

THINKING ABOUT THE JAPANESE ENTHRONEMENT CEREMONIES

In the course of the present calendar year of 2019 there will be several ceremonies relating to the enthronement of the new Emperor of Japan, Naruhito. Most important are the *senso no gi* 踐祚の儀, the *sokui no rei* 即位の礼, and the *daijōsai* 大嘗祭. In view of the considerable significance of these events in Japan, the International Shinto Studies Association (ISSA) is arranging three reflective seminars on the subject which will be open to the public. The first of these (in Japanese) will be held in Tokyo on March 5th. Two further seminars in Tokyo and Kyoto will be held in English. All will consist of brief lectures, responses, and discussion.

Tokyo, March 30th, 14.00 – 16.30.

Place: St. Andrew's Cathedral Church, 3-6-18 Shiba Koen, Minato-ku.

(St. Andrew's is just to the left of St. Alban's Church, opposite Tokyo Tower.)

Speakers:

Prof. John Breen (International Research Center for Japanese Studies (Nichibunken)):

"Modern rites of enthronement: Meiji, Taisho and Showa"

Prof. Michael Pye (Marburg University (em.) / Otani University):

"Perceptions of the Japanese enthronement ceremonies"

Dr. William Gater (Rikkyo University, ret.):

"Comparing Enthronement in Britain and Japan."

Panelist and discussion coordinator: Prof. Iwasawa Tomoko (Reitaku University)

Kyoto, April 6th, 13.30 – 15.30.

Place: Meeting Room of the Kyoto Diocese of the Anglican Church in Japan.

Karasuma-dori Shimodachiuri-kado (just north of St. Agnes' Cathedral Church).

(Entrance from the street is to the right of the Palace Side Hotel. The meeting room is on the ground floor.)

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Discussant:

Kato Taishi 加藤大志 (Hattori Tenjingu 服部天神宮, Osaka).

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The cooperation and hospitality of the authorities of the Anglican Church in Japan (Nippon Seiko Kai 日本聖公会) in the interest of dialogical exchange is most gratefully acknowledged.

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The speakers and topics at the Japanese ISSA seminar in Tokyo are as follows:

佐野真人 (皇學館大学助教) 『大嘗祭における太上天皇の役割』

松本郁代 (横浜市立大学教授) 『中世における即位儀礼と神仏』

マイケル・パイ (マールブルク大学名誉教授) 『現在の即位の礼と大嘗祭の宗教要素について』

岩沢知子 (麗澤大学教授) Panel Coordinator

For further details of the seminar in Japanese (pre-registration) see <http://www.shinto.org/wordjp/?p=905>.

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