Library



The European Institute boasts a wide collection of materials related to European studies. Approximately 44,000 works of literature, documents, and audio/video software are classified and open for public use. Users can search by Sophia University OPAC, and find them either at the Institute or the library shelves, both on the Central Library 7F.

German Section

4,000 books mainly on German literature and linguistics, including the Ito and Uda Collections.

Swiss Section and Yonei Collection

7,000 books on Switzerland, mainly donated by the Swiss Consulate in Kobe and Pro Helvetia Foundation.

Austrian Section

4,500 books on literature and culture donated by the Austrian Embassy.

European Section

400 books, including introductory texts and latest information on European studies (The section was established upon opening of the European Institute in 2007).

Spanish Section

14,000 books on Spanish literature, history, linguistics, and art, donated by the former Spanish Embassy library.

Spanish Civil War Section

6,500 books and 20,000 clippings in digital format on Spanish Civil War, donated by the late Professor Juan J. L. Sopeña.

Portuguese Section

1,700 books on Portugal, collected by the former Portuguese Institute.

Others

Valuable musical scores, books and software of Spanish music, and European cinema DVDs are stored in the Institute, while journals/magazines can be found either in the Institute or Central Library 3F.

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Throughout my research career, the main subject of study has been Portugal. Almost 30 years ago, I was a young university student in Lisbon. In those days, people in Portugal used to say, "I'm off to Europe" when visiting France or Germany. The Portuguese themselves did not think that they were Europeans. These kinds of perceptions raise fundamental questions: "What is Europe?" or "From where to where is Europe?" We know that different definitions and conceptions of "Europe" exist even within the continent.

The European Institute of Sophia University is engaged in the research on "Europe" from diverse perspectives – literature, linguistics, art, society, history, philosophy, religion, politics, economy and other fields. Working in various languages, our members are active in studying "Europe" and its influences on Japan, while also sharing their insights with people in Japan, Europe and around the globe. Our activities include organizing lectures and symposia, publishing journals, and providing a library of academic resources. As members of "Sophia" (Greek for wisdom), our sixty or so fellows devote themselves to deepening their knowledge and understanding of this field. I invite all scholars and students interested in Europe to experience for themselves all that the Institute has to offer.To learn more, please do not hesitate to contact us for information and assistance.

About US

The European Institute, officially established on April 1 2007, grew out of the former Germanic Cultural Research Institute, merging with the Institute of Spanish Studies on July 1 2009, and has thus stretched its research scope to cover the society and culture of the whole European continent. Now reorganized into four study sections, "politics, economy and society", "art and culture", "language" and "history", the Institute is active in promoting research projects both on its own and jointly with other organizations.

Activities

Lectures and symposia by prominent scholars from around the globe are held approximately thirty times per year. Recent events include: Symposium "Comparative and Contrastive Studies in Slavic Languages and Literatures — Japanese Contributions to the Sixteenth International Congress of Slavists—" and Film Screening "'MORGEN, ASHITA' — Energy Revolution in Germany".

■ EU Information Centre (EUi)

The Institute also serves as the EU information Centre (EUi) at Sophia, providing a wide range of EU official periodicals and documents open to the local community. Participating in the "EU-Japan Friendship Week" every year, and sharing information on the website and Facebook of the Institute.

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