



Open Workshop 2025

Uncovering Linguistic Diversity in Japan

日本における言語的多様性の解明

Kyle Nuske: “Erasing diversity in Japan through English.” This workshop utilizes a qualitative content analysis to critique depictions of globalization in Japanese high school English textbooks, arguing that the discourse of English as the world’s universal lingua franca serves to obscure the realities of shifting racial and linguistic demographics in Japan under increased immigration. Teaching strategies to help students grasp the true nature and sociocultural implications of an increasingly diverse Japan are provided.

Ryan Barnes: “Negotiating Belonging in Japan through Language.” This presentation applies geosemiotic theory to analyze the linguistic landscape of selected sacred sites in Japan, focusing on how spatial and textual arrangements construct discourses of linguistic inclusion and exclusion. Through close analysis of signage, language choice, and placement, it interrogates how authority, etiquette, and cultural tensions are communicated (or not) to different audiences through public texts. Pedagogical applications for engaging students in critical analyses of linguistic diversity are also explored.

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(to help us with preparation)



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Building: <http://meiwriting.ilas.nagoya-u.ac.jp/contact.html>

Date **July 3, 2025 (Thursday)**

Time **16:30 - 18:00**

Place **Room 109** (Humanities Common Facility Building)
(人文学共用館)

Speakers **Kyle Nuske & Ryan Barnes**



Open to all!

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