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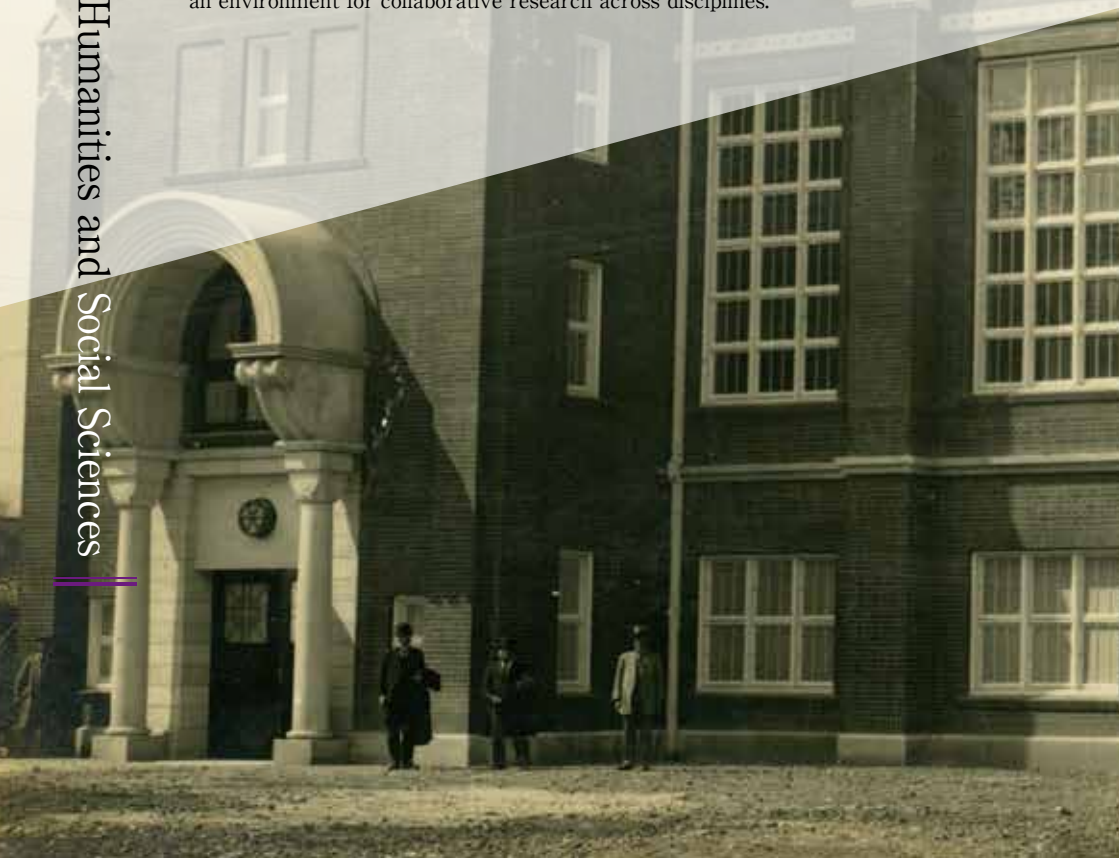
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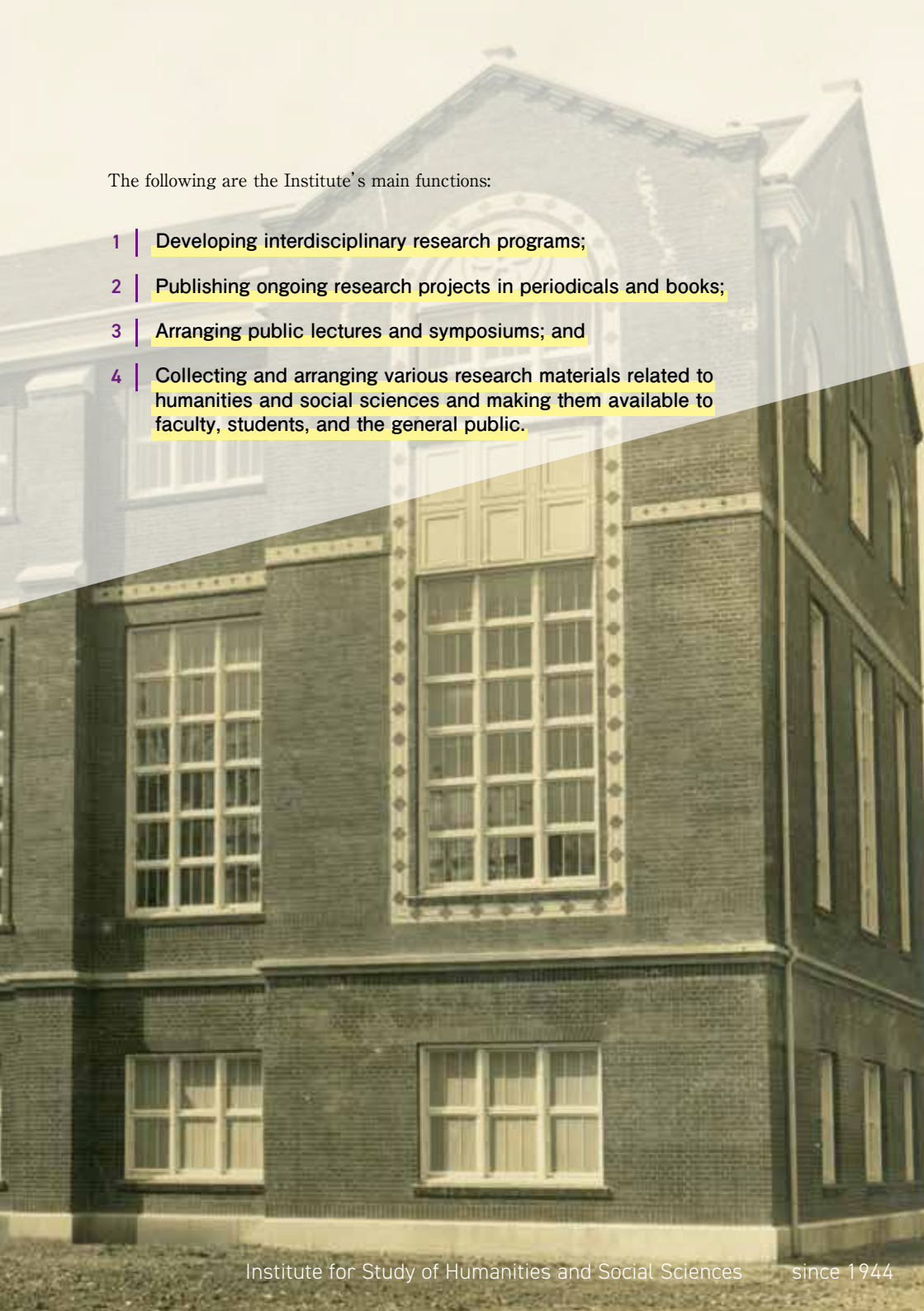
# History

