

# **Ritsumeikan University International Collaborative Research Promotion Program** **(国際共同研究促進プログラム) Project:** **Re-interpreting Japan's Cold War Security Policy**

As a reinterpretation of elements of Cold War history is likely in the wake of the Ukraine conflict, and Japan seeks to expand the Self Defense Forces, this project aims to connect to these trends by reassessing Japan's Cold War from security-based perspectives. The listed research question given in the initial application is as follows:

Considering recent trends in the scholarship and world events: How, where, and when did Cold War events, strategy, and security concerns influence Japan?

This gives us a relatively broad scope of allowable topics (domestic politics, society, IR, etc), but all must be Japan and Cold War related.

## **Objectives**

- Prepare for publication of at least four internationally peer reviewed co-authored journal articles written in English (all with at least one Ritsumeikan (hereafter RU) author and one author based outside Japan) (these can come out by the end of the funding period)
  - Ideally with three or more co-authored papers involving RU and University of East Anglia (hereafter UEA) co-authors published in a five-year period
- Two symposia – RU (2023), UEA (2024) Summer
- Build up a central international scholarly network of researchers working on Japan in the Cold War
- Use as basis for kakenhi B or international collaboration bids (2024 and 2025), (AHRC and other U.K. bids are possible to tie in too)
- Employment of graduate and PhD students as assistants

## **Budget**

- Budget: ¥8,000,000 (approx. £49,000) in total over two years
- 4 million usable in each year
- Cannot be carried over between years
- Receptions: 2023 RU, 2024 UEA, both budgeted for ¥100,000 (stipulated budget which can be used for food/drink)
- Executable by: TF and RU members (with TF's approval)
- Usable by: All listed members, non-RU faculty require TF to do paperwork, sign off etc
- Usage: wages for assistants, hiring outside contractors (research), travel, accommodation, materials, equipment, venue hire etc

## **Administration**

Head ('Principal Investigator'): T French

RU Faculty Members: K Adachi, S Nakato, K, Nakatsuji

UEA faculty members: R Mason (UEA based 'Principal Investigator'), S Muminov

New faculty members: Can be added from RU, UEA, or other institutions (this requires formal paperwork)

RU graduate student members (highlighting indicates they have already been offered a contract for research assistant work): Y Tsujita, J Norrell, G Aspaas, G Mazzara, O Jia, O Dyson (UEA DMDP student).

Potential RU based research staff: Mathieu Gregg

AU graduate student members: H Tsuji