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CALL FOR PAPERS

CONTEMPORARY JAPAN FROM EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVE

As a consequence of the international conference "Image of Japan in Europe" held in October 2007 (sponsored by Toshiba International Foundation) at VMU Japanese Studies Centre, we have come to conclusion that compared to the great interest in ancient Japanese culture and history, in many European countries there is a big gap in knowledge of contemporary Japan's realities. In order to at least partly fill this gap we intend to publish a selection of articles on the topic indicated above in spring 2009. This project is sponsored by the Toshiba International Foundation.

We are calling for contributions from researchers of different study fields who focus on contemporary Japan studies. We welcome articles, which address different aspects of modern Japan's perception in European countries by focussing on questions about the European view of contemporary Japanese society, politics, economics, culture, as well as problems of the credibility of Japan's image construction in particular European countries.

Please send us the preliminary title and abstract of your paper (up to 200 words), as well as your name, title and the name of your affiliated institution by **July 1st, 2008** by e-mail: HYPERLINK "mailto:conference@jc.vdu.lt" conference@jc.vdu.lt.

The papers should be written in English and not exceed 5000 words (approx. 35000 letters). For in-text citing and bibliography please follow the APA style (HYPERLINK "http://www.dianahacker.com/resdoc/" <http://www.dianahacker.com/resdoc/>).

Intended schedule:

July 1, 2008: Deadline for submission of preliminary titles and abstracts

July 14, 2008: Notification of screening results

December 1, 2008: Deadline for submission of papers

December 2008-January 2009: correction (if necessary) of papers

End of March, 2009: Publication of the book

We are looking forward to your cooperation.

Yours Sincerely,
Aurelijus Zykas
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