

# **CALL FOR PAPERS** The 14th International Conference on Early Modern Literatures of North India (ICEMLNI)

# 15–19 July 2022, Osaka University

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Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to announce that the 14th International Conference on Early Modern Literatures of North India (ICEMLNI), which was postponed for one year, will be held from Friday, July 15, to Tuesday, July 19, 2022, at Osaka University, Japan. The conference will be held on campus, but it is also possible to participate online. We are holding the conference using the hybrid method, to ensure everyone the opportunity to participate regardless of the COVID-19 situation.

Along with the call for papers, this circular provides you with basic information about the conference.

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ICEMLNI began in 1979 as the 'International Middle Hindi Bhakti Conference', hosted by Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium, and has since brought together researchers and scholars to exchange ideas and learn from each other's work, on thirteen occasions. Following this tradition, the fourteenth conference invites papers spanning a whole sphere of literary topics such as text criticism, poetics, ritual, religion, historiography, oral traditions, transtextualities, interaction with the non-literary and the like, which can be characterized both as early modern (c. 1400–1800 CE) and North Indian.

The deadline for submissions (including an abstract of no more than 300 words) is January 15, 2022. We will notify participants of their paper's acceptance by the end of February 2022 and send details on conference registration.

## PARTICIPATION

The participation of early-career scholars and Ph.D. students is warmly welcomed. Scholars who do not wish to present papers, but would like to attend, are also invited.

The conference fee is 6,000 JPY (currently approximately 46 EUR or 56 USD) for general participants and 5,000 JPY (currently approximately 38 EUR or 47 USD) for students. The conference fee does not include food, drinks, banquets or excursions, nor does it cover travel expenses, accommodation costs, breakfasts or dinners. Lunch packs and drinks will be available for an extra charge upon request. Participants are responsible for their own accommodations. Limited rooms are available on the Suita Campus (30 minutes from the venue by bus; currently approximately 35 USD per day or 270-730 USD per week depending on the type of room) on a first come, first served basis. If you wish to take this opportunity, please contact Hiroko Nagasaki (nagasaki@lang.osaka-u.ac.jp) as soon as possible.





#### **TENTATIVE SCHEDULE AND VENUE**

15 <sup>th</sup> (Friday)	July, 2022	Minoh campus	Registration from afternoon
16 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)	July, 2022	Minoh campus	
17 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	July, 2022	Minoh campus	
18 <sup>th</sup> (Monday)	July, 2022	Minoh campus	
19th (Tuesday)	July, 2022	Excursion (Osaka cast	le and Shitenno-ji Temple)

#### ACCESS

Osaka University is located in the northern part of Osaka Prefecture. Osaka, boasting 1400 years of history, has a captivating combination of modernity and antiquity. Its ancient Osaka tomb clusters are recognized as objects of world heritage while the Shitenno-ji Temple, erected by Prince Shotoku, stands witness to the spread of Buddhism. The popular tourist destinations of Kyoto, Nara and Kobe are all accessible within an hour.

There are two airports in Osaka, e.g., Kansai International Airport and Itami (Osaka International) Airport. There is a frequent bus service between the two airports. From Itami Airport, the campuses of Osaka University are accessible within half an hour. Osaka University has several campuses. The venue is in Minoh, and the on-campus accommodation is in Suita.







# MINOH CAMPUS ACCESS



(1) 5 minute walk from the Shinsemba-kitabashi bus stop [Hankyu Bus]

\*To access the Shinsemba-kitabashi bus stop, board the Hankyu Bus no. 19, 20, 22, 82, 83, 85 departing Senri-chūō station (Osaka Monorail/Kita-Osaka Kyuko Line)

## (2) 25 minute walk from Senri-chūō station

\*Head north from Senri-chūō station along Shin-Midosuji Street. (Be careful not to pass through any residential areas.)





More details will be available in future circulars.

Looking forward to seeing you in Osaka in 2022.

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