

**EUROPE AND JAPAN FORUM
ON GENDER STUDIES
25th-26th NOVEMBER, 2005**

November, 25th (Friday)

9.00 REGISTRATION

10:00 - 10:30 OPENING CEREMONY

Maria Teresa Orsi University of Rome «La Sapienza»

Fujitani Atsuko President of The Japan Society for Gender Studies

Federico Masini Dean of the Faculty of Oriental Studies, University of Rome «La Sapienza»

Tsuchiya Junji Waseda University

Maria Gioia Vienna University of Rome «La Sapienza»

10:30 - 12:30 KEYNOTE SPEECH

Nadia Fusini (Writer; University of Rome «La Sapienza»): *Who's afraid of Virginia Woolf? The beginning of gender studies*

Fujitani Atsuko (Writer; Japan Society of Gender Studies): *What is true Japanese tradition? On the transition of gender in Japan from the appearance of kabuki*

- Lunch -

14:00 - 15:20 SESSION I

The building of Nation-State and Gender

Moderator: Takeda Yoshimi (Kobe Jogakuin University)

Saeki Junko (Doshisha University): *Higuchi Ichiyo and Japanese Modernization: gender identity of female writers in Meiji Japan (1868-1912)*

Ito Kimio (Kyoto University): *Nation-State. Fascism. Masculinity*

- Coffee break -

15:30 - 16:50 SESSION II

Strategies for the realization of gender equality

Moderator: Ito Kimio (Kyoto University)

Okamoto Tamio (Former vice-President of the Doshisha University): *Issues of social welfare in Japan: from the point of view of gender*

Pia Locatelli (MEP; President of the Socialist International Women): *Something new, as for gender in Europe*

- Coffee break -

17:00-18:20 SESSION III

Gender problems in younger generations

Moderator: Maria Gioia Vienna (University of Rome «La Sapienza»)

Takeda Yoshimi (Kobe Jogakuin University): *The role of women's universities: a case study of Kobe Jogakuin University*

Tsukamoto Toshiyuki (Fukui Prefectural University): *Rise in the ratio of employed female workers and gender consciousness: a case study of Fukui Prefecture*

- Coffee break -

18:30 - 20:30 VIDEO SHOWING

For Art or for Love? Okuni and Sanza

By Fujitani Atsuko. Produced by Matsuo Masatake

The making of this video has been sponsored by the Agency for Cultural Affairs (Japan), in cooperation with The Consortium of Universities in Kyoto Inc., Tohei Kyoto Studio Co. and Ota Kogei Ltd.

NOVEMBER, 26th (Saturday)

10:00 - 11:20 SESSION IV

Social Constructions of gender images

Moderator: Matilde Mastrangelo (University of Rome «La Sapienza»)

Maria Gioia Vienna (University of Rome «La Sapienza»): *The Italian stereotype towards Japanese women as geisha women and its persistence in spite of contemporary social issues*

Tsuchiya Junji (Waseda University): *Crossing-over reality and gender category: Japanese subcultures in action*

- Coffee break -

11:30 - 12:30 CLOSING CEREMONY

Concluding remarks by Ito Kimio (Kyoto University) and Okamoto Tamio (Doshisha University)

Guest of Honor: The Ambassador of Japan to Italy, Matsubara Nobuko