

## NIJL / EAJRS *Kuzushiji* Workshop 25–27 February 2026

Organisers:  
National Institute of Japanese Literature (NIJL)  
European Association of Japanese Resource Specialists (EAJRS)  
Co-organiser:  
East Asia Department, Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin

The “*Kuzushiji* Workshop,” continuously organised by NIJL and EAJRS since 2011, will be held in 2026 at the Berlin State Library as outlined below. Please note that this will be an in-person workshop only — it will not be offered online format.

Those wishing to participate should complete the attached application form in Japanese or English and submit it by **Sunday, 18 January 2026**, via email to:  
[a.hirano@sainsbury-institute.org](mailto:a.hirano@sainsbury-institute.org)

Please enter the following in the subject line of your email: **Kuzushiji2026**

**Dates:** 25–27 February 2026 (Wednesday–Friday)

**Venue:** Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin, Potsdamer Strasse 33 (10785 Berlin)

**Target Audience:** Librarians, curators, academic researchers, postgraduate students

**Workshop Level:** Novice in *kuzushiji* deciphering

**Language of Instruction:** Japanese (no interpretation provided)

**Instructors:**

- Professor Kazuaki Yamamoto (Early Modern Literature, NIJL)
- Associate Professor Naohiro Ōta (Early Modern History / Archival Studies, NIJL)

**Capacity:** 25 participants\*

\*In the event of high demand, selection will be taken place based on the information provided in the application form and the professional/research needs of applicants. Results will be conveyed by 28 January 2026.

The workshop will consist of nine 90-minute sessions: one session in the morning and two sessions in the afternoon, over three days. Detailed information on teaching materials, schedules, and other arrangements will be provided to confirmed participants.

The workshop is free of charge; however, participants are responsible for their own travel and accommodation expenses to and from the venue.

On the final day, we plan to hold an optional Interactive Discussion session over dinner, for which a participation fee will be collected to cover actual costs.