



AJBS

THE ASSOCIATION OF JAPANESE BUSINESS STUDIES

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT & CALL FOR PAPERS

June 21-22, 2014 – VANCOUVER, BC, CANADA

Submission Deadline: February 17, 2014

Program Chair: Tomoki Sekiguchi, Osaka University

AJBS will hold its 27th Annual Meeting in cooperation with the Academy of International Business (AIB) in Vancouver, BC, Canada. The combined conference will run from June 21 through June 26 (the AJBS conference is June 21-22 and the AIB conference is June 23- 26, 2014). The Program Chair for this year's conference is Tomoki Sekiguchi, Graduate School of Economics, Osaka University, Japan.

About AJBS: From its genesis as an informal network in 1982, AJBS was officially organized and held its first conference at the Wharton Business School in January, 1987. AJBS holds annual conferences at venues throughout the world, providing an opportunity for discussion of current developments and research on a range of business, public policy and teaching issues related to Japan. Papers for AJBS conference presentation are peer reviewed. Accepted papers are considered for publication in the journal, *Asian Business & Management* (ABM). AJBS welcomes scholars, students and practitioners from all disciplinary backgrounds who are interested in Japanese business issues.

Why should you participate in both (AJBS and AIB) conferences? With one trip, you can attend both the most prestigious professional meeting in international business and an intimate conference that focuses specifically on Japanese business issues. The AJBS conference provides additional opportunities for journal publication and best paper awards as detailed below.

Paper Submission: Authors may submit papers to either or both conferences. AJBS will consider submissions that have already been presented elsewhere, but not published in a journal or book. Authors are encouraged to consider submitting a paper tailored to the specialized audience at the AJBS conference as well as a modified version appropriate for the wider audience at AIB. As done in past years, we also plan to have one session run by AJBS at the AIB conference.

Submission Deadline: Monday, February 17, 2014. You can submit your paper via 'EasyChair': <https://www.easychair.org/conferences/?conf=ajbs2014>. We kindly ask you to sign up for a new account at EasyChair and upload your paper in MS-Word format.

Submissions must be on letter-sized paper (8.5"x11" or 216x279 mm), with double-spaced text and a font size of 11 points or larger. Please follow the JIBS style guide (http://www.palgrave-journals.com/jibs/style_guide.html).

Please submit papers in MS-Word format (if MS-Word format is not available, please use a basic text format that can be easily converted to MS-Word. Please do not submit papers in PDF format.). To facilitate the blind review process, remove ALL author-identifying information from the papers. Papers will be double-blind reviewed, with the conference papers selected and authors notified by early April, 2014.

Conference Registration: Registration for the conference will include a specially-discounted combined (AJBS plus AIB) conference fee, a one-year membership to AJBS (if not already a member) and a one-year subscription to *Asian Business & Management*.

Asian Business & Management: In 2003 AJBS established a partnership with the journal *Asian Business & Management* (ABM), published by Palgrave Macmillan in the U.K. As in recent years, the editor of ABM, together with the AJBS conference committee, will select several papers from this year's conference program to be considered for publication in ABM.

Palgrave Macmillan – AJBS Best Paper Award: Palgrave Macmillan has sponsored a 'Best Paper' prize at the annual AJBS meetings. The Best Paper Committee will review the finalist papers and select the winning paper.

For further information: Information on the Vancouver, BC, Canada meeting venue and AIB conference is available at <http://aib.msu.edu/events/2014/>. For questions regarding conference papers and submissions, please contact Tomoki Sekiguchi (tomoki@econ.osaka-u.ac.jp). For questions or comments regarding AJBS or conference registration, please contact ajbs@ajbs.org or the AJBS President, Gary Knight (gknight@willamette.edu).