

# 日本のヨガスケープ Yogascapes in Japan



## YOGA, MOVEMENT AND SPACE CONFERENCE Kyoto, Japan 2-3 NOVEMBER 2018

This leisurely and collegial two-day interdisciplinary conference is thematically anchored around the broad theme of yoga as movement, particularly in relation to the imaginative consumption of tourism and pilgrimage within the multi-trillion-dollar global wellness industry (which defines wellness as a state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being).

Building upon a 'serious leisure perspective' (SLP), participants are free to discuss how movement can be understood as that which occurs on and off the yoga mat. This includes the imaginative movement that occurs in meditation, the physical movement to and within one's local yoga studio, or travel to exotic, distant lands. Aspects of which are inherent in the creation and consumption of yoga-inflected lifestyles.

We will also explore how the subjective, embodied experience of the yoga practitioner is mediated through internal movements of aspiration, expectation, and imagination. This includes textual-historical and ethnographic analysis of how

imaginative interiorisation is used to traverse an internal sacred-scape, such as a *mānasa-tīrtha* (mind-passage), a process that is arguably as important as physical movement through time and space. This development and management of imaginary landscapes, where the imagined -scape is interpolated onto a physical place, may hold more epistemological and ontological importance than the physical location one finds themselves in.

This notion of 'movement' allows for the exploration of how the pursuit of **self-improvement** relates to cultural conflict related to the social-political issues of manipulating cultural narratives, cultural appropriation, 'white-washing', and the building of cultural nationalisms.

Therefore, there is space within the conference for us to discuss the steps required to practically **decolonise yoga**, both from the colonial and post-colonial/neo-liberal masters.

For more information, and to register, please refer to: [www.yogascapesinjapan.com](http://www.yogascapesinjapan.com)

**Call for Papers Closes 10 APRIL 2018**



The provisional venue for the conference is Doshisha University, in partnership with the Organization for Identity and Cultural Development (OICD).