

Call for Papers

Reconsidering Language and Gender in Contemporary Japan and among Japanese Diaspora amid the #MeToo Movement

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Recent #MeToo movement and 2017 women's march around the world have promoted the social climate that demands improvement in women's rights especially in workplaces. Against such background, In Japan, a top finance ministry official left the position due to the allegation of sexual harassment not long ago. The global effort toward normalizing gender equality poses an enormous challenge for a traditionally male-dominant and patriarchal society like Japan. While Prime Minister Abe's "Womenomics" or an effort to promote female labour participation might help bring up the number of women workforce, it's unclear whether society's treatment of women has conspicuously changed in the desired direction.

Now Japan is at a critical juncture for the improvement of women's rights. Likewise, Japanese people living outside Japan should see it as necessary. In order to promote gender equality in Japan and among Japanese diaspora, more research about gendered and sexist language at work, home, school, and in media is imperative because power differentials between male and female often penetrate into people's mind through the use of language.

This Special Issue of JAPC addresses gender issues focusing on language and communication aspects of life in contemporary Japan and Japanese diaspora communities. The JAPC invites scholars whose works focus on language, gender, communication and Japanese culture, taking into consideration the following **non-exhaustive** list of issues:

- Japanese gendered and sexist language use in a variety of contexts
- Media expression(narratives) and its effect on gender and sexuality issues in Japan
- LGBT linguistics in Japan
- Child-rearing and gendered/sexist language in Japan and Japanese diaspora
- Gender and communication with older adults
- Language and sexual harassments in organizations including academic institutions and athletic organizations

Interested authors should send a brief abstract (maximum 800 words) stating the theme, methodology, and aim of the paper by **April 30th, 2019** to

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