

JIGE INTERNATIONAL FORUM

January 23rd – 24th, 2025
Osaka / Online



ONWARD: PIONEERING JAPAN'S HUB FOR GLOBAL EDUCATIONAL INNOVATION IN THE ERA OF EDUCATION 5.0

The Japan Hub for Innovative Global Education (JIGE) is a groundbreaking global education initiative by three Japanese Universities (Kansai University, Tohoku University, and Chiba University) funded by Japan's Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) under the Inter-University Exchange Project. JIGE aims at revolutionizing higher education and workforce development through innovative virtual, blended mobility, and internship programs. It also aims to serve as a knowledge platform for innovative global education and blended mobility in Japan.

To mark the second year of the project, we will host the JIGE Annual International Forum to strengthen connections with our diverse stakeholders and share updates on our ongoing initiatives. The forum will retain its international scope, featuring speakers and workshop facilitators from various countries and organizations, fostering continued collaboration and paving the way for future developments. Inviting educational experts and industry leaders from both Japan and abroad, this event will serve as a platform to discuss concrete strategies for addressing future challenges and driving educational innovation.

Dates & Locations

Dates: January 23rd – 24th, 2025

Location: Kansai University Umeda Campus

Method: On-site, hybrid (Zoom)

Language: English and Japanese

Attendance fee: Free of charge, registration required



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Schedule

JANUARY

23

Kansai University

13:00 - 19:00

Forum Day 1

- **13:00-13:30 Opening Remarks**
- **13:30-15:00 Partner spotlight session**
- 15:00-15:30 Coffee Break & Networking
- **15:30-17:30 Workshops**
 1. Artificial Intelligence: Opportunities and Challenges in Higher Education (ENG, 15:30-16:30)
 2. International Education in the US: Current Trends and Challenges (ENG, 16:30-17:30)
 3. JV-Campus and Digital and Micro Credentials: A Workshop for Deepening Understanding and Effective Utilization (JPN, 15:30-17:30)
- **17:30 - 19:00 Networking Reception (3500 yen)**

JANUARY

24

Kansai University

12:00 - 14:00

Forum Day 2

- 10:30 Reception begins
- **10:30-11:00 Welcome remarks**
- **11:00-12:30 Panel discussion** (Chiba University, Tohoku University, Kansai University, selected JIGE international partners)
- **14:00 - 15:00 Keynote presentation**
Preparing Future-Ready Learners: Lessons Learnt from NIE's Education Research Agenda (Dr. Junsong)
- **15:00 - 17:00 Parallel Workshops**
 1. Story Circle Workshop(JPN & ENG)
 2. 国際共修 Workshop by JIGE (Japanese)



The forum will take place at Kansai University Umeda Campus

Meet the speakers



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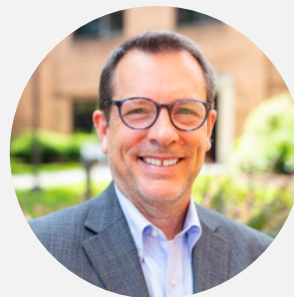
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SESSION DETAILS

JAN 23
13:30 -15:00

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT SESSION

Representatives from ASEF (Asia-Europe Foundation), JPN-COIL Association, Japan Forum for Internationalization of Universities, the World Council on Intercultural and Global Competence, and UMAP (University Mobility in Asia and the Pacific) will showcase their initiatives and share insights on fostering innovation in higher education.

Speakers: Freya Chow-Paul, Linnéa Regnell, Darla K. Deardorff, Ryosuke Ohniwa, and Keiko Ikeda.

JAN 24
11:00 -12:30

PANEL DISCUSSION

Chiba University, Tohoku University, Kansai University, and selected JIGE international partners

Speakers: TBA

JAN 24
14:00 -15:00

PREPARING FUTURE-READY LEARNERS: LESSONS LEARNT FROM NIE'S EDUCATION RESEARCH AGENDA

This keynote delves into the shift from traditional education to future-ready learning, a transformation essential for developing lifelong learners equipped to thrive in a VUCA (Volatile, Uncertain, Complex, and Ambiguous) world shaped by rapid AI advancements. Reflecting on two decades of NIE's research within Singapore's education reform, I will highlight key initiatives and strategic partnerships among researchers, policymakers, and educators aimed at optimizing learner potentials. By fostering students as lifelong learners, we strive to empower a new generation of globally minded, future-ready learners contributing and leading in an increasingly complex world.

