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Japanese Studies Resources at University College Cork (Ireland)

University College Cork



- Established in 1845 as one of three Queen's Colleges
- UCC – National University of Ireland, Cork
- 15,000 Undergraduates (2016)
- 4,400 Postgraduates (2016)
- 762 (2010)
- George Boole, UCC Professor 1849-1864

Location of Japanese / Japanese Studies

- UCC School of Asian Studies founded in 2009
 - Department of Asian Studies, Study of Religions Department
 - External funding: Confucius Institute, Korea Society, Japan Society
 - Professorship and Programme in Chinese Studies
 - Irish Institute of Korean Studies (Dr. Kevin Cawley)
 - Japanese Language Classes
 - Japan-related research professorship in the departments Study of Religion (Prof. Brian Bocking, East Asian Religions) and Philosophy (Prof. Graham Parks, Asian Philosophy)
 - Irish Institute of Japanese Studies (Dep. of Asian Studies / Dep. of Philosophy)
 - 2014: Establishment of Lectureship for Japanese Studies at the Dep. of Asian Studies

Location of Japanese / Japanese Studies

- School of Languages, Literatures and Cultures
 - Department of Asian Studies joined the school in 2018
 - One Professorship in Asian Studies (Prof. Kiri Paramore)
 - Two lectureships in Chinese Studies, One in Chinese Linguistics, One in Korean Studies, one in Japanese Studies
 - Additional language teachers (Confucius Institute, Hourly basis)
- Outside the School
 - Lectureship in East Asian Religion (Studies of Religion department)
 - Asian Philosophy (Department of Philosophy)
- Irish Institute of Japanese Studies

Programmes

- Japanese language and content modules in different programmes:
- BA Arts
- BA Arts International
- BA World Languages
- MA Asian Studies

Department and Library

- No Asia specialist in the library
- Departmental “Library Representative”
- Receives information regarding budget
- Forwards book orders from members of the department
 - Reminding colleagues to order books
- No concrete agenda
 - How do I engage colleagues?
 - What materials would help our students?
 - How can we ensure that students use materials?

Library Budget

- Library budget across different departments
→ No clear “Japan”-budget
- Limited library budget after the financial crisis of 2008
- Purchases focus on undergraduate teaching
- Longer history of library acquisitions for religion- and philosophy-related topics
- Japanese Studies modules first established in 2014: focus on Cultural History, Japanese Society and Politics
- Focus on English language publications
- Standard access to portal content, e.g. Project Muse, JSTOR
→ non-departmental budget

Donations



JAPANFOUNDATION

- Japan Foundation: 44 Books
 - Buddhism
 - Aesthetics
 - Japanese Cinema
 - Politics and Economy
 - Standard Works: *Cambridge History of Japan*, *Sources of Japanese Tradition*
 - Kanji Dictionaries

