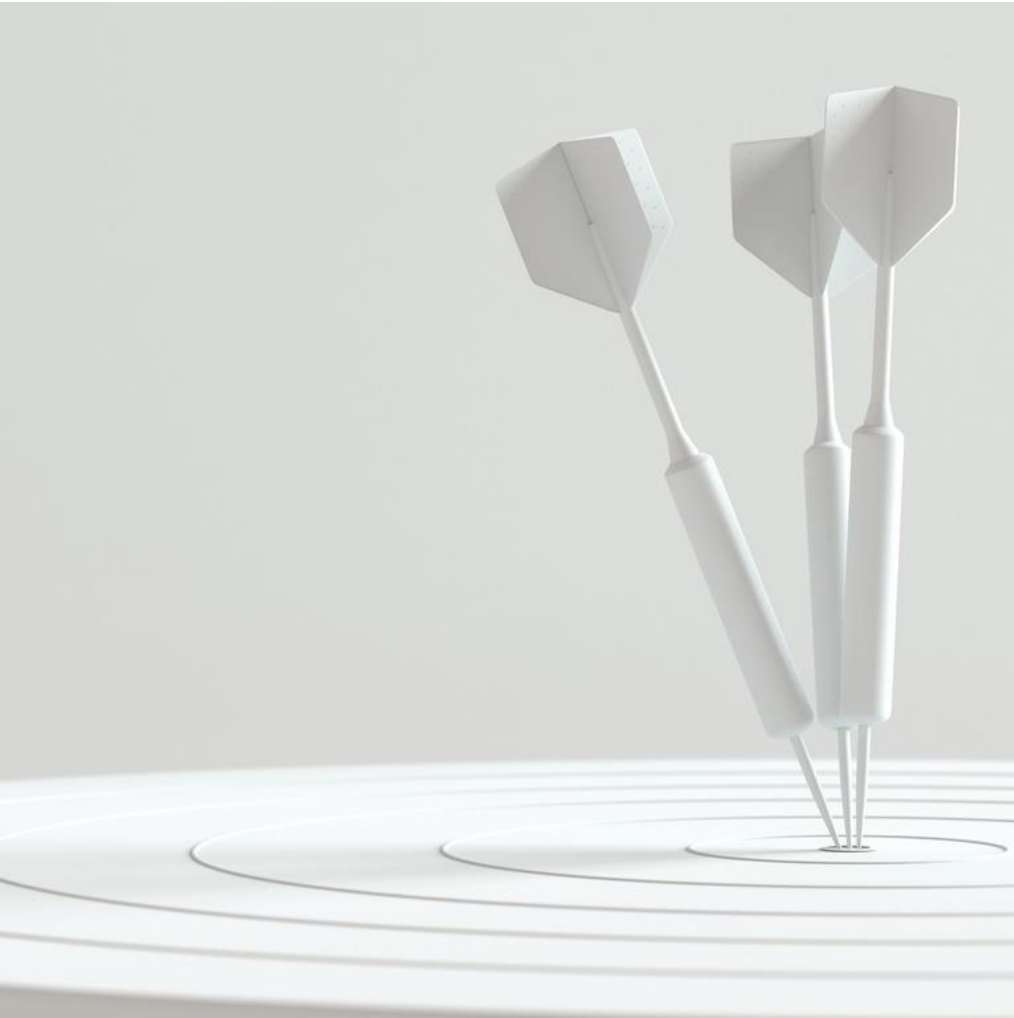


**Admission online**



**Programme information**





# Thank you

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**Thank you for your participation in the information session.**

**We look forward to receiving your applications!**

ご清聴ありがとう  
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