The Institute for Study of Humanities and Social Sciences at Doshisha University was established in 1944. In 1957, it adopted its current name to promote theoretical, historical, and applied studies in the field of humanities and social sciences and to contribute to academic research in Japan.

Since its founding by Joseph Hardy Neesima, Doshisha University has carried forward the tradition of incorporating Christianity as a guiding principle in its education. Today, the University is comprised of 14 undergraduate faculties and 16 graduate and professional schools, earning recognition for both research and education.

In addition to conducting independent research within its faculties and graduate schools, the University established three affiliated research institutes including the Institute for Study of Humanities and Social Sciences, to develop an environment for collaborative research across disciplines.





The following are the Institute's main functions:

- 1 | Developing interdisciplinary research programs;
- 2 | Publishing ongoing research projects in periodicals and books;
- 3 | Arranging public lectures and symposiums; and
- 4 | Collecting and arranging various research materials related to humanities and social sciences and making them available to faculty, students, and the general public.





## 1 Activities of the Research Projects

The Institute organizes multiple “Research Projects” in a three-year cycle to advance interdisciplinary collaborative research. Each project was led by a full-time faculty member of Doshisha University. Full-time researchers at the Institute also serve as research representatives and other full-time faculty and staff of Doshisha University participate as external researchers.

These Research Projects were conducted using an open-application process. Reflecting the diverse specialties and interests of faculty members, the themes of Research Projects span a wide range of fields in the humanities and social sciences. Empirical and interdisciplinary collaborative research is a defining feature of the Institute’s Research Projects. The following three areas were the focus of the study at the Institute

### 1 The study of Christianity and social problems

A historical and interdisciplinary study of the influence of Christianity on modern and contemporary Japanese social thought and social movements.

