

CALL for Abstracts

Second International Conference on Legal and Healthcare Interpreting

28–30 November 2025

**at International Christian University (ICU)
Tokyo, JAPAN**



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International Christian University (ICU), in collaboration with the Graduate School of International Cultural Studies of Aichi Prefectural University (APU), is proud to host the Second International Conference on Legal and Healthcare Interpreting in Tokyo, Japan. This conference aims to bring together participants from all over the world and to enable scholars to present their latest research findings in interpreting studies as well as for educators to exchange pedagogical ideas in interpreter education. This 3-day event will feature individual paper presentation sessions as well as a MEXT-funded public symposium convened by the Graduate School of International Cultural Studies of Aichi Prefectural University (APU).

Keynote Speakers:



CONFERENCE KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Kaori MINAMITANI, Osaka University Graduate School of Medicine; Rinku General Medical Center, Osaka, Japan



PUBLIC SYMPOSIUM KEYNOTE SPEAKER (sponsored by Aichi Prefectural University with MEXT funding)

Dr. Miranda LAI, RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia

Conference Language: English

Mode: Face-to-face

Venue: International Christian University (ICU), 3-10-2 Osawa, Mitaka, Tokyo, JAPAN

<https://www.icu.ac.jp/en/about/access/>

Nov. 28–29: International Conf. Rm. and Conf. Rms. A & B of Togasaki Memorial Dialogue House

Nov. 30: International Conf. Rm. and Conf. Rms. A & B of Togasaki Memorial Dialogue House, and
Rm. 171 of Troyer Memorial Arts & Sciences Hall (for Symposium & Conference Closing)

Tentative Conference Schedule:

Day 1 (28 November 2025): 13:00-19:45

- Registration
- Conference Opening
- Conference Keynote Speech by Dr. Minamitani
- Coffee Break
- Parallel Sessions 1
- Welcome Reception

Togasaki Memorial Dialogue House (Conference Venue)



Day 2 (29 November 2025): 9:30-17:00

- Parallel Sessions 2
- Lunch
- Parallel Sessions 3
- Coffee Break
- Parallel Sessions 4
- Conference Dinner: 19:00-22:00 (Optional Participation)

Troyer Memorial Hall (Symposium & Conference Closing Venue)



Day 3 (30 November 2025): 9:30-17:00 (venue changes to Troyer Memorial Hall after Lunch)

- Parallel Sessions 5
- Coffee Break
- Parallel Sessions 6
- Lunch
- Aichi Prefectural University Public Symposium on Legal Interpreting (at Troyer Memorial Hall)
 - Keynote Speaker: Dr. Miranda Lai, RMIT University
 - Panelists: TBA
 - Languages: Japanese, English, and Japanese Sign Language (JSL) with Simultaneous Interpreting
 - Entrance Fee: Free (open to public)
 - Details of the Symposium: TBA
- Conference Closing (at Troyer Memorial Hall)

Submission of Abstracts:

Topic Areas:

We invite abstracts of papers addressing issues in legal and healthcare interpreting, including but not limited to the following:

- Research findings on challenges of interpreting in legal or healthcare settings
- Innovative pedagogies and assessment methods in interpreting
- Interpreter professional development

We also invite papers addressing interpreting issues in other community settings, including gender issues.

Presentation:

Individual paper presenters have 20 minutes for presentation and further 10 minutes for Q & A.

Link/QR Code to Abstract Submission Form: <https://forms.gle/4kn5t2QFFkxtMEp49>



Abstract Word Limit: 300 words in length (including references)

The Submission Form will also request the following information:

- Your email address
- Your full name
- Your title
- Your affiliation
- Title of your paper
- 5 key words (each separated by a comma)
- Your brief bio of 50 to 100 words

Deadlines & Notifications (All Tokyo Time):

Deadline for Abstract Submission: 30 April 2025

Notification of Acceptance: 30 June 2025

Deadline for Registration: 30 September 2025

Registration & Fees:

Conference registration (open from 15 July 2025)

Conference fee: ¥20,000 (non-refundable)

Conference dinner: ¥5,000 (optional participation; payment method TBA)

Conference Organizers:

Conference Organizer: International Christian University, Japan (hosted by the Social Science Research Institute and the Center for Gender Studies of International Christian University)

Public Symposium Organizer: Graduate School of International Cultural Studies of Aichi Prefectural University, Japan (with MEXT-funding)

Organizing Committee:

Tomoko Tamura (Associate Professor, International Christian University, Japan)

Rika Yoshida (Associate Professor, Aichi Prefectural University, Japan)

Makiko Mizuno (Professor, Kinjo Gakuin University, Japan)

Eva Ng (Associate Professor, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong)

Conference website:

<https://sites.google.com/view/2nd-intl-conf-legal-healthcare/>

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