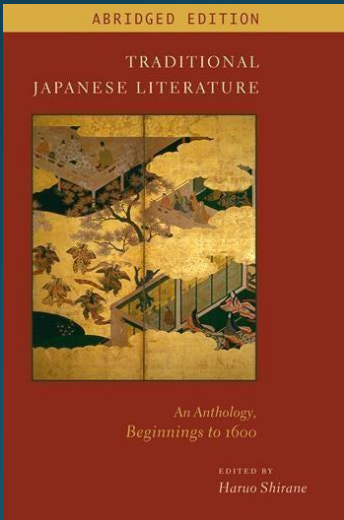
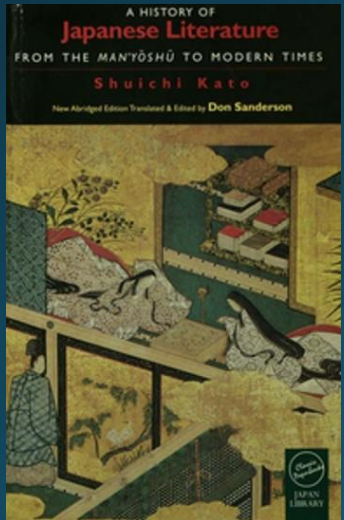
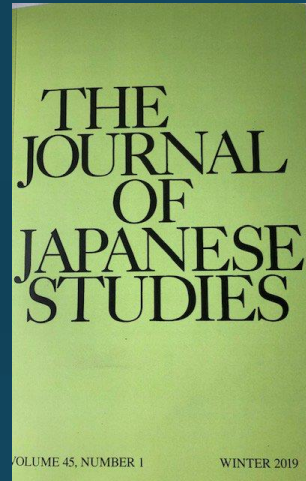
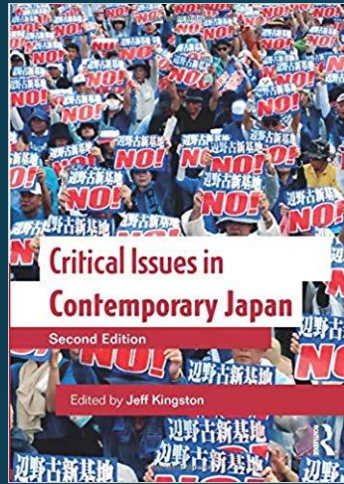
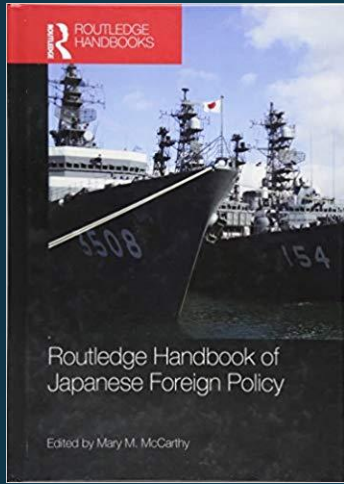
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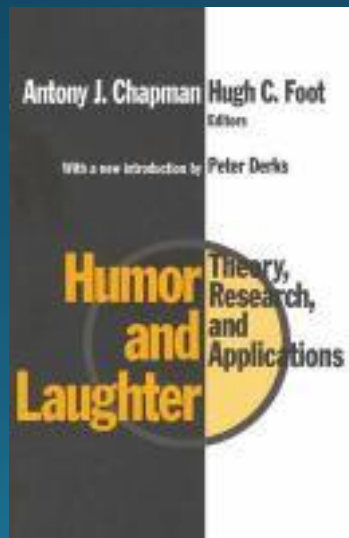
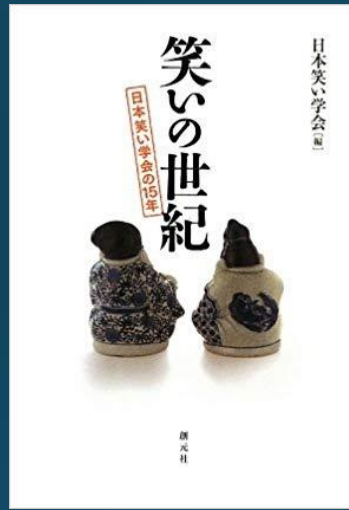
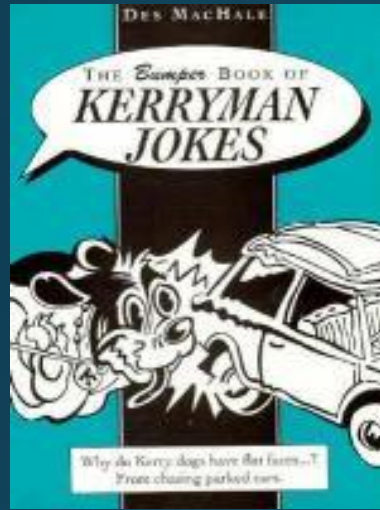
- Collection
Prof. Dr. Irmela Hijiya-Kirschner: 319 Books
 - Literature, including works and collections in Japanese e.g. *Kōno Taeko zenshū* or Shōgakukan's *Nihon koten bungaku zenshū* (incomplete)
 - Special Japanese-language collection "*Nihonjinron*"
 - DIJ Publications
 - Various Japanese Studies topics
- <http://library.ucc.ie/search?/fEx+libris+Hijiya-Kirschner%2C+Irmela%2C+Prof.+Dr./fex+libris+hijiya+kirschner+irmela+prof+dr/-3%2C-1%2Co%2CB/exact&FF=fex+libris+hijiya+kirschner+irmela+prof+dr&1%2C319%2C>

E-Resources



- Access to standard journals via Project Muse, JSTOR, Taylor & Francis Online etc.
- E-Books, purchased on departmental budget (e.g. Routledge Handbooks, literature anthologies, standard readings)
→ Focus on Undergraduate Modules
- Currently no purchase of databases, online-bibliographies, magazine or newspaper archives due to budget restrictions

Future Projects



- Collection Japanese Humour / *Warai* – Books and DVDs?
→ Current Special Collection Humour: 7213 Entries
<http://library.ucc.ie/search?/cHUMOUR/chumour/-3%2C-1%2C0%2CE/2exact&FF=chumour&1%2C7213%2C>
- Increase numbers of E-Resources (NDL, KanjiKreativ)
- New direction of Asian Studies and Japanese Studies programmes