### 2 Regional Studies of Kyoto and other areas in Modern and Contemporary Japan

Historical and interdisciplinary study of the formation and development of local communities in Kyoto and other areas of modern and contemporary Japan.

### 3 Contemporary Social Studies

Comprehensive research on contemporary society, including international comparative studies and regional studies.



Activity Reports  
of the Research Projects

## 2 Publications

The Institute publishes a range of materials, including both regularly issued journals and irregularly issued publications such as research monographs and booklets, to disseminate the findings of the Research Projects.

The Institute publishes *The Study of Christianity and Social Problems* annually and *The Social Sciences* quarterly.

The research monographs compile the outcomes of the collaborative research conducted within each Research Project and are published, with the support of Doshisha University, for public purchase.

The booklets contain the content of public lectures and symposia, making the insights shared by these events accessible to a wider audience.



The Study of Christianity  
and Social Problems



The Social  
Sciences



Research  
Monographs



Institute  
Booklets

## 3 Public Lectures and Symposiums

Since 1977, the Institute has hosted public lectures two to four times annually. These lectures aim to share and present the results of the collaborative research conducted in the Research Projects to the general public and the students.

Public lectures are organized by Research Projects or full-time researchers and cover a wide range of themes. These themes often reflect the Institute's key research areas such as Christianity and social problems in modern Japan, the history and industries of Kyoto and its surrounding regions, and regional studies focusing on areas outside Japan, including Asia. In recent years, the Institute has expanded beyond its traditional lecture format to include lecture series conducted by full-time researchers and symposiums, offering diverse ways to present and share research findings with the public and students. These initiatives aim to make the outcomes of the Institute's research activities more accessible.



Past  
Public Lectures



Past  
Lecture Series



Past  
Symposiums

## 4 Collection of Materials

Since its establishment, the Institute has actively collected a wide range of materials. The collection includes approximately 200,000 books, primary sources, and microfilms covering history, culture, economics, management, and social problems.

Historical materials collected over many years are highly regarded by researchers, particularly in the field of Christianity and social problems. These materials include primary sources related to Doshisha affiliates such as Danjo Ebina, Yozo Yuasa, Gumpei Yamamuro, Gien Kashiwagi, and Tokiyuki Osada, as well as documents from the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

In addition, the Institute actively collects materials for regional studies in modern and contemporary Japan, including Kyoto. The collection features historical documents such as the "Kawarabayashi Collection," "Hosotsujike Documents," "Tearaimizucho Documents," and "Kyoto Shimogyo Takoyakushicho Documents," as well as an extensive range of literature related to local history.



Details on  
Material Collection

## 1 Faculty Information

You can find information about the Institute's full-time faculty members here.

<https://jinbun.doshisha.ac.jp/jinbun/staff/staff.html>



Faculty  
Information

The books and materials held by the Institute are available not only to full-time researchers, Research Project participants, and the University's faculty, staff, and students but also to external users through the designated procedures and channels.



Institute for the Study  
of Humanities and  
Social Sciences  
Library User Guide



Doshisha University  
Library Usage  
Inquiries

## 1 Usage Hours

Monday to Friday (Closed on Saturdays, Sundays, public holidays, and University-designated holidays).

9:00 AM to 11:30 AM, 12:30 PM to 5:00 PM (Reception until 4:30 PM)

## 2 Number of Borrowable Books and Loan Period

	Number of Borrowable Books	Loan Period
Full-time researchers of the Institute (including fixed-term researchers)	Up to 50 books	Within 1 year
Full-time faculty of the University	Up to 50 books	Within 3 months
Research Meeting participants of the Institute	Up to 30 books	Within 3 months
Retired full-time researchers of the Institute (including fixed-term researchers)	Up to 30 books	Within 3 months
Full-time staff of the University	Up to 10 books	Within 4 weeks
Graduate students of the University	Up to 10 books	Within 4 weeks
Undergraduate students of the University	Up to 5 books	Within 2 weeks
Graduate and undergraduate students of Doshisha Women's University	Up to 5 books	Within 2 weeks
Full-time faculty and staff of affiliated schools	Up to 5 books	Within 2 weeks
Part-time faculty and staff of the University	Up to 5 books	Within 2 weeks
Retired full-time faculty and staff of the University	Up to 5 books	Within 2 weeks
University alumni	For viewing only	
Local users and external individuals	For viewing only	

\*External users may request for viewing access through the "Doshisha University Library."

