

2026 Research Grant Decisions

Research theme : "Research on Youth Culture and Media Expression in Japan and Europe (German-speaking areas)"

After careful examination, it was decided that the 2026 research grants will be awarded to the following five research themes.

Tsugumi Kondo

Assistant Professor, Tsubouchi Memorial Theatre Museum, Waseda University

Research theme : "Cross-dressing and Queer Representation in Interwar Japan and Germany: Focusing on Anita Berber, MAVO, and Esu"

Una Shimokawa

Doctoral Program (First Year), Graduate School of Sociology, Kwansei Gakuin University

Research theme : "A Comparative Study of Nightlife in Japan and Germany: A Case Study of Youth Club Culture"

Sho Niikawa

Associate Professor, Graduate School of Intercultural Studies, Kobe University

Research theme : "Youth Media Consumption and the Process of Forming Electoral Choices: A Comparison of Japan and Germany on the Unique Combinations of Conditions in Voting Decisions"

Konstantin Frederic Plett

Kanazawa University, Institute of Liberal Arts and Science Lecturer

Research theme : "Marketing Japanese Enclaves Abroad as Tourist Destinations: A Case Study of Düsseldorf's "Little Tokyo""

Meike Raupach

Köln International School of Design (KISD) Faculty of Cultural Studies at TH Köln
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Research theme : "Zines as a cultural practice of young women in Japan and Germany"