Keynote speaker: David Huang Junsong (National Institute of Education Singapore)

WORKSHOP DETAILS

JAN 23
15:30 -17:30

JV-CAMPUS AND DIGITAL AND MICRO CREDENTIALS: A WORKSHOP FOR DEEPENING UNDERSTANDING AND EFFECTIVE UTILIZATION

Details TBA

Facilitated by: JV Campus

JAN 23
15:30 -16:30

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Artificial intelligence (AI) is rapidly transforming higher education, offering innovative solutions while raising complex ethical and practical challenges. This workshop explores how AI tools can enhance teaching, learning, and administrative processes, from personalized learning to advanced data analytics. Participants will also discuss critical challenges, such as academic integrity, data privacy, and the shifting roles of educators in an AI-driven landscape. The session will engage participants in collaborative discussions on leveraging AI to meet institutional goals while addressing its implications in responsible ways.

Facilitated by: Jeff Coker (Shenandoah University)

JAN 23
16:30 -17:30

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION IN THE US: CURRENT TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

International education in the United States is at a potential precipice of change with shifting policies, evolving student demographics, and emerging global challenges. This interactive workshop explores the latest trends in international student recruitment, study abroad participation, and global partnerships. Participants will examine key challenges such as post-pandemic mobility and the impact of technology on international engagement. Through guided discussions and collaborative activities, attendees will share strategies and insights to enhance international education at their institutions. Join us to explore how US institutions are adapting to foster global connections and what this means for the future of international education.

Facilitated by: Amy Sarch (shenandoah University)

WORKSHOP DETAILS

JAN 24
15:00 - 17:00

STORY CIRCLE WORKSHOP

Details TBA

Facilitated by: Darla Deardorff & Curtis Chu

JAN 24
15:00 - 17:00

国際共修 WORKSHOP

このワークショップでは、留学生と国内学生が共に学びあう「国際共修」について、特に昨今のコロナ禍で移行を迫られたオンライン授業・活動に焦点を当てて、意見交換をしながら理解を深めます。国際教育・支援に携わる高等教育関係者はもとより、中等教育や企業で、異文化・多文化理解の促進に従事されている方々、またこの分野での活躍を目指す学生の皆さんにもご参加いただけます。学習者が顔を突き合わせてディスカッションをしたり、グループワークで協働したりする中で、価値観や物事へのアプローチ、またコミュニケーション・スタイルの相違・類似に気づき、言語や文化を越えて相互理解を深める機会の提供を、教育実践を通して行うのが「国際共修」です。国際共修を取り入れた授業・活動実践は、留学生数の増加や教育の国際化の進展で、我が国でも、近年、特に増えつつあります。しかし、昨今のコロナ禍の影響で、授業・活動がオンライン化され、留学生がキャンパスからいなくなるという現象を目の当たりにし、国際共修に立ちはだかる壁を意識した教育関係者は少なくないでしょう。本ワークショップは、そのような不安や課題に直面する方々のみならず、ポスト・コロナ禍の国際教育のあり方について示唆を得たい方々をも対象としています。

3つに分かれるこのセッションでは、オンラインプラットフォームを活用し、参加者自身が専門、所属組織、職業やステータスを越えて学び合うスタイルで、国際共修という教育手法、とりわけ、オンライン国際共修の価値や課題について議論し、考察を深めます。パート1では、国際共修の概要、理論、ペダゴジー、効能などの基本を理解し、実践例を共有し合うことで、国際共修を概観します。次のパート2では、参加者が、それぞれの関心に基づいたテーマ別グループに分かれ、協働作業を行います。テーマは、国際共修を学びなおしたい、または、これから導入を検討したい参加者を対象とした基礎編から、言語や国際経験知の差をどのように乗り越えるか、効果的なファシリテーションの仕方、評価方法などの、具体的なペダゴジーに着目したテーマ、また、課外活動や地域社会を巻き込んだ国際共修を取り上げたテーマなど、参加者の関心や国際共修習熟度にあわせた幅広いコンテンツを用意しています。最後に、それぞれのグループで行った協働の成果を発表し合い、本セッションで得られた学びを振り返ります。オンラインで行うアクティブラーニングや協働学習を主体とした参加者同士の学び合いを通して、国際教育・支援間の豊かなネットワークの形成も本セッションの狙いとしています。是非ふるってご参加ください。

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