

The International Association for Comparative Mythology
12th Annual Conference

**Myths of the Earth and Humankind:
Ecology and the End of the World**

June 1-4, 2018

Tohoku University, Sendai, Japan

Practical Information for the Participants

<http://www.compmyth.org>

CONFERENCE VENUES

I. Conference Opening and the First Day Session Venue:

[Komyoji Temple](#),
Aobamachi 3-1, Aoba-ku, Sendai 981-0916

(Short walking distance from ***Kita-Sendai*** Subway or JR Station)

II. Main Venue:

Tohoku University (Katahira Campus)
[Tokyo Electron House of Creativity](#), 3F Lecture Theater,
2-1-1 Katahira, Aoba-ku, Sendai 980-8577

(Close to ***Aoba-dori Ichibancho*** Subway Station. Approx. 5 min. walk from the station's South 1 exit)

Registration, conference opening, and sessions on Friday, June 1 will be held at the Conference Opening and First Day Session Venue. All consequent sessions will be held at the Main Venue.

INTERACTIVE MAP

An interactive map with the conference venues, hotels (including hotels' websites and addresses), restaurants, and various places of interest can be found [here](#)

Also on our website:

<http://www.compmyth.org/action.php?conf12>

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

The conference program is currently being prepared and will be sent to you and published on our website as soon as it is ready. Please note that there will be 3 full days of sessions (June 1-3, 2018) and a morning session on the 4th day (June 4, 2018). Conference registration, opening, and the first day sessions will be held at [Komyoji Temple](#). All other sessions will take place at the [Main Venue](#).

HOTELS

The hotels close to the main conference venue can be found on the [conference map](#). Most of these hotels can be booked directly or via such services as [hotels.com](#) or [booking.com](#). A useful map and descriptions of the hotels can also be found [here](#) (please also see a pdf attached at the end of this document). If you click on the name of a particular hotel, you will be redirected to the hotel's website and can book your stay there.

CONFERENCE DINNER AND RECEPTION

Conference Opening Reception and Dinner

Friday, June 1 at 18:30

[Bonten Gyoko](#)

Fromone 2F, 5-38 Showamachi,
Aoba-ku, Sendai, 981-0913

Conference Closing Dinner

Monday, June 4 at 18:00

[Restaurant Hagi](#)

Katahira Kitamon Kaikan Building 2F,
Ichibancho 1-14-8, Aoba-ku, Sendai 980-0811

EXCURSION

A guided bus excursion to the coastal sites (natural and cultural) damaged by, and recovered from, the tsunami of March 11, 2011, is planned for 1 pm on Monday, June 4. Details TBA.

‘NATURAL DISASTER AND RELIGION/MYTHOLOGY’ WORKSHOP

All participants are most welcome to attend a workshop *Natural Disaster and Religion/Mythology* on Tuesday, June 5 at the Main Venue. The workshop is organized by the [Tohoku Forum for Creativity](#) that co-sponsors our conference. Information about the workshop can be found [here](#).

CONFERENCE FEE

The conference fee can be paid by the following means:

1. Via PayPal on our website (major credit cards accepted):

<http://www.compmyth.org/action.php?conf12>

2. Onsite in cash during the registration. If you pay onsite, we would very much prefer a payment in the Japanese Yen (JPY). Full fee in this case is **¥ 8,500**, a reduced fee is **¥ 4,250**.

TRANSPORTATION: HOW TO GET TO SENDAI

Sendai can be reached by various flights to **Sendai International Airport**:

<https://www.sendai-airport.co.jp/en/>

There are multiple **train and bus options from Tokyo**:

<http://sendai-travel.jp/access/tokyo-to-sendai/>

Bullet trains from Tokyo and other locations:

<http://www.jreast.co.jp/e/>

Access to Sendai from Other Cities in Japan:

<http://sendai-travel.jp/access/ferry-access/>

Bus Companies:

<https://japanbusonline.com/en>

<http://willerexpress.com/en/?mid=960>

From Sendai International airport to the city:

By metro/train –

<https://www.sendai-airport.co.jp/en/access/train/>

By taxi –

<https://www.sendai-airport.co.jp/en/access/taxi/>

By bus –

<https://www.sendai-airport.co.jp/en/access/bus/>

Sendai City Transportation:

<http://www.kotsu.city.sendai.jp/english/index.html>

MONEY

The Japanese yen (JPY or ¥) is the national currency of Japan.

In March 2018 the approximate exchange rates are:

EUR1 = 130.6 JPY

USD1 = 105.66 JPY

GBP1 = 149.6 JPY

You can check current rates here:

<http://www.xe.com/currencyconverter/convert/?Amount=1&From=JPY&To=USD>

TRAVEL RESOURCES ON SENDAI

Sendai Tourism, Hotels, etc.:

<http://www.sentia-sendai.jp/conventionnavi-en/tool/>

Restaurants in Sendai (Michelin Guide – also for a list of hotels):

http://gmmyagi.gnavi.co.jp/restaurant/list/miyagi/sendai-matsushima/all_small_area/all_food/all_star/

Museums in Sendai (**Sendai Miyagi Museum Alliance**):

<http://www.smma.jp/english/>

Sendai Travel Guides:

<https://www.japan-guide.com/e/e5150.html>

<https://wikitravel.org/en/Sendai>

https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g298249-Activities-Sendai_Miyagi_Prefecture_Tohoku.html

<https://www.lonelyplanet.com/japan/northern-honshu/sendai>

General Tips on Travel to Japan:

<http://edition.cnn.com/travel/article/japan-travel-tips/index.html>

<http://coffeeandpassport.com/tokyo-travel-tips/>

MOBILE TRAVEL RESOURCES

Official Travel App for Japan (for Apple and Google Play):

<http://www.jnto.go.jp/smartapp/eng/>

Japan Transit Planner - Norikae Annai - for Apple:

<https://itunes.apple.com/jp/app/japan-transit-planner/id524328198?mt=8>

Japan Travel - Route, Map, JR – for Apple:

<https://itunes.apple.com/jp/app/japan-travel-route-map-jr/id686373726?mt=8>

Japan Transit Planner - Norikae Annai - for Google Play:

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=jp.co.jorudan.japantransit&hl=ja>

Japan Travel - Route, Map, JR – for Apple:

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.navitime.inbound.walk&hl=ja>

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Looking forward to seeing you in Sendai!

Yours, 12th Conference Organizing Committee, IACM