



How do you like the library?

Interviews with International Students



Huo Jiaqi

First year Master's Student of the Graduate School of International Cultural Studies.

Where do you come from?

I am from China, from the city of Dalian. It is a region famous for its high-quality and delicious seafood. Geographically, it is similar to what would be considered the Tohoku region of China.

What do you study?

What school do you belong to?

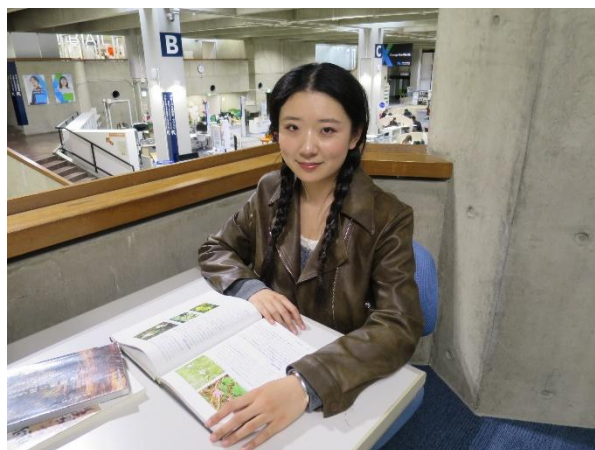
I belong to the Graduate School of International Cultural Studies, Department of Japanese Religion and Intellectual History. I study Japan's modern period, focusing on the history of occultism. I am particularly interested in the relationship between occultism and science, and in how occultism spread throughout Japan.

What is your favorite thing about this library?

I really like the atmosphere here. Everyone who studies in the library has different objectives. For example, some people come between classes, others prepare for tests, some come just to read, and others do group work. I like that the library provides spaces suited to everyone's needs.

Do you have any favorite place to study in the library?

I often use the second floor, especially the Gakuetsu area. It is very spacious and has many seats, and I like that it offers a certain level of privacy. There are also many books nearby, so it is easy to access them whenever I need to consult something.



Please share your favorite/recommended book from this Library.

I am generally interested in books labeled "HM," which are closely related to my research. These books cover topics such as religion and philosophy. One of

my favorites is *Kakureta Shōtoku Taishi: Kingendai nihon no gishi to okaruto bunka* by Orion Klautau. If you are interested in this emblematic historical figure, I highly recommend it.

How often do you use the library per week?

I used to visit the library quite often before becoming a master's student, about four times a week. Now that I have my own desk in my department, I mainly come when I need to consult books or other references.

Which part of the library would you recommend? Why?

I would recommend the balcony on the second floor because it offers a nice view of the library. It helps me refresh my mood, and seeing so many people studying motivates me to work harder.



Interview by **Fernandez Caro Antonio**

Reader's Choice: What to Read Next?

This section introduces a book from our available selection at the Tohoku University Main Library. It is intended to pique your interest and fill your grey matter with intellect and emotion. Sit back and enjoy it!

In this edition's Reader's Choice, we would like to introduce a book related to populism: *Populism: A Very Short Introduction*. This book provides a detailed and accessible explanation of the idea of populism. As it is also closely related to my own research interests, I highly recommend it to anyone who is interested in the topic.

In recent years, the rise of populist politicians such as Donald Trump has gradually drawn public attention to the many challenges that populism poses to national politics, society, and the global order. In modern times, populism has mainly been used in political elections, where politicians mobilize voters through political movements in order to gain support and win votes.

Populism can be simply understood as a "thin-centered ideology" that sees society as divided between "the pure people" and "the corrupt elite," and argues that politics should reflect the will of the people. Understanding this concept also helps readers analyze the intentions behind radical populist rhetoric. In fact, populism can be defined from various perspectives. This book introduces the history of populism in many countries.

The reason I chose to introduce this book is that I hope it will inspire more people to think critically about politics and the world around us.

