

Report on FY2017 JSPS Invitational Fellowship for Research in Japan (Short-term) [S17009]

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I am the Adam Smith Lecturer in the Scottish Enlightenment in the School of Social and Political Sciences at the University of Glasgow. I came to Japan at the invitation of Professor Tomoji Onozuka of the Faculty of Economics at The University of Tokyo. The aim of my fellowship was to share advice and knowledge on research into the library of Adam Smith. Adam Smith was Professor of Moral Philosophy at the University of Glasgow and, as author of the *Wealth of Nations*, is widely seen as the founding father of economics. Smith's books have been dispersed around the UK, USA, and Japan. The University of Tokyo holds a very significant collection of Smith's books and research currently being undertaken in the UK complements that being undertaken in Japan by Prof. Onozuka, Prof. Shinji Nohara and a team of Japanese researchers. The aim of the fellowship was to share knowledge on the library, particularly on the identification of Adam Smith's handwriting, and to develop a future joint research project.

While in Japan I held two workshops with the team researching Adam Smith's library where we surveyed the books containing marginalia, began the process of confirming the marginalia was by Adam Smith, and developed plans for the analysis of the meaning of the comments. I participated in a workshop seminar on the Adam Smith library where I presented a paper on the work being done on books held in Scotland. I shared the results of the research with the team at the University of Tokyo. I met with members of the research team and held separate discussions with Professor Onozuka and Professor Nohara about the development of our future research programme. We have agreed that our collaboration is vital to the successful identification of the marginalia and its subsequent analysis. These meetings have allowed us to plan the next stages of the research and to begin exploring data sharing to facilitate access to images of Smith's marginalia. As part of the discussions we agreed to write up a research note on our progress so far which will be submitted for publication in *the Adam Smith Review*, the peer-reviewed journal of the International Adam Smith Society. This publication will be the first in a series of publications on the identification of the marginalia and then further publications on the

substance of the marginalia for understanding the development of Smith's thought.

In addition to the work on the Adam Smith library I gave a lecture at Keio University on 'Adam Smith on Philosophy and Religion' and gave a lecture to the history of self-interest research team at the University of Tokyo on 'Self-interest in the thought of Adam Ferguson'. This was a very productive fellowship and I thank Professor Onozuka, Professor Nohara and the JSPS for making it possible. The research programme on Smith's library has made significant advances as a result of this fellowship.

