

EAUI Program
“East Asian University Institute (EAUI) for Asian Regional Integration”
Application Guide for Summer School 2025
at Waseda University, Tokyo

Korea University (Korea)
Nanyang Technological University (Singapore)
Peking University (China)
Thammasat University (Thailand)
Waseda University (Japan)



Summer School 2025 (SS2025)

1. Outline

The world at the end of the first quarter of the 21st century is far from what many envisioned at its beginning. We are witnessing intensified backlashes against economic globalization and liberal democracy. Political grievances and economic polarization, often expressed through ideological disputes surrounding climate change, migration, and gender equality and sexual rights, have fueled the rise of populism and authoritarianization. These trends have prompted the resurgence of economic protectionism and territorial expansionism, rekindling wars and conflicts, and ultimately posing significant threats to democratic governance, national security and human life. Moreover, the COVID-19 pandemic has not only impacted the lives and health of tens of millions but also disrupted the global economy and triggered political crises in numerous countries and regions. In addition, the return of President Trump in the US presents new economic and political challenges for nations around the world.

East Asian countries face these global challenges alongside unique regional issues. Rapid population aging and declining fertility rates have created demographic crises, undermining economic growth and straining social security systems. Political instability, ethnic conflicts, and territorial disputes continue to disrupt national development and affect international relations. Trump 2.0 not only poses economic threats but also heightens political tension among East Asian countries, which had historically been on different sides during the Cold War. Shifts in global economic power and the evolving geopolitical landscape have necessitated the formation of new political alignments while reviving older ones to ensure national security.

This summer school invites experts from leading universities in the five East Asian countries of the EAUI consortium to present and lead discussions on the pressing issues facing their respective countries and the region as a whole. The program includes three days of lectures, one day of fieldwork, and one day of symposium.

- ♦ **Course Title:** Theories of Asian Regional Integration (EAUI)
- ♦ **Theme:** Confronting Challenges and Crises: East Asia at the end of the 1st quarter of the 21st Century
- ♦ **Period:** July 28 (Mon.) - August 1 (Fri.) 2025
* Attendance in the Preliminary Seminar held on July 26th (Sat.) (1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. @ Bldg. 19, Room 710) is mandatory.
- ♦ **Venue:** Waseda University (Tokyo)
- ♦ **Instructor:** Professor FARRER, Gracia Liu
- ♦ **Credit:** Three (3) credits will be given under the course title “Theories of Asian Regional Integration (EAUI)” which counts as a GSAPS official course toward completion.
- ♦ **Language:** English
- ♦ **Eligibility:** MA and PhD regular students at GSAPS
- ♦ **Number of Students:** Maximum of 10 students from GSAPS can enroll for this course.
Screening process will take place.

◆ **Schedule (tentative)**

July 21(Mon.)	Due date for submission of the first essay. The deadline is 16:00. No late submissions will be accepted.
July 26 (Sat.)	Preliminary Seminar (attendance is mandatory) 13:00~15:00 @ Bldg. 19, Room 710 Only successful applicants will be notified separately of the details of this seminar.
July 28 (Mon.)	Opening remarks and lectures (Periods 1-4); Welcome dinner (evening)
July 29 (Tue.)	Lectures and Group Work (Periods 1-4)
July 30 (Wed.)	Field Trip (destination: Shin-Okubo, Tokyo) ; Group Work
July. 31 (Thu.)	International Symposium; Group Work
Aug. 1 (Fri.)	Presentations and discussion (Periods 1-4); Farewell party (evening)
Aug. 6 (Wed.)	Due date for submission of the second essay. The deadline is 12:00. No late submissions will be accepted.

2. Course Requirements

30%	Attendance in full at both the preliminary seminar and the summer school at Waseda University.
30%	Essay 1: A roughly 800-word (日本語約 2,000 字) reaction paper based on the readings provided by any one of the five lecturers. This reaction paper is to summarize the main arguments of the readings (very important) and to raise critical questions about these arguments.
20%	Essay 2: A roughly 500-word report (日本語約 1,500 字) based on the lectures the professors give during the course. Preferably, this paper addresses the questions you raised in your first paper and explains how the professors have dealt with these issues.
10%	Presentation 1 (during the preliminary seminar at Waseda)
10%	Presentation 2 (during the Summer School 2025 session)

3. Application Procedure

3-1. Submit the Application Documents

Prepare and submit all the required documents outlined below online from the designated form before the application deadline: **16:00 May 12 (Mon.), 2025** (We will not accept any applications after the deadline).

[Submission Form]

<https://my.waseda.jp/application/detail/application-detail?communityContentLinkId=625446132>

【Required Documents】

- ✧ Permission from your supervisor: Please attach the proof of permission from your supervisor regarding participating in the EAUI Summer School. (Copy of email or letter of acceptance with his/her signature, free-format.)
*If you submit email copy, "E-mail sending/receiving Year, Month, Date" and "E-mail Sender name (Supervisor's name)" must be surely included in proof email.
- ✧ Essay: State your objectives for participating in the program, within 400 words in English. If possible, elaborate on how the program's theme relates to your own research project or academic interest. The free-form essay must be typed, not hand-written.
- ✧ A photocopy of the latest English proficiency test score card (TOEFL/IELTS/TOEIC)
*The expected test score is as follows: TOEFL iBT 80/PBT 550/ IELTS6.0/TOEIC750.
While you may apply with a lower test score, please note that English proficiency is one of the important criteria for selection.
*Native speakers of English are not required to submit the certificate.
*If you do not have the score card now, but instead submitted it upon your enrollment at GSAPS, please respond to that on the application form to which you are submitting documents.

4. Screening and Notification of Screening Result

Application documents will be reviewed by the respective committee consisted by a GSAPS Faculty. An interview may be required for some applicants. Successful applicants will be selected based on factors including academic performance (GPA etc.), your application essay, and English proficiency. All applicants will receive the screening result after May 26 (Mon.) e-mailed to their MyWaseda address. The GSAPS Office will not address any inquiries regarding the screening process or individual screening results.

5. Course Registration

The course registration will be handled automatically for successful applicants.

6. Additional Remarks

- 6-1. All participants are required to attend the whole program, including the receptions. Attendance in the Preliminary Seminar (July 26) is also mandatory.
- 6-2. Summer School 2025 may be cancelled in the event of unforeseen emergency (e.g., natural disaster or civil disturbance). Please make sure that your academic plan will not be severely undermined even under such circumstances.

- 6-3. Any participant who withdraws from the program after the completion of the registration procedure will receive an “F” for the course.
- 6-4. Your application will be taken to mean that you have understood these rules.
- 6-5. For the purpose of publicizing GSAPS, the participant may be asked to speak about his/her experience in the Summer School. All or part of the report/presentation may be made available to the public.

7. Contact

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