

NEW (2025/12/20) New rules will be introduced from Jan 2026.

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Hello members of FWI,

I am writing you to share some important information.

First, I have decided not to accept Chinese student for this year except for those who already has had my offer. This decision has already been posted to the homepage of our website.

Second, please read carefully the "Public information at FWI". I want to make it sure that everyone understand and follow Japanese rules (even if you may have different opinions), especially international students as the proverb says, "When in Rome, do as the Romans do."

Third, I strongly ask everyone to focus on research when you are with this group. Here is Kyoto University, a place famous for the quality of research. This is especially important to international students as you need to do better than average Japanese students in order to get respect from the Japanese society.

For the last issue, I plan to put more efforts in supervising your research and will ask you follow my suggestions strictly in doing research (unless you do better than me). Roughly speaking, to get the PhD degree in 5 years (from the first year of master course), I consider usually students needs to work 8 hours (or 4 hours if you have a lot of lectures) a day. This include Saturdays and weekdays in the Summer/Winter/Spring vacations.

Public information at FWI

Schedule

- 2025 GSAIS Calendar for Student Affair
- 2025 Academic Calendar of GSAIS & Kyoto University
- [Group meetings in 2025](#)
- [Book reading in 2025](#) (stopped)
- [Individual discussion with Prof. Zhao in 2025](#)

Discussion report (NEW)

- Every time before and after a discussion with Prof. Zhao (including both group meetings and personal discussion), please fill this
report
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Explanation in English
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Lab rules (since Jan 2026, last-updated on Jan 10, 2026)

Let us test the next rules from Jan 5th to Feb 5th.

1. Core time: 10am-5pm from Monday to Friday (lunch time: 11:45am-12:45pm)
2. Location board (on the door of 207):
3. Lab lunch: 11:45am-12:45pm at Rune restaurant every Friday
4. Daily tea/coffee time: 3pm-4pm from Monday to Thursday → (from Jan 12, Mon & Wed, next day if holiday)
5. Group meeting: 1:15pm-4:15pm (max), every non-holiday Friday

General rules

Three fundamental rules in Japan (according to an interview on Prof. Masashi Haneda)

- ルールを守る / Follow the rules.
- 人に迷惑をかけない / Avoid to trouble others.
- 空気を読む (KY) / Read between the lines (Direct translation: Read the atmosphere).

Be on time

- **Speakers** shall arrive 10 minutes before to prepare the meeting (open the door, prepare the projector, air conditioner, light, curtain, tables, chairs, etc).
- **Non-speakers** arrive 5 minutes before. You can help the speakers in preparation.
- Gonna to be **late**? Send an email to ML before the seminar. If you are going to be **absent**, please inform Prof. Zhao at least one day before.
- Reply an email in the same day you received it. If you cannot reply, then reply (in the same day) with statement when you will reply.

My advice to Chinese students

- 日本求学建议

Hints in doing research

- [How to start](#)
- **(Must)** Find the literature from high-quality databases Web of Science and SCOPUS (Google scholar is considered a low-quality database). See <https://www.kulib.kyoto-u.ac.jp/erdb/13505> for how to access those paid service.
- How to write business email in Japanese <https://tech.nikkeibp.co.jp/atcl/nxt/column/18/00667/032800002/>
- How to write a research paper:

<https://aw.gsais.kyoto-u.ac.jp/research/template-of-a-research-paper>

- How to do research (in Chinese) https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/85pGxXidvCDXgM9_S73WYQ
- 美国教授写给被开除的中国学生的信 (中文, Chinese) <https://m.jjl.cn/case/218000.html>

On paper and slides

- **Paper** should follow the format for QE (see a template in LaTeX). It can be incomplete but should be prepared carefully. Please submit the source file (or a compressed archive if there are more than two source files) and a PDF.
- **Presentation file** contains the slides. If you modified the slides after uploading, please re-upload it again.
- Uploading is done by Media Manager. Please name your file as date-name-filetype.ext such as 20170410-liangz-slides.pdf.
- Put time, event information, slide numbers in your presentation.
- Add citations of the information (even in the presentation file) that are not your own works.
- Analyze or demonstrate how your research is related to what you introduced and why your research may help.
- Always submit documents **one day before the deadline**, since you may miss it due to some unexpected happening on the deadline day.

Meet Prof. Zhao

- Ask for an appointment one week before (two weeks preferred)
- For recommendation letter, prepare a draft first then ask one week before the deadline.
- For reviewing a document, contact at least three days before the deadline.

Convenient tools

- (MUST) How to find the reputation of a conference or a journal: [JCR](#), [SCIMAGO](#), [CORE Conf](#), [ivySci](#) (CCF rank included)
- (MUST) Reference management software, e.g., [Zotero](#).
- (MUST) Use docker with Linux for reproducibility of your research. Read [this tutorial](#).
- Convert documents between various formats → [pandoc](#)
- [Use of the computer in Room 017](#)
- You can create a personal namespace **user:yourname** (e.g., user:liang) and put all your documents (paper, slides, other files) in that namespace by the Media Manager. See [an illustration](#).
- Use Linux instead of Windows/Mac OS for professional works. I like [Linux Mint](#) (MATE edition) and dual boot Linux + Windows/Mac OS.
- Use latex instead of Word for professional writing. You can [learn latex in 30 minutes](#) and/or use [Overleaf](#).

Resource

- [総合生存学館倫理審査についての資料](#)
- [List of journals and conferences](#)
- [kwisper](#) (professors only)

- Top 10% journal list by Kyoto Univ.
- AI Report by Stanford and a digest by IEEE spectrum
- Machine Learning course in Chinese (by Prof. Lee @ NTU)
- SuperVIP Cheatsheet for AI, Machine Learning, Deep Learning by S. Amidi
- 資料作成サイト <https://app.diagrams.net/?src=about> (参考 <https://qiita.com/G-awa/items/8fd414700b68b2bcafcc>)

Contributor wanted!

[xournal++](#) is a good software for handwriting based lectures. It works for Linux, macOS and Windows 10, and is open sourced. We can contribute to this project by translating its interface into Chinese and Japanese languages. Volunteer wanted!

Archive

- Trip to Shirahama in 2025
- 2024 GSAIS Calendar for Student Affair
- 2024 Academic Calendar of GSAIS & Kyoto University
- Group meetings in 2024.
- Book reading in 2024
- Individual discussion with Prof. Zhao in 2024
- 2023 Academic Calendar of GSAIS & Kyoto University
- A note on Master thesis
- Group meetings in 2023.
- Book reading in 2023
- Individual discussion with Prof. Zhao in 2023
- Learning ChatGPT
- Group meetings in 2022.
- Group meetings in 2021.
- Group meetings in 2020.
- 2020-06-27 Mini workshop “Leadership Online Peer Learning”, a joint event with [AFLSP@KU](#)
- 2020-04-23 😊 Hu, Rongqing donated 100 surgical masks to Toichi lab.[mask.pdf](#)
- 2020-04-07 😊 Xu, Cong donated 100 surgical masks to our graduate school.

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