

**Kyoto Seminar 2025/2026 “Introduction to Japanese Law”**  
(February 2 – February 6, 2026)

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| Date                   | Time                                        | Program                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Place                                      |
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| <b>Mon.<br/>2 Feb.</b> | 9:30–                                       | Meeting and Reception for all participants                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Ritsumeikan<br>Suzaku Campus<br>2F Rm. 203 |
|                        | 10:00–10:30                                 | <b>Guidance for all participants</b><br>Prof. Naoya Yamaguchi (Ritsumeikan School of Law, Director of the Kyoto Seminar)                                                                                                                                                                    |                                            |
|                        | 10:30–10:40                                 | Campus tour by Ritsumeikan Law School students                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                            |
|                        | 10:40–13:10                                 | <b>Introduction to the Japanese Legal System</b><br>Former Prof. Kent Anderson (University of Newcastle) & Prof. Tetsuro Hirano (Ritsumeikan University)                                                                                                                                    | Suzaku Campus<br>2F Rm. 203                |
|                        | 13:10–14:20                                 | Lunch Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                            |
|                        | 14:20–17:20                                 | <b>Criminal Justice &amp; Law</b><br>Prof. Makoto Ibusuki (Seijo Univ.) & Prof. Kent Anderson (University of Newcastle)                                                                                                                                                                     |                                            |
|                        | 17:20–19:20                                 | Welcome Party                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Suzaku Campus<br>1F Co-op Cafeteria        |
| <b>Tue.<br/>3 Feb.</b> | 9:00–12:00                                  | <b>Politics and Constitutional Law</b><br>Prof. Giorgio Colombo (University of Venice), Prof. Akihiko Kimijima (Ritsumeikan University) and Mr. Haruhisa Takeuchi (Former Senior Officer at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Successively held various posts including Singapore Ambassador) | Suzaku Campus<br>2F Rm. 203                |
|                        | 12:00–13:00                                 | Lunch Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                            |
|                        | 13:00–15:30                                 | <b>Civil Justice &amp; Law</b><br>Prof. Yoko Tamura (University of Tsukuba) & Prof. Luke Nottage (The University of Sydney)                                                                                                                                                                 |                                            |
|                        | 15:40–17:10                                 | <b>Arbitration and ADR</b><br>Prof. Giorgio Colombo (University of Venice) & Prof. Luke Nottage (The University of Sydney)                                                                                                                                                                  |                                            |
| <b>Wed.<br/>4 Feb.</b> | 10:00–11:30                                 | <b>Working as International Attorneys in Japan:</b><br>Mr. Jiri Mestecky (Attorney at Law, Partner, Kitahama Partners) & Mr. Yoshihiro Obayashi (Partner, Yodoyabashi & Yamagami Legal Professional Corporation/ Ritsumeikan School of Law)                                                 | AP Osaka<br>Yodoyabashi<br>4F-M room       |
|                        | 11:30–13:00                                 | Lunch Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                            |
|                        | 13:00–                                      | Field visit (viewing trials) compulsory for USyd; optional for other students                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Osaka District<br>Court                    |
| <b>Thu.<br/>5 Feb.</b> | 9:00–12:00                                  | <b>Government and Law</b><br>Prof. Narufumi Kadomatsu (Kobe University) & Prof. Leon Wolff (Hitotsubashi University)                                                                                                                                                                        | Suzaku Campus<br>2F Rm. 203                |
|                        | 12:00–13:00                                 | Lunch Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                            |
|                        | 13:00–16:00                                 | <b>Contract/Consumers &amp; Law</b><br>Prof. Antonios Karaiskos (Ryukoku University) & Prof. Luke Nottage (The University of Sydney)                                                                                                                                                        |                                            |
| <b>Fri.<br/>6 Feb.</b> | 9:00–11:00                                  | <b>Pop Culture and Law</b><br>Prof. Leon Wolff (Hitotsubashi University)                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Suzaku Campus<br>2F Rm. 203                |
|                        | 11:00–12:30                                 | Lunch Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                            |
|                        | 12:30–15:30                                 | <b>Gender and Law</b><br>Prof. Kyoko Ishida (Waseda University) & Prof. Leon Wolff (Hitotsubashi University)                                                                                                                                                                                |                                            |
|                        | 15:30–15:40                                 | <b>Class Evaluations (for Kyoto Seminars)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                            |
|                        | 15:40–16:10                                 | <b>Closing Ceremony to award Certificates of Completion</b><br>Dean Kazuo Kitamura, Ritsumeikan University, School of Law                                                                                                                                                                   |                                            |
|                        | 25hr. (not included Osaka PM activity hour) |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                            |