

JSPS Report: Short Term Invitation Fellow

Professor Peter Kail

Host Institution: Hiroshima University

Host: Kengo Miyazono

My research area is topic of naturalism in the philosophy of David Hume, very roughly the idea that we can understand human nature as continuous with the rest of nature. I presented some work at Hiroshima University, Hiroshima Tech, Tokyo International Christian University, Tokyo University and Kyoto University. I was blown away by the superb calibre of philosophy, and it has helped writing my book to a very large extent. My primary host, and others, were unfailingly helpful during my stay and I encountered no problems at all (apart from falling in love with a puppy at a pet shop and being unable to bring him home!). My tip – which I learned from the orientation meeting in London – is simply to say yes to every suggestion, and many wonderful discoveries will await you.

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Colleagues at a half-day seminar on Early Modern Philosophy

