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Introduction

This volume contains the proceedings of the second research seminar of the Japanese Studies Postgraduate Network (PGN). The first seminar was held in July 1999 in Sheffield University and organized by Peter Matanle. The proceedings (published under the title of *East Asia Research Review*) included contributions by postgraduates in Chinese and Korean studies but in 2000 it was decided to limit the scope of the PGN to Japanese studies, since Chinese and Korean studies already had their own postgraduate networks.

The intention of this seminar was to provide postgraduates with the opportunity to share their ideas before an audience of their peers in relaxed surroundings. Despite being one of the hottest days of the summer, discussion continued until well past the scheduled finishing time and then again at a local Japanese restaurant. As always, it was gratifying to see such a range of disciplines represented.

The proceedings from the seminar have been published and distributed but are reproduced here in electronic form in the *electronic journal of contemporary japanese studies (ejcjs)* in order that they may have the widest possible readership.

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