

VACANCY FOR ADJUNCT LECTURER TO TEACH CONTEMPORARY CHINESE ECONOMY AT THE DEPARTMENT OF GLOBAL & TRANSCULTURAL STUDIES, MEIJI GAKUIN UNIVERSITY

Meiji Gakuin is a private university based on Christian principles, founded in 1863. It has two campuses, in Shirokane, Tokyo, and in Totsuka, Yokohama. The Department of Global and Transcultural Studies (GTS) is based at the Totsuka campus. It was founded in 2011 and is the only department in the university that conducts classes entirely in English.

A vacancy has arisen for an adjunct lecturer to teach Chinese Economy at GTS in academic year 2025. This is an upper-division course and involves teaching one 90-minute class a week, in English, to a mixed class of Meiji Gakuin and overseas exchange students. The course can be offered either in the spring semester (April 2025 to July 2025) or fall semester (September 2025 to January, 2026), with a week-long winter break at the end of December. The semester, day and timeslot of the class is negotiable within the constraints of the overall timetable.

This appointment is initially for one semester only, but there may be a possibility of renewal in AY2026.

China's giant economy is of great importance both globally and to Japan and other Asian countries in particular. The course can include topics such as China's economic history, the country's industrial and growth model, the private sector, China's trade ties with other countries and other recent economic events in China. We have many students who are extremely interested in Chinese affairs, including quite a few students from mainland China, Hong Kong and Taiwan. Some of them will likely attend this course, along with many Japanese students and a few with other nationalities. A willingness to challenge students' preconceptions and engage them in active learning will be highly desirable.

A PhD in a relevant field, such as Economics or Chinese Studies, is strongly preferred. Previous university-level teaching experience is preferred but not essential. (Well-advanced doctoral candidates will also be considered, provided the applicant has an MA/MS degree and three years of teaching experience.) The candidate should have native-speaker or near-native-speaker-level English communication skills.

The salary will be about 25,000 to 30,000 yen per month (depending on experience and

qualifications), and will be payable for six months, although teaching will only last about four months.

Unfortunately, this position does not carry any entitlement to holidays, health insurance or pension. Travel expenses will be paid for a distance of up to 110 kilometers from the Totsuka campus. Please note that classes are scheduled to be held in person, not online, so there is no point applying if you live outside the Kantō district of Japan.

Smoking is prohibited throughout the campus except in two specified areas well away from the main teaching and research areas, so there is no risk of second-hand smoking to non-smokers.

The person responsible for this position is Prof. Alexander Vesey. To apply for the post, please send the following materials by e-mail attachment to [avesey@k.meijigakuin.ac.jp](mailto:avesey@k.meijigakuin.ac.jp) and use "Chinese Economy" followed by your name as the subject line. The required materials are:

1. Your CV/resumé.
2. A cover letter that explains your interest in the post and the nature of your expertise in the field.
3. Your syllabus for the course. (Our semesters are 15 weeks long, and the syllabus should cover this timeframe.)

You should receive an acknowledgment of your application soon thereafter. Please write again to check if you do not receive an acknowledgement. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend an interview and give a sample lecture, either at the Totsuka campus or online, in mid to late December. Inquiries regarding this position should also be made to Prof. Vesey's e-mail address.

The deadline for applications is Sunday, November 24.

**Long-distance applications:** Applications are welcome from anywhere in the world. Interviews may be conducted online. However, please note that classes are scheduled to be held in person, not online, so there is no point applying unless you are sure to be living in the Kantō district of Japan during the semester.

**Disabilities:** We welcome applications from people with disabilities. Most of the campus is fully wheelchair-accessible, including all areas where the candidate will require access. We

have two wheelchair-accessible toilets and some braille signage for the visually impaired.

Documents: Proof of academic qualifications can be submitted at the final selection stage.