

The French Research Institute on Contemporary Japan is based at 日仏会館 (Maison Franco-Japonaise, or French-Japanese House) in Tokyo, established in 1924 after an agreement between then French Ambassador Paul Claudel and industrialist and banker Baron Eiichi Shibusawa. After many years of working with a French representative and a few visiting scholars, the French government established here, in 1978, one of its 27 French research institutes abroad. It has been affiliated with the French CNRS (National Scientific Research Center) since 2007. The present director is Prof. Marc Humbert on leave from the University of Rennes (Brittany, France).

A group of six senior researchers and seven associated fellows are carrying out research, analyzing the cultural, social and economic transformation of Japan. The three main evolutions on which the studies are focused are:

- 1) *Reshaping of the Social Structure: Social Inclusion & Social Exclusion*
- 2) *New Localized Dynamics: Public Spheres & Private Initiatives*
- 3) *External Impact of Japan upon Asia & upon the World*

The French institute organizes seminars, workshops and conferences, and publishes books, articles and the *Journal Ebisu – Revue d'études japonaises (Review of Japanese Studies)* related to these topics. It also offers lectures to make better known the French thinking in the various fields of humanities and social sciences. Many of the meetings are organized with the cooperation and support of other institutions. More information on each event can be accessed through our website:

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## ■ Events

### ► Feb.28–March 1

Two-day workshop in English on *Globalization at the Crossroads. Innovation, Work & Family, in France & in Japan*

### ► March 4

Lecture (in French with translation into Japanese) on *The Relative Place of Men & Women in the Labor Market in France & in Europe* by Margaret Maruani

### ► March 5

One-day symposium on *Care, International Migrations & Gender* (in French & Japanese, simultaneous translation)

### ► March 25

Afternoon workshop around Martin Hirsch & Yuasa Makoto on *Changing Governments & anti-poverty movements in France & in Japan* (in French & Japanese, simultaneous translation)

### ► March 30

Lecture (in French with translation into Japanese) on *Innovation & the New Economy, a French Look upon Recent Analyses* by Prof. Christian Le Bas

### ► March 31

Research seminar with Prof. Jacques Jaussaud & Prof. Bruno Aman on *Family & Non-Family Business Resilience in an Economic Downturn*

### ► April 16–17

Two-day symposium on *Migrations & Borders in the Age of Globalization* (in French & Japanese, simultaneous translation)

### ► April 26

Lecture (in French with translation into Japanese) on *Geopolitics of Water* by Erik Orsenna

### ► May 20

Afternoon workshop on *Regional Power & Regionalization-Doshusei, Experimentation & Challenge in France & in Japan* (in French & Japanese, simultaneous translation)

### ► June 3–4

One & a half days of workshop (in English) on *Globalization of Law – a Challenge for Comparative Approaches?*