



Study Abroad SIG Newsletter

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Dear SIG members,

Our 2023 Study Abroad SIG conference will be held **November 4th** at **Takachiho University** in **Tokyo**.

The conference will be held between 9:00 and 17:00 and there will be a social event afterwards (details TBD).

To register and for more information about the conference, see the Study Abroad SIG conference page <https://www.sa-sig.org/conference.html>

To submit proposals, please send via the new bespoke page on the website <https://www.sa-sig.org/conference-proposals.html>

We're looking forward to seeing you in Tokyo in November!

SA SIG Coordinator
Tom Legge



Call for Journal Editors/Reviewers

The Journal of Worldwide Education (JOWE) (formerly RYŪGAKU: Explorations in Study Abroad), is the peer-reviewed, official JALT Study Abroad SIG publication. We are seeking out reviewers and editorial board members. Please fill out this form (<https://forms.gle/XJXbLFXN7Rs6shPt7>) if you are interested in serving as an editor or/and reviewer for the Journal of Worldwide Education. This form is also available on the SIG website at <https://www.sa-sig.org/jowe-review.html>.

Once you fill out the form, you will be registered as a reviewer and will receive the appropriate manuscript(s) based on your information. If you apply for an editorial board, we will get in touch with you shortly after the registration. We hope you are willing to review for the JOWE.

Questions? Email us at jalt.studyabroad.publications@gmail.com

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New Revamped Website

We've recently upgraded the website so that we can make use of embedded webforms instead of relying on Google Forms or other external services. This has allowed us to add the conference pages directly to our website this year, as well as a manuscript submission form for our journal.

In addition, a number of interface improvements have been made to the Feature Articles page of our journal, along with a number of "under the hood" improvements that make it easier to add and organize content. (Shoutout to ChatGPT for helping me write the JavaScript!) We hope that these and other smaller improvements on the website will help raise the profile of the SIG and generate more interest in our journal, conference, and other activities. Have a look when you get a chance!

<https://www.sa-sig.org/>

Discord

We have set up a Discord Server for the Study Abroad SIG. We know that not everyone is keen to connect via Facebook or email and wanted to offer something else to members who are interested.

The SIG officers have been using it (some of us for the first time) to organize SIG stuff and it's been really good so far. It's pretty similar to Slack, so those of you with experience of that will find it pretty easy to pick up.

We thought it might be a useful space for SIG members to:

- read announcements and news from the SIG
 - ask questions about conference or SIG business
 - coordinate journal editing and publishing
 - contact SIG officers and interact with other SIG members
 - discuss study abroad projects/plans/trends
 - post job opportunities
 - promote university events
 - share info about publications/papers/conferences
- ...and no doubt a few other things.

If you are interested, you can join the group by using the following link -

<https://discord.gg/Fc2ffQMpyr>.

All important information, news, and updates will continue to be shared through existing media (Facebook, email, website) as before. This is just another way for us to keep in touch and more effectively run the SIG.

Any questions, please don't hesitate to ask...or come onto Discord and ask us!

JALT International Conference, SA SIG Forum, Nov 26th

We will have a forum at the JALT international conference in Tsukuba!

Presentation Title: Study Abroad SIG Forum - Current Challenges in Study Abroad

Format: Forum

This presentation is scheduled for:

Day: Sunday, November 26th

Time: 11:35 AM - 1:05 PM (90 minutes)

Room: 303

Please come along if you are attending the JALT conference this year in Tsukuba!



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New Officers

Please give a warm welcome to our SIG's newest officers!

Tom Legge



Hi everyone! My name is Thomas (Tom) and I am your new Study Abroad SIG Coordinator! I currently work at Momoyama Gakuin University in Osaka, teaching and running the Super Global Program, the university's main study abroad preparation program: <https://www.andrew.ac.jp/international/sgp.html>. Originally from England, I previously worked at the British Council in Tokyo and Osaka teaching IELTS at universities across Japan, as well as general and Business English classes.

I joined the Study Abroad SIG as my recent work has increasingly focused on study abroad and I wanted to play a more active role in the study abroad community in Japan. More importantly, perhaps, I think that promoting study abroad is really important and it is undoubtedly one of the most rewarding experiences a young person can have. I have studied abroad myself (Germany, France, Spain, Argentina, Chile, Russia) and each of these experiences has changed my life in a meaningful way. Equally, I have seen the difference in my students when they return to Japan – without fail, they are more confident, capable and interesting individuals as a result of studying abroad.

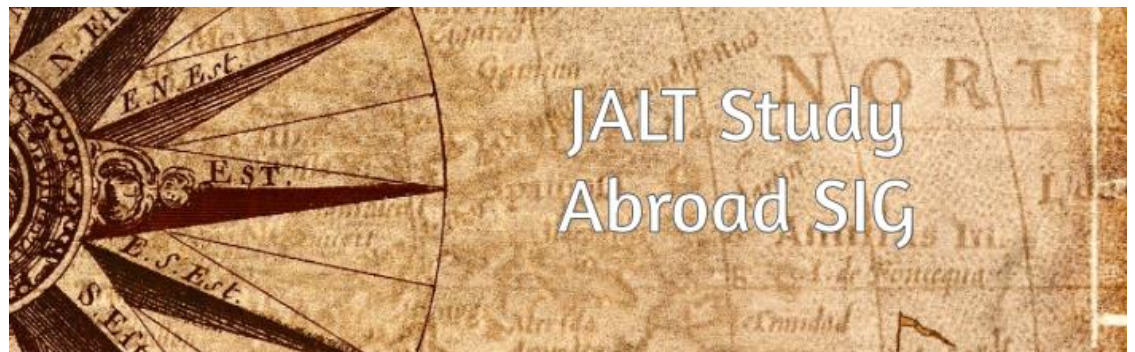
I'm really looking forward to getting to know all of you and serving as your Coordinator!

Yuka Jibiki



Hello! I'm based in Yokohama and currently teach first and second-year English in colleges in Tokyo. I'm also pursuing a doctoral program at the University of Sacred Heart, Tokyo. My passion for study abroad stems from personal encounters. My first study away experience was a 2-week homestay program in Windsor, ON Canada. Canada holds a special place in my heart, but with a deep connection to Boston, I now consider it my second home after spending four years as a student there. While in college, I spent 17 months in an English intensive and cultural immersion program at Showa Boston, affiliated with Showa Women's University. I later earned my master's in international higher education from Lesley University in Cambridge, MA. Having recently become a part of the SIG community, I'm excited about the opportunity to contribute as a publication chair. Looking forward to engaging with fellow members!

Thank you for reading! All the best!



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