



## - Call for Participation - MIRAI Global Challenges Winter School

Program Date:  
**November 17-22, 2024**

Venue and Host:  
**European Institute of Japanese Studies (EIJS), Stockholm School of Economic**  
Visiting Address: Saltmätargatan 19, 113 59 Stockholm, Sweden



### Introduction

MIRAI is a network for academic collaboration between Japanese and Swedish universities, which was launched in 2017. With the seven-year experience, the 3rd phase started in January 2024. The new phase is designed to engage researchers in a wide range of disciplines with social innovation and global challenges as common threads. MIRAI has newly defined the four prioritized challenges as follows.

- (1) Health and an ageing population (UN-SDG #3)
- (2) Climate adaptation, disaster and risk management and prevention (UN-SDG #13)
- (3) Resilient cities and communities (UN-SDG #11)
- (4) Materials for energy conversion and storage (UN-SDG #7)

MIRAI Global Challenges Winter School is an onsite program in the scope of the four global challenges and designed to attract early career researchers (ECRs) from diverse fields, including humanities and social sciences. This will be a platform where ECRs and various MIRAI stakeholders including universities and industry exchange ideas and thoughts, thereby linking participants in a multi-disciplinary way and leading to the development of the next-generation leaders.

The Sasakawa Networking conference on 20-22 November, hosted by EIJS as well, is a part of the program. Approximately 60-70 people from the Nordics (Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden) and Japan are expected to join it. The conference will bring a great opportunity for MIRAI ECRs to do a networking, get experience, and meet other ECRs as well as senior researchers.

## Program (Preliminary)

- The preliminary program for the winter school is as follows. Once fixed, the program will be shared with successful applicants later.
- The winter school is a 6-day program. For the last two days, participants are expected to join the conference “Contemporary Japanese Studies in the Nordics: Taking stock and looking forward” hosted by EIJS and granted by SJSF.

November 17	November 18	November 19	November 20	November 21	November 22
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Arrival of participants	10:00-10:30 Introduction of MIRAI, SSE & Kyushu University  10:30-12:00 “EU-Japan Collaboration” Lecture and Workshop	09:00-09:30 Reflection  09:30-10:30 “Innovation and venture capital – green economy transition”  10:30-11:00 Coffee Break  11:00-12:00 “Innovation policy in practice”	09:00-09:30 Reflection  09:30-10:30 “Societal challenges”  10:30-11:00 Coffee Break  11:00-12:00 “Digitalization in the culture creative industry”	Scandinavia Japan Sasakawa Foundation (SJSF) Conference “Contemporary Japanese Studies in the Nordics: Taking stock and looking forward”  09:30-11:00 Keynote speech I  11:00-12:00 Keynote speech II	Scandinavia Japan Sasakawa Foundation (SJSF) Conference  09:00-10:30 Session III: Presentations  10:30-11:00 Coffee Break  11:00-12:30 Session IV: Presentations
	12:00-13:30 Lunch	12:00-13:30 Lunch	12:00-13:30 Lunch	12:00-13:00 Lunch	12:30-13:30 Lunch
	13:30-15:00 “Japanese investments in EU and Japan. EPA – the business and economy link”  15:00-15:30 Coffee Break  15:30-16:30 Company Presentation	13:30-15:00 “Diplomatic perspective on Sweden/Japan Collaboration”  15:00-15:30 Coffee Break  15:30-16:30 Company Presentation	Afternoon TBD	13:00-14:30 Session I: Presentations  14:30-15:00 Coffee Break  15:00-16:00 Session II: Presentations	13:30-14:00 Concluding Remarks  14:00-16:00 Roundtable Discussion or Company Visit
Evening Welcome Reception	Free time	Free time	Conference Reception	Conference Dinner	Conference Farewell Dinner

## Eligibility

- Enrolled at a Japanese or Swedish MIRAI member university during the program period.
- PhD students or Postdocs in any discipline.
- Good motivation to communicate with other participants, expand your network and further contribute to MIRAI's other activities.
- Each MIRAI member university can nominate 1-2 person (s) with their internal selection process. More individual requirements might be set up by each university.

## Costs for Participation

Expenses to be borne by the participants:

- Participation fee: 3,000 SEK (for meals and other costs related to the winter school and the conference)
  - Airfare (especially for participants from Japan): Between the nearest airport from your residence and Stockholm Arlanda Airport.
  - Other transportation fee
  - Travel insurance (if needed)
  - Passport and visa fees (if required)
  - Accommodation x 6 nights (Participants will be informed of SSE's partner hotel.)
- \*Scholarship availability: ask your own MIRAI university for more info before your application.

## Application Procedure

Application deadline:

Decided by each MIRAI member university. Application must be through each MIRAI member university, using the designated online registration form.

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For inquiries on a more detailed application process, please contact MIRAI Project Managers at your university.

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