



1. Title:

Network Studies 2021

2. Contact Person

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3. Additional Grants and Collaborative Projects by Bettina Gramlich-Oka in 2021:

JSPS Research Grant (基盤研究C):「18世紀後半における「儒者」の総合的研究—頼春水とその周辺」.

Since September 2021, collaboration with project located at the University of Frankfurt, Germany.

From the fall semester 2021, the project is part of a collaborative unit at the National Institute of Japanese Literature.

4. International Symposium organized by Bettina Gramlich-Oka:

19.12.2021 Gramlich-Oka organized “International Symposium: Confucian Scholars in the Late Tokugawa Period.” ICC, Sophia University <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LbCq4I6UGt8>

5. Presentations in 2021:

19.12.2021 Gramlich-Oka, “Visualizing the Network of Rai Shunsui” (International Symposium: [Confucian Scholars in the Late Tokugawa Period](#))

- 19.12.2021 Leo Born: “The Future of JBDB” (International Symposium: [Confucian Scholars in the Late Tokugawa Period](#))
- 10.12.2021 Gramlich-Oka, “Creation of and Participation in Networks: Visiting the Japan Biographical Database” University of Michigan
- 11.11.2021 Gramlich-Oka, “[Family Networks in the Tokugawa Period](#)” Sophia University Research Week
- 27.08.2021 Gramlich-Oka, DH Panel presentation of JBDB. EAJIS 2021
- 23.04.2021 Gramlich-Oka, “Studying Women and Networks in the Late Tokugawa Period: The Case of the Rai Family.” École française d’Extrême-Orient (EFEO), Italian School of East Asian Studies, and the Institute for Research in Humanities, Kyoto University
- 12.04.2021 Gramlich-Oka, Podcast through the New Books Network. <https://newbooksnetwork.com/women-and-networks-in-nineteenth-century-japan> <https://www.podchaser.com/creators/bettina-gramlich-oka-107aWfiF9U>
- 5.04.2021 Gramlich-Oka, “Studying Networks in Japanese History: The Japan Biographical Database.” International Webinar at Sesahadripuram Evening Degree College (Bengaluru, India)

7. Others:

The DH project was integrated in undergraduate and graduate teaching.

Renewal of the website to integrate collaborative projects.

Application of two JSPS grants.

Continued effort on data feeding and refining the JBDB database.

<https://jbdb.jp>



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Japan Biographical Database (JBDB)

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Project
The Japan Biographical Database (JBDB) is a database aimed at accumulating information on historical figures related to Japan. Using a modern JavaScript web application, we have set up a PostgreSQL database based on the database construction of the China Biographical Database (CDB) to accumulate data and edit its functions.
Note that in order to enter and edit data, you will need to obtain a user account and log in.

Research Objectives
Network Analysis and Prosopography

1. To provide access points to information and events on various historical figures related to Japan and the Japanese people.
2. To use visualization tools in the applications to try to understand the connections between people and organizations, and political and economic networks.
3. Enrich the functions of the various applications so that they can be used in a wide range of research fields.