Book: Populism: A Very Short Introduction

Editor: Cas Mudde and Cristóbal Rovira Kaltwasser

Publisher: Oxford University Press

Call No.: US1/24/510

Location: Main Library 2F-Global-VeryShortIntroduction

Language: English

*Written by **Wang Jia Xin***

My Hometown: Jilin (China)

In this column, we introduce the hometowns of our members, giving you a glimpse into their culture and some traveling tips from locals!

If I could take you on a magical journey to China today, I would bring you straight to my hometown, Jilin—a dreamland of breathtaking snow mountains and the crunchiest sweet and sour pork you'll ever taste.

Our most famous natural wonder is Changbai Mountain. It is a majestic dormant volcano with a massive, crystal-clear lake right at the very top, called Heaven Lake. In the winter, the whole mountain turns into a beautiful snow wonderland, and in the summer, it has roaring waterfalls and deep, green forests. It looks just like a scene from a fairy tale!



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But you cannot truly know my hometown without trying our favorite comfort food, **Guobaorou**. It is a legendary dish made of thinly sliced pork, coated in starch, and deep-fried twice until it is unbelievably crispy. Then, it is tossed in a hot wok with a sweet and tangy glaze. Every bite gives you a loud, satisfying crunch!



"Halal Guo Bao Rou " by UjuiUjuMandan is licensed under CC BY-SA 4.0.

In short, Jilin is a hidden gem where beautiful rivers and mountains meet. With the Songhua River winding through the entire city, it perfectly blends the grandeur of Northern China with a peaceful, scenic charm. Rich in history and local warmth, it is an amazing eco-city where you can enjoy world-class skiing in winter and refreshing nature retreats in summer.

If you ever visit China, you are always welcome to visit Jilin to see the beautiful mountains and share a plate of Guobaorou with us.

Written by **Jing Ying**

Quote of the Month

This section introduces famous quotes from a recommended book from our available selection at the Tohoku University Main Library. The quotes have been meticulously chosen by our Concierge members with the intention of promoting interest in books and providing motivation to our readers. We hope that you will enjoy our selection!

“Believe me. No matter how bad things are today, they’ll be far better tomorrow.”



Book: The miracles of the Namiya General Store

Author: Keigo Higashino

; translated by Sam Bett

Publisher: New York : Yen ON

Call No.: KH159/15

Location: LIB-2F-Global

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Language : English

Written by **Yin May Zin Han**

Manga Corner

At Manga Corner, you will see scenes that frequently happen to newly enrolled students.

Hi! I am Andhika from Indonesia! I like reading and drawing manga, and I hope you enjoy my short manga.



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Petrovikj Hristina [Editor-in-Chief]



A graduate student from North Macedonia enrolled in the Graduate School of International Cultural Studies. She has many hobbies, some of which include: singing, journaling, travelling, reading, watching movies, and photography. She has lived in 3 different countries so far, travelled across Europe, and is hoping to embark on an Asian tour in the near future. Her secret dream is to be a member of a rock band, but since that has not come true yet, you can often find her in a karaoke booth instead!

Martelli Giachino Maria Laura

Originally from Argentina, she earned her undergraduate degree in Journalism before packing her bags and heading to Japan to pursue her Master's and Doctoral studies in Information Sciences. It's her first time living abroad, so every day brings a mix of exciting discoveries, cultural adventures, and—yes—occasional deadlines-induced little panic attacks. When she's not buried in her research, you'll probably find her soaking in an onsen, singing her heart out at karaoke, or obsessing over cats. She's also a huge fan of drawing, binge-worthy TV shows and movies, NBA games—and she hasn't lost hope of receiving her Hogwarts letter.



Andhika Wijaya



A graduate student from Innovative Japanese Studies Major, who was born and raised in Jakarta, Indonesia. She never had seen snow before she came to Japan, so she's always going 'wakuwaku' when the snow is falling down even though she has to struggle a lot with the cold temperature. She loves drawing, reading comics, travelling to scenic places, enjoying nice music, singing at karaoke, and playing with cute animals. Please don't mind her if she makes strange noises when she saw a photo of cute animals. Aside of those, one of her major passion is enjoying food and making review notes about it.

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