

GLOBAL CAFÉ

Kagawa University Global Café Newsletter



What's going on at the GC?

Welcome back to the Global Café! The past semester, we have been busy with a variety of events and activities. Our first full semester since the lifting of COVID prevention measures, we have seen a lively atmosphere return. Students are now able to bring food and drinks to the Global Café, so we have welcomed the return of the International Lunch Presentation series led by Professor Lrong Lim, where many of our international students have given presentations on their home countries.

We started off the semester with our Hanami Party at Ritsurin Garden, where students played cards, talked, and enjoyed the spring weather together. The event was a chance for new and returning students to meet each other and rekindle old friendships.

This past semester, we had a variety of cultural events led by our international students, as well as events led by students who recently returned from studying abroad. Professor Gerry McCrohan also helped us to host an event about Irish culture and the Irish diaspora.

In our classes this past semester, we added some new Immersive English classes, aimed at giving students a chance to learn an academic subject in English, as if they were studying abroad in a U.S. university. For the spring semester, we held both Introduction to Philosophy,
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UPCOMING EVENTS

**OPEN LECTURE: EDUCATION
IN A MULTICULTURAL
ENVIRONMENT**
OCT. 26

**STUDY ABROAD EVENT:
U.S.A. AND BRUNEI**
OCT. 31

**ENGLISH PRESENTATION
FESTIVAL**
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ENGLISH HAIKU CONTEST
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(cont. from p. 1) where students learned about major thinkers and ideas in the history of philosophy, and Feminist Theory, where students learned about important topics within contemporary feminisms.

As always, we are glad to have the support of students, faculty, and staff at the Global Café, and we're always happy to have you stop by and join us. Thank you for your support. We have plenty of upcoming events and classes, so please keep checking our website and social media for regular news!

Class Notes

In our new class, American Music Culture, students explored the history of music genres in English speaking cultures, including Classical, Pop, Jazz, Hip-hop, rock and roll, and more. Each class, class participants share songs with each other, and listen closely, practicing the use of music-related vocabulary to analyze music. This semester, we were lucky to be joined by a guest-speaker, Yu Nishiyama, who is a professional jazz musician in the United States. She gave a presentation about jazz in American Culture, and discussed her experiences of studying and working abroad in the U.S. You can join us this semester for more American Music Culture on Tuesdays, from 10:30 to 11:30.



¡Hablemos Español!

Did you know that Spanish is the language with the second most number of native speakers worldwide—more than English? The Global Café offers weekly Spanish classes for beginners, where you can learn some of the basics, including grammar, vocabulary, and even hand-signals from Professor M. Gudelia García Fernández. The class is offered Mondays, from 14:50-15:50.

Movie Magic

This past semester, we started our Monthly Movie Series, where we show screenings of internationally produced films with multilingual subtitles. When available, we show movies with English and Japanese subtitles, while the film audio is played in the original language. In our first semester, we watched *WALL-E* (U.S.A.), *Zazie dans le Métro* (France), *Lionheart* (Nigeria), *The Secret of Kells* (Ireland), and *Skater Girl* (India). In the fall semester, we already have a number of movies planned, to be shown on the third Wednesday of every month.

Find us online!



MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT:

The Global Café is a place to learn about languages, cultures, and societies from around the world, expanding your horizons. It is a space where diverse individuals from local and global communities gather, interact, and understand each other. It is where your dreams are nurtured, grown, and brought to life. We invite you to visit Global Café and take the first step towards leaping into the world.

- Prof. Wada, Kenji,

Director of the Global Café and Vice President of Kagawa University