



2026 TSUKUBA GLOBAL SCIENCE WEEK (TGSW)

“Jigoro Kano and Education: His Legacy and the Challenges of the 21st Century”

Conference Programme · 1–3 October 2026

Thursday, 1 October 2026

9:15–17:30 · Future Society Design Building (Mirai Shakai Dezain Tō), University of Tsukuba

9:15	Opening Remarks
9:30–9:45	Junko Oishi , University of Tsukuba, Japan <i>“Bugei, Budō, and Women’s Education in Meiji Japan”</i>
9:45–10:00	Amand Spenn , British Society of Sports History, Great Britain <i>“Internationalism and Modernity: Representations of Women’s Judo in the 1930s”</i>
10:00–10:15	Silvia Crema and Ivana Gaio , Italian Sports-Education Association, Italy <i>“Judo: Educating Conflict for Human Flourishing, Toward a New Humanism of Complexity”</i>
10:15–10:30	Q & A
10:30–10:45	Lance Gatling , USA <i>“The Strategic Obscuration of the Neo-Confucian Engine of Kanō Jigorō’s Golden Scroll: A Re-Examination of Kōdōkan Judo’s Philosophical Architecture”</i>
10:45–11:00	Daniel Gustavo de la Cueva , Argentine Judo Confederation, Argentina <i>“Judo from the Perspective of Olympic Education: Values for Human Development”</i>
11:00–11:15	Gustavo G. B. Maçaneiro , University of São Paulo, Brazil <i>“Between Kano’s Legacy and Sport Bureaucracy: Brazil’s Absence from the First World Judo Championship”</i>
11:15–11:30	Q & A
11:30–12:15	Posters
Poster 1	Rodrigo Furlan and Randeep Rakwal , University of Tsukuba, Japan <i>“Two Paths That Never Crossed: The Judo That Reached Santiniketan and the Convergent Educational Thought of Kanō and Tagore”</i>
Poster 2	Takashi Horikawa , Donghyun Lu , and Natsumi Katagiri , International Pacific University, Japan <i>“The Structure of Contemporary Sport Practitioners’ Understanding of ‘Sport-Dō’: A Quantitative Text Analysis of Free-Response Data from University Students”</i>
Poster 3	Taku Kiryu and Tetsuya Matsuo , Rikkyo University, Japan <i>“Rethinking Judo Practice through Dialogue (Mondo): An Analysis of Interactions between Kano Jigoro and His Disciples”</i>
12:15–14:00	Lunch Break



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Afternoon session

14:00–14:15	Stockley Davis and Randeep Rakwal , University of Western Australia, Australia and University of Tsukuba, Japan <i>“Judo on the Edge of the World: Youth Well-Being, Inclusion and Kano’s Legacy in Perth, Western Australia”</i>
14:15–14:30	Kai David Emmanuel Png , Stockley Davis , and Randeep Rakwal , Australia and University of Tsukuba, Japan <i>“Internationalization and Holistic Development of Judo Athletes: Comparative Insights from Australia and Japan”</i>
14:30–14:45	Nanaru Tsuji and Randeep Rakwal , University of Tsukuba, Japan <i>“Anthropological Consideration on the Management Policy and Educational Role of Machi Dojo after the Noto Peninsula Earthquake of 2024”</i>
14:45–15:00	Mojmir Kovac , Slovenian Judo Federation, Slovenia <i>“Judo as an Educational Method: Revisiting Jigoro Kano’s Pedagogical Legacy”</i>
15:00–15:20	Q & A
15:20–15:35	<i>Coffee Break</i>
15:35–16:05	Posters
Poster 4	Nanaru Tsuji and Randeep Rakwal , University of Tsukuba, Japan <i>“Machi-Dojo: A Tool for Regional Revitalization, the Case of Ishikawa Prefecture Imagined”</i>
Poster 5	Maho Ueda , Tokai Gakuen University, Japan <i>“Reconstructing Competencies for Coaches Teaching Beginner Judoka”</i>
16:05–16:20	Robbert Van der Geest , Judo Bond Nederland, Netherlands <i>“Restoring the Taste for Competition through Mastery-Oriented Randori: The Case of the Netherlands”</i>
16:20–16:35	Ricardo Kerscher , University of Santa Catarina, Brazil <i>“Newaza Terminology in Judo Literature”</i>
16:35–16:50	Eduardo Gonzalez de la Fuente , Kanazawa University, Japan <i>“Kano Jigoro, Kurosawa Akira and the Birth of Martial Arts Cinema in Sugata Sanshiro”</i>
16:50–17:05	Randeep Rakwal , University of Tsukuba, Japan <i>“Judo and Yoga: Self-Control and Inner Calm (Jita Kyoei and Ahimsa)”</i>
17:05–17:30	Q & A
17:30	Closing Remarks



