

# The Societal Engagements of the Jesuits: From Europe to Japan and Brasil – A Comparative Perspective

March 6, 2026

9:00 a.m. Introduction

9:05 a.m. Panel I



*The Tenshō Embassy's Return from Europe: Alessandro Valignano's Diplomatic Letters and Gifts for Toyotomi Hideyoshi and Emperor Wanli*  
Mayu Fujikawa



*Cultural Diplomacy and the Japanese Jesuits in the Early Modern Period*  
Akihiko Watanabe

10:05 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. Panel II



*Approaching the Jesuit and Catholic Missionary Activities through the Asian Export Lacquer: Namban Lacquer and its Relatives*  
Koji Kobayashi



*Antônio Vieira's Epistolography and the Rhetorical Tradition of Ars Dictaminis*  
Ana Lúcia de Oliveira

11:15 a.m. Break

11:20 a.m. Roundtable



Featuring: Mayu Fujikawa, Akihiko Watanabe, Koji Kobayashi, Ana Lúcia de Oliveira, and Aiko Okamoto-MacPhail

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