

# On the Japanese Society for Patristic Studies and the *Patristica*

## I JSPS AND THE *PATRISTICA*

The Japanese Society for Patristic Studies (JSPS) is an academic organisation dedicated to the study of the language, literature, history, philosophy and theology of the ‘church fathers’. Established in the autumn of 1976, the Society has existed to promote and contribute to the communication between scholars at all stages of their careers in the field of early Christian studies and its related areas. In order to develop further collaboration between not only the JSPS members but also among those sharing the objectives of the Society, the JSPS regular seminar is being held and opened to all who concern for the thought of patristic fathers. Among the main activities of the Society is the JSPS seminar that has been held quarterly a year, and the publication of the journal *Patristica* that has been issued annually. Although the beginnings were small, the first meeting was held in April 1977, and through 1980s and by January 1991, the Society had organised the regular seminar at the Yakumo campus of Tokyo Metropolitan University. The steering committee moved to the University of Sacred Heart in April 1991. During the 1990s and the following decade, the seminar had been held at both Meiji Gakuin University and the Yotsuya campus of Sophia University. From July 2015 JSPS has moved the site of its regular seminar to the Komaba campus of University of Tokyo. The Society’s publication entitled *Patristica* (in Japanese) was first published in 1994 in cooperation with Shinseisha Press. Since then the *Patristica* has been issued annually and in 2010 Kyoyusha Press became the publisher of our journal. Meanwhile, in June of 2001, the first supplementary volume of *Patristica* was published as the proceedings of the colloquia of the JSPS by the collaboration between the JSPS members and the patristic scholars from Canada and United Kingdom.

The Society publishes this issue as the sixth of the journal *Patristica*, supplementary volume. All of the papers in this volume are peer-reviewed anonymously. The editors are grateful to those who generously reviewed papers in this volume and gave their helpful comments and suggestions, and to the authors, all of whom are willing to collaborate in the publication of this issue. You can browse all of the back issues’ contents on the back cover of this volume. The journal *Patristica* (in Japanese) has been published annually as the proceedings of the JSPS regular seminar. The

latest issue is volume 21 published in 2017. Here I would like to provide a list of the presentation title of the regular seminar, and also the table of contents of the journal *Patristica* (in Japanese) after 2017, at the time when the previous supplementary volume was published. If you hope to see the list before 2017, please visit us at the JSPS website: <http://jpnpatristics.wordpress.com/>

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## 2 JSPS SEMINAR 2017-18

161st seminar: 30 September 2017

Ibuki YAMANE, 'The Restoration of All Things in Gregory of Nyssa's Treatise, "In illud: Tunc et ipse Filius"'.  
 Takanobu OHBA, 'The View of the Holy Spirit and Power of God in Justin Martyr'.

162nd seminar: 2 December 2017: Symposium 'On Love: Eros, Amor and Caritas'; in collaboration with *Kakenhi* (Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research) funded group 'The Contemporary Significance of Patristic Studies: From the Disunion to the Con-viviality'

Takashi YAMAMOTO, 'Two Loves in Plato's *Symposium*'.

Hisao MIYAMOTO, 'Love as the Weight of the Self in Augustine'.

Shigeki TSUCHIHASHI, 'The Arrow of Love and the Wound of Love: Interpretations of the Song of Songs in Origen and Gregory of Nyssa'.

Yoshihisa YAMAMOTO, 'The Structure of Love in Thomas Aquinas'.

163rd seminar: 3 March 2018

Shinobu GOTO, 'An Invitation to the Study of Augustine's *De catechizandis rudibus*'.

Kouichi HAYASHI, 'Creeds in the Western Roman Empire of the Late Fourth Century according to the Testimony of Priscillian of Avila'.

164th seminar: 16 June 2018

Takayuki OZAWA, "'Quaerere" and "inuenire" in Augustine's *De trinitate*'.

Ranko WATANABE, 'The Augustinian Problem of the Order of Love: Sexuality, Marriage and Body'.

165th seminar: 27 October 2018: Lecture and the Symposium 'Women and Con-viviality in the Eastern Christianity'; in collaboration with *Kakenhi* (Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research) funded group 'The Contemporary Significance of Patristic Studies: From the Disunion to the Con-viviality'

1. Lecture:

Vassa KONTOUMA, 'Inclusion, Exclusion, and Ways of Religious Coexistence in the Era of John of Damascus (7th–8th Centuries CE)'.

Commentator: Michitaka SUZUKI

2. Symposium 'Women and Con-viviality in the Eastern Christianity':

Nozomu YAMADA, 'Change of Views on Ideal Christian Woman in Late Antiquity: From Early Eastern Traditions to the Pelagian Controversy'.

Rei HAKAMADA, 'Interpretations of the Dormition of the Virgin Mary in Byzantine Church'.

Vassa KONTOUMA, 'Between Theology and Law: The Status of Married Women in Byzantium'.

Commentator: Miyako DEMURA

166th seminar: 8 December 2018

Anna MARMODORO, 'Gregory of Nyssa's Account of the Trinity and its Classical Sources'.

### 3 JOURNAL *PATRISTICA*

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Teruhisa TAJIMA, 'Detachment and Cooperation with God in the Doctrine of Theosis in Eckhart', 70–89.

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