

# BRIT XII - 2012

# Fukuoka / Busan

JAPAN KOREA

## *The XII International Scientific Meeting on Border Regions in Transition (BRIT)*

**November 13 (Tue) – 16 (Fri), 2012,  
Fukuoka, Japan / Busan, Korea**

Co-hosted by

Global COE Program "Reshaping Japan's Border Studies" & Slavic Research Center, Hokkaido University, Japan /  
Research Center for Korean Studies & Faculty of Law, Kyushu University, Japan /  
Center for Japan Studies, Dongseo University of Korea

### Schedule

#### Day 1-2

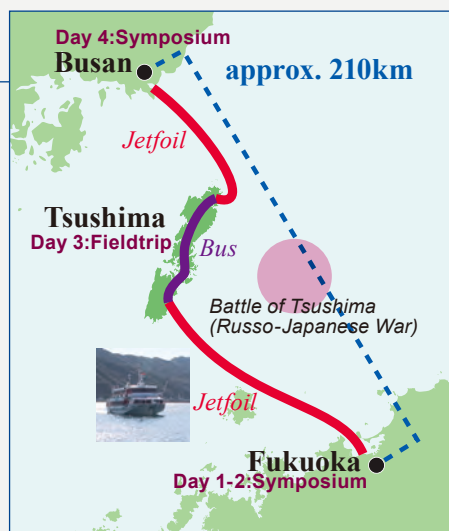
Fukuoka Symposium, November 13 (Tue) - 14 (Wed)  
Fukuoka International Congress Center

#### Day 3

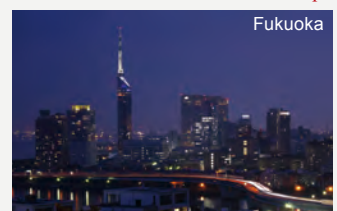
Tsushima Field Trip, November 15 (Thu)

#### Day 4

Busan Symposium, November 16 (Fri)  
Dongseo University



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## Message from the Coordinator

### Invitation to the First BRIT in East Asia: Fukuoka (Japan) – Busan (Korea) Maritime Border Tour

Against the background of the current “border studies renaissance” fashioned in North/South America, Europe, the Middle East and Africa; Eurasia and East Asia have long been a vacuum in the “international” border studies community. Hokkaido University’s Slavic Research Center, regarded as one of the most active institutions on Eurasian area studies in the world, has decided to invite established but fragmented individual researchers working on Eurasia and East Asia border-related topics to create a research network for border studies. We have also organized a united forum and developed collective works in the theory-conscious framework of border studies and have coordinated the establishment of Japan International Border Studies Network (JIBSN) with local/central administrative practitioners. Border studies itself has yet to fully mature and needs a solid foundation to integrate fragmented regional facts. The urgent task at hand is to find and identify a theoretical tool so as to compare various approaches and expertise throughout the regions. Without this process, border studies, though endowed with rich and suggestive materials, will not be able to make a fruitful contribution as an interdisciplinary and multi-vectored field of research.

In order to engage more people in this new network and to advance it into a worldwide one, we are now preparing for a borderland symposium that will take place in November 2012 under the auspices of the prestigious Border Regions in Transition (BRIT). Day one and day two of the symposium will be held in the city of Fukuoka, Japan, followed by a field trip to Tsushima, a border island, on day three. On day four the symposium will conclude in Busan, Korea. The city of Fukuoka and Kyushu University have pledged their full support. Also, November is an ideal month for viewing sumo, Japanese traditional wrestling, in the city. Dongseo University in Busan is pleased to host the last part of this symposium. With local support, our program will be realized an epoch-making event, especially in cooperation with distinguished Eurasian border researchers and with institutions from Central Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia, China and Russia.

With the cooperation of the border cities of Fukuoka and Busan, the first East Asian BRIT will truly be a historic event. I wish to warmly invite all researchers with an interest in border studies to join us for this historic event.

Sincerely,

Akihiro IWASHITA, the coordinator.



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### Important dates

**April 10, 2012**

**Paper submission deadline**

**June 22, 2012**

**Registration open**

**September 2012**

**Registration deadline**

(as of July 5, 2012)

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