

# Workshop

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**Community in Medieval Japan: Religion, Community Structure,  
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AND

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What did being a "community" mean in Medieval Japan? Medieval local communities developed their complex multiple-layered structure during the 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> centuries, when incessant nation-wide wars engulfed the archipelago. These Japan-wide civil wars intersected with local conflicts that involved largely local communities. This paper aims to analyze the development of community structures and their particular relationships with the state of war during the Southern and Northern Courts (1336 to 1392) and the Sengoku (1467 to ca. 1600) periods, with some examples drawn from the peripheral areas of the Kinai (the central regions around Kyoto).

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The Ōuchi family were kings in all but name over much of the Japanese archipelago, while their city of Yamaguchi functioned as an important regional entrepot, with an expanding population and a host of temples and shrines. They relied upon ritual assertions of hegemonic authority, the transfer of their ancestral deities, and the apotheosis of one of their leaders to assert hegemonic authority, conquer much of western Japan, and garner recognition as a King of Japan by officials in Korea and China.

**Please register before 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019, in order to get the paper and secure a seat.**

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