

Japanese Visual Media Graph Symposium

– Saturday, February 28, 2026 –

Venue:

Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto
Kinugasa Campus, Soshikan, Conference Room

Program:

10:00 - 10:30 Welcome and introduction

10:30 - 12:00 Spotlight on participating online communities

- Maria Pino: *AnimeClick*
- Stephen Goral: *Anime Characters Database*
- Yoran Heling: *The Visual Novel Database*

12:00 - 13:30 Lunch break

13:30 - 15:30 Results from the second phase of the project
(Moderation: Jan-Noël Thon)

- Magnus Pfeffer and Saskia Dreßler:
Infrastructure and ontology development
- Martin Hennig and Christopher Zysik:
Exploring genre through community data
- Bryan Hartzheim, Stevie Suan, and Martin Roth:
Investigating anime credits information
- Federico Pianzola and Zoltan Kacsuk:
Working with fanfiction metadata

15:30 - 16:00 Coffee break

16:00 - 17:30 Future directions and collaborations
(Moderation: Jaqueline Berndt)

- Akiko Sugawa-Shimada and Minori Ishida:
The Women In Japanese Animation project
- Tetsuya Mihara, Kazufumi Fukuda, and Hideyuki Ōtsubo:
The Media Art Database
- Martin Roth and Magnus Pfeffer:
Future of the JVMG