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SPEAKER

**Hasegawa
Shigure**

On War Cooperation
in *Kagayaku*

Cooperation in the “Fifteen Years War” by Japanese writers is already a well researched field. In this connection, it is worth considering the case of Hasegawa Shigure (1879-1941), the first woman Kabuki playwright. Hasegawa, an active participant in many literary magazines, also established and edited the literary journal *Nyonin Geijutsu* (1928-1932) as well as its offshoot *Kagayaku*, a four-page leaflet intended to provide space for women writers. This talk will attempt to show how *Kagayaku*—started with the intention of publishing progressive writings by women—in spite of Hasegawa’s original commitment to peace ended up embracing the idea of the Greater East Asian Co-Prosperity Sphere that eventually led to war.

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This lecture will be held at the Institute for Research in Humanities (IRH), Kyoto University (seminar room 1, 1st floor).

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