

The 6th Japan-Korea International Virginia Woolf Conference 2025

Virginia Woolf and Our Future: *Mrs Dalloway's Centennial and Beyond*

Date: Saturday, August 23, 2025

Venue: Tsuru Humanities Center (THMC) at Tsuru University

Location: <https://www.tsuru.ac.jp/site/english/177.html>

Call for Papers

Held at Tsuru University, Yamanashi, Japan, “Virginia Woolf and Our Future: *Mrs Dalloway's Centennial and Beyond*” is the 6th Japan-Korea International Virginia Woolf Conference 2025 organized by the Virginia Woolf Society of Japan and co-hosted by the Virginia Woolf Society of Korea and the 45th conference of the Virginia Woolf Society of Japan. The aim of the conference is to think about our future by reappraising the works of Virginia Woolf.

The year 2025 marks 100 years since the publication of *Mrs Dalloway* and 80 years since the end of the World War II. Over the past century, while the world has undergone drastic changes due to scientific and technological advances and globalization, humanity has been facing the tragedies of war and the disparity between the rich and the poor, in addition to the climate change and population crisis. The age of modernization in interwar Britain that Woolf went through was also the time of crisis. We are particularly interested in how Woolf leads us to reconsider the narratives of our life, society, technology, art and environment by encouraging interdisciplinary thinking in uncertain times.

Professor Max Saunders, Interdisciplinary Professor of Modern Literature and Culture at the University of Birmingham, will give a special lecture on ‘The Future and the Novel in the 1920s’. He is the author of the groundbreaking *Imagined Futures: Writing, Science, and Modernity in the To-Day and To-Morrow Book Series, 1923-31* (Oxford, 2019) and his edited book, *The To-day and To-morrow Reader: Future Speculations from the 1920s and Early 1930s*, is to be published soon from Routledge. As a specialist on modernism, the literature of World War I, life writing, literary impressionism and futurology, Professor Saunders will start his lecture by posing a question about where we look for the future in modernism and introduce ‘the To-day and To-morrow series’ as a possible answer.

Tsuru University is a public university with a 70-year history in humanities and education. The university and the Virginia Woolf Society of Japan will welcome you to explore our campus surrounded by nature, located close to Mount Fuji, the World Heritage Site. We invite papers

addressing the theme of “Virginia Woolf and Our Future: *Mrs Dalloway*’s Centennial and Beyond” from Woolf scholars, students and readers. You can discuss Woolf’s works other than *Mrs Dalloway*. We hope that this will provide an opportunity to explore and build a sustainable future in the broadest sense.

Conference language is English. Oral presentations will last 20 minutes and the question period 10 minutes. Possible topics may include, but are not limited to:

- modernism
- war, violence and peace
- life writing
- narratives around care and age
- anthropocene and environment
- technology and networking
- biopolitics and bioethics
- literature, visual arts, music, and other forms of art

Please send the title of the paper, an abstract of 250 words and a 5-line biography of the presenter together with the contact details, to the conference organizing committee at jk.vwoolf.conference@gmail.com by March 31st, 2025. Non-members may apply for presentations and participations if they have a referral from a member of either society. Acceptance notices will be sent out by email by April 30th, 2025. For further inquiries, please contact the organizing committee.

Important Dates

March 31, 2025 (no later than 23:59PM (GMT+09:00)): Deadline for Abstract Submission

April 30, 2025: Notification of Acceptance

August 22, 2025: Banquet (Optional Pre-event)

August 23, 2025: The 6th Japan-Korea International Virginia Woolf Conference

August 24, 2025: Short Trip around Mt. Fuji (Optional Excursion)

Conference Participation Fees

Registration: 《VWSJ VWSK Members》 Free

《Non-Members》 [Full-time] ¥15000 [Part-time/Students] ¥5000

Banquet /Dinner /Excursion: [Full-time] ¥6000 each [Part-time/Students] ¥3000 each