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From: Liang Zhao
Subject: [FWI] (important) About your stay with FWI
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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.
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Public information at FWI

Schedule

- 2026 Academic Calendar of GSAIS & Kyoto U.
- Group meetings in 2026
- Personal discussion with Prof. Zhao in 2026

Discussion report (NEW, important)

- Every time before and after a discussion with Prof. Zhao (including both group meetings and personal discussion, except for short ones), please share a memo with Prof. Zhao. To students of GSAIS, please also fill this

  form

(see

Explanation in English

) since Prof. Zhao needs to report it to GSAIS.

Lab rules (since Jan 2026, last-updated on Jan, 10th & Mar 25, 2026)

1. Core time: 10am-5pm from Mon to Fri (must be in campus, except for holidays)
2. Tea/coffee time: 3pm-4pm on Mon & Wed (except for holidays) → Apr 1, ~~6~~ (guidance), 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, May ~~11~~ (lecture), 13, 18, 20, 25, 27, June 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, July 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 22, 27, 29, Aug-Sep: TBD
3. Group meeting: 1:15pm-4:15pm (max) Fri (except for holidays) → See the schedule.

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/ (ask ChatGPT etc.)
- How to write a research paper:<del> https://aw.gsais.kyoto-u.ac.jp/research/template-of-a-research-paper</del> (ask ChatGPT etc.)
- 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) except for urgent matthers
- 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.

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

- 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)
    - 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
- 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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