Friday, 2 October 2026

10:30–17:00 · International Conference Room (Kokusai Kaigi Shitsu), University of Tsukuba

10:30	Opening Remarks
10:35–10:45	INTRODUCTION Hisashi Sanada , International Pacific University, Japan <i>“Jigoro Kano and Education: A Biography”</i>
10:45–11:15	KEYNOTE ADDRESS Michel Brousse , University of Bordeaux, France <i>“From Meiji to Reiwa: Preserving Kano’s Legacy”</i>
11:15–11:20	Photo Break
11:20–11:35	Yves Cadot , University of Toulouse, France <i>“Kano Jigoro, an Ecology of Action for a Legacy”</i>
11:35–11:50	Edoardo Genovesi , Roma Tre University, Italy <i>“Hyōgen-shiki and Kōbō-shiki, from Kano to a New Poetic Education of Conflict”</i>
11:50–12:10	Q & A
12:10–14:00	Lunch Break
14:00–14:30	KEYNOTE ADDRESS Seiji Okada , former Ambassador to the Vatican & University of Tsukuba, Japan <i>“Judo as a Tool for Peace between Peoples”</i>
14:30–14:45	Takanori Ishii , Sports Coaching Academia & University of Tsukuba, Japan <i>“Judo for All in Japan: Kano’s Legacy and the Limits of Winning”</i>
14:45–15:00	Kazuhiro Nakamura , Fukuyama University & Special Olympics, Japan <i>“Physical Education as Social Skills Training: A Case Study on Judo in Japan”</i>
15:00–15:20	Q & A
15:20–15:35	Coffee Break
15:35–15:50	Jekaterina Krauze , Riga Stradins University, Latvia <i>“Judo Philosophy as a Foundation for Virtue Education in Preschool Children”</i>
15:50–16:05	Shogo Kurihara , University of Tsukuba, Japan <i>“Dō as a Path of Human Development: Exploring Connections among Kano’s Educational Philosophy, Moralogy, and Tacit Knowledge”</i>
16:05–16:20	Rei Amemiya , University of Tsukuba, Japan <i>“Social Psychology and Judo”</i>
16:20–16:35	Takashi Matsui , University of Tsukuba, Japan <i>“From Judo to ‘Cyber-Judo’: Social Physiological Parallels between Judo and In-Person Esports”</i>
16:35–16:50	Q & A
16:50–17:00	CONCLUSION Gotaro Ogawa , former Japanese Ambassador, presented by Joji Kijima <i>“Japan as a Country of Soft Power Reflected in the Spread of Judo”</i>
17:00	Closing Remarks



Saturday, 3 October 2026

8:00–11:00 · Field sessions: University of Tsukuba and Kodokan Judo Institute, Tokyo

MORNING · DOJO / BUDOKAN, UNIVERSITY OF TSUKUBA

8:00	Arrival
8:00–8:05	Hiroaki Hiraoka , Tsukuba University <i>Greetings to and from Tsukuba Judo Club</i>
8:05–10:00	WATCHING or PRACTICE <i>Tsukuba judo club practice</i>
10:00–11:00	DEMONSTRATION and PRACTICE Hirofumi Otsuji and Shusaku Kiryu , Kodokan Institute, Japan <i>Itsutsu no Kata</i>
11:00–11:15	Q & A
11:15	Group photograph
11:15–14:30	<i>Lunch</i> Departure to the Kodokan Judo Institute

AFTERNOON · KODOKAN JUDO INSTITUTE, TOKYO

14:30	Meeting at the Kodokan Judo Institute
14:50	Main Dojo, welcome address by Isao Matsui , Senior Advisor, Kodokan Judo Institute
15:00–15:30	LECTURE Mikihiro Mukai , Director, Library and Archives Department, Kodokan, Japan <i>“Kodokan Judo and Jigoro Kano”</i>
15:30–16:00	DEMONSTRATION AND PRACTICE Maja Sori Doval and Mikihiro Mukai , Japan <i>“Reconsidering the Value of Kata-Based Practice for Judo Education in Japan”</i> Demonstration of practical examples and explanation of instructional methods.
16:00	Group photograph
16:10–16:40	Museum visit
16:45–16:55	8 th floor viewing gallery by elevator to observe the Kodokan Junior Judo Class
16:55–17:00	Closing Remarks