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To view or borrow materials from the Institute's collection, please fill out the required information on the designated form provided by the Institute and submit it to the Service Desk. For certain materials, additional applications are required.

2

The following materials cannot be borrowed:  
Rare books, reference books, documents, microfilms, audiovisual materials such as tapes, and other materials as determined by the Director.

3

Only Research Project participants and full-time faculty and staff of the University are allowed access to the stacks.

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External users must present a letter of introduction issued by their affiliated university library, institution, or public library to access materials.

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The return of borrowed books may be requested when necessary for operational purposes.

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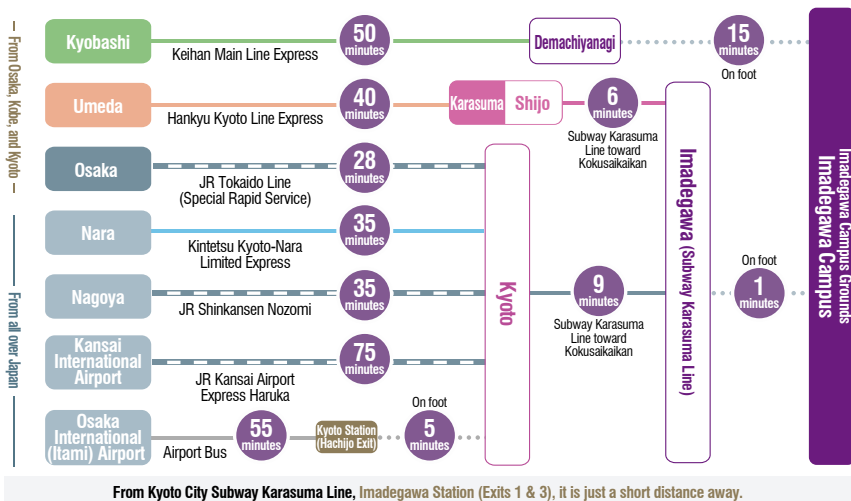
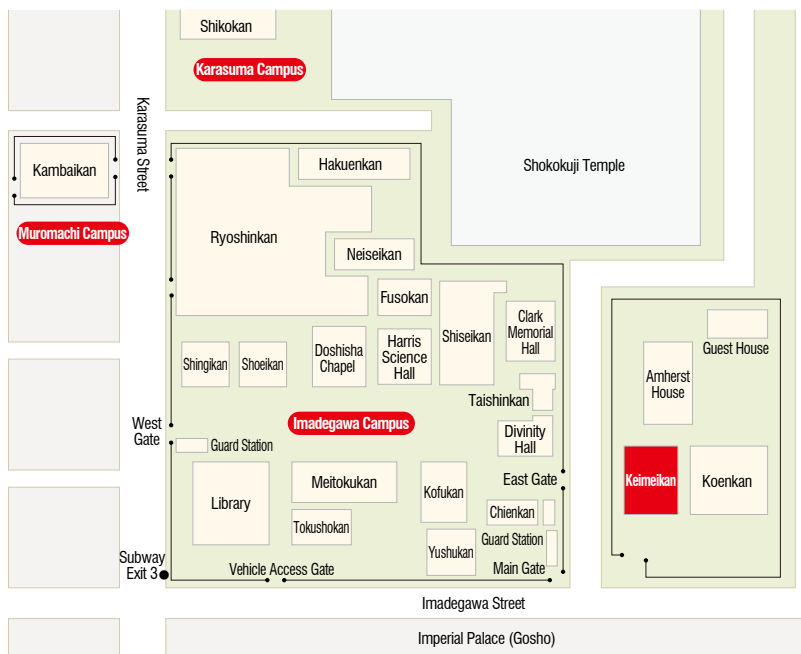
In the event of a typhoon warning, special weather warning, or disruption of transportation services, library hours follow the University Library's schedule.

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The use of copying equipment (e.g., copiers, BookPro, microfilm readers) will incur costs.

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Requests for document copying by mail should be made through the library of the requester's affiliated institution and directed to the User Support Office of the University Library. Direct requests to the Institute will not be accepted.



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