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The Uehiro Tōhoku Historical Materials Research Department was founded in April 2012. Its primary aims are the preservation of historical documents and the facilitation of regional cooperation in the study of primary sources in Japanese history and related fields. An important aspect of supporting primary sources research is the provision of training in essential research skills, such as reading handwritten manuscript texts in pre-modern registers like *sōrōbun* and *kanbun*.

INSTRUCTOR

Ken'ichirō Aratake is Associate Professor at Tōhoku University. He is an economic historian specialising on economic exchanges between the cities and rural areas, urban markets and the conditions of large cities like Ōsaka in the late Edo Period. He has considerable experience teaching *kuzushiji* to an international audience in Japan.



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APPLICATION INFORMATION

Applicants should send a short CV and a brief paragraph explaining how the workshop will contribute to their research. **The deadline for applications is August 18th.** We will keep a waiting list and notify additional participants on a rolling basis.

For more information and to send your application please contact

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Heidelberg - Tōhoku Manuscript Workshop

September
16th – 20th
2013

Reading
Late Edo Period Media and Society:

Kawaraban and Handwritten Manuscripts
from the Kano Bunko Collection of
Tōhoku University

General Information

PURPOSE

This intensive five-day manuscript workshop will focus on reading printed and handwritten texts from the late Edo Period including printed broadsheets (*kawaraban*) from the Kano Bunko (狩野文庫) Collection of Tōhoku University. By the end of the workshop participants will be able to recognise common grammatical structures written in *kuzushiji* in different types of text ranging from *sōrōbun* to more vernacular texts. They will also have learned how to use *kuzushiji* dictionaries effectively for their own research. This will be supported by tutorials that will give participants the opportunity to discuss individual *kuzushiji* reading needs.

The workshop is designed as part of a long-term focus on sustained *kuzushiji* reading practice. The ultimate goal of the workshop is to contribute to international cooperation among researchers in the study of Japanese history, society and culture.

STRUCTURE

This intensive workshop is structured into three to four hour-long seminar-style reading sessions per day. These will be complemented by tutorials and revision sessions. All levels of *kuzushiji* proficiency are welcome as the instructor will adjust the pace of reading and the level of difficulty to participants' requirements. The first three days of the workshop are dedicated to reading illustrated *kawaraban* from the collection of Tōhoku University. This will be followed by more advanced readings of selections from handwritten journals and official documents.

PARTICIPANTS

This workshop is designed for research students and postdoctoral researchers curators, resource specialists of all disciplinary backgrounds within the field of Japanese studies.

Please note that the language of instruction is **Japanese only**.

PROGRAMME (preliminary)

	9.30	10.00-11.00	休憩	11.15-12.30	昼食	14.00-15.00	休憩	15.15-17.00	18.00
16日	登録 受付	講義説明		読解練習 「瓦版」		読解練習 「瓦版」		ミーティング	
17日		読解練習 「瓦版」		復習 「瓦版」		ハイデルベルク 見学		ハイデルベルク 見学	会食
18日		読解練習 「瓦版」		読解練習 「瓦版」		読解練習 「瓦版」		ミーティング	
19日		読解練習 「江戸時代の 社会を示す 文書」		読解練習 「江戸時代の 社会を示す 文書」		読解練習 「江戸時代の 社会を示す 文書」		読解練習 「江戸時代の 社会を示す 文書」	
20日		読解練習 「江戸時代の 武士が書いた 記録」		読解練習 「江戸時代の 武士が書いた 記録」		読解練習 「江戸時代の 武士が書いた 記録」		まとめ・今後 の学習方法	レセプ ション

CONDITIONS

The workshop will be limited to 20 participants. No tuition fees apply but registered participants will be asked to contribute €50 toward the cost of course materials. We cannot provide accommodation for the duration of the workshop, but we are happy to help the successful applicants locate accessible venues in Heidelberg.