

JPSA-APSA Working Group on Civically Engaged Research for Critical Issues in Society
2025 Working Group Theme: Political Transitions in Aging Societies
October 9-12, 2025 – Tokyo, Japan ***included meals*

Wednesday 10/8 – arrivals / hotel check in

Thursday 10/9

- 9am to 5pm: JPSA-APSA Working Group short course (UTokyo, Akamon GRB, Room 549)
 - o 9-10 – Introductions / Why we're doing this
 - o 10-12 – Intro to Civically Engaged Research
 - o 12-12:20 – Morning wrap-up
 - o 12:30-2 – Group lunch** bento boxes
 - o 2-4:15 – Research feedback in small groups
 - 2 groups of 8; 30 mins pp; 4 papers to be discussed in each group
 - o 4:15-5 – Afternoon wrap-up
- 6pm: Group Dinner** at [Yukari Hongo-Sannchrome](#) (7-2-12 Hongo, Bunkyo City, Tokyo 113-0033)

Friday 10/10

- Field Trip organized by Prof. Hiroko Akiyama (University of Tokyo), one of the leaders of the [Kamakura Living Lab](#), to visit with local partners in Imaizumidai
 - o 8:30am: bus pick up/depart from UTokyo in front of Institute of Social Science building
 - o 10:00am: Arrive at Kamakura. 2 hours of sightseeing (temples, shrines, etc.)
 - o 12:15: Group lunch** at [Minemoto](#) (1-8-35 Yukinoshita, Kamakura, Kanagawa 248-0005)
 - o 1:30pm: Depart for Imaizumidai Community Center for sessions with partners from the Kamakura Living Lab
 - o 5:00pm: Return to Tokyo; people can travel back separately if they wish

Saturday 10/11

- 9:00 – 11:45am: JPSA Working Group Session (UTokyo, ISS Main, Room 104)
 - o 9-9:30 – group reflection on field trip
 - o 9:30-11:45 – Research feedback in small groups
 - 2 groups of 8; 30 mins pp; 4 papers to be discussed in each group
- Lunch on own
- **1:15-3:15pm: Open session for JPSA Panels** (locations TBA)
 - o *In English:* (B8) Global Surge of Right-wing Populism and Democratic Backsliding
- Free time in the afternoon
- 7pm: JPSA Conference Reception** (UTokyo, Ito International Research Center, B2)
 - o 6:40pm meet at the Ito IRC foyer/B1 to meet participants of the 2024 Working Group

Sunday 10/12

- 9:15-11:15am: Guest Speakers on Immigrants and Integration (UTokyo, Akamon GRB, Room 549)
 - o Prof. Ryushun Kiyofuji (University of Kitakyushu)
 - o Prof. Naoko Hashimoto (International Christian University)
- 11:45-1:15pm: Group Lunch** at [Forest Hongo](#) (Forest Hongo Hotel; 6-16-4 Hongo, Bunkyo City)
- **1:30-3:30pm: Open session for JPSA Panels** (locations TBA)
 - o *In English:* (D4) Polarization and Democratic Governance in South Korea
- 3:45-5pm: Final session / Reflection on CER in Demographic Change research

A few Notes on Event Locations

All Working Group sessions will take place at the University of Tokyo, Hongo Campus; mostly around the Institute of Social Science. The campus gates are open, with no need to show ID for entry. The Akamon Gate (which is closest to ISS), is closed for repairs, but the other convenient options are the Main Gate or the smaller Ito International Research Center Gate.

The Institute of Social Science is physically in two locations, and we'll be using both:

1. The "Main" ISS building, which shows up on Google Maps and is labeled "Institute of Social Science"; (*Building 130 in PDF map*)
2. The 5th floor of the Akamon General Research Building (*Building 37 in PDF map*)

On Thursday, we will meet at Akamon GRB, Room 549.

On Friday, we will meet at the ISS Main to depart for the fieldtrip

On Saturday, we will meet at ISS Main, Room 104 (Conference Room 2)

- The evening JPSA Conference Reception will be in B2 of the Ito International Research Center (*Building 29 in PDF map*). It's right next to the Akamon GRB and ISS, so quite convenient.

On Sunday, we will meet at Akamon GRB, Room 549

The room allocations for the JPSA conference panels are generally distributed as printouts at the conference registration