

Call for Papers
The 8th Annual Conference of the Geolinguistic Society of Japan

Date: May 30, 2026

Venue: Shiga University Otsu Satellite Plaza (The detailed location of the venue is noted in the program that will be available in late April.)
1-1 Suehiro-cho, Otsu City, Shiga, 520-0056, Japan

Format: Hybrid (In-person / Online)

Language: Japanese or English

Scope: A requirement for acceptance necessitates the inclusion of feature maps of individual linguistic properties from languages around the world. The main content should be a discussion of the formation process of individual language features in terms of their geographical distribution. Please adjust the shape, size, and color of the map symbols as appropriate. Additionally, the types of other papers that will also be accepted include papers including glottograms, figures, or graphs with geographical focuses; papers on dialect demarcation, provided the maps of an individual linguistic feature are included; papers on names of places and families, provided the maps are included; and papers in sociolinguistics, human geography, or natural geography, provided they are combined with maps of linguistic features (which could be already published). The type of papers that will not be accepted comprises descriptions of a dialect or dialects, comparison of dialects, and non-academic papers.

Membership: We have no membership system. Application to participate in the conference is open to all. Although this is a domestic society, scholars from outside Japan are also welcome. The Society and the host institution cannot offer any assistance with visa applications or offer any special service to the participants.

How to apply: Send your abstract (a Word file or a PDF file) to gsj.conference2026@gmail.com between March 22 and March 31, 2026. The language used in the presentation must also be used to write the abstract. The abstract will be printed as it is when accepted, so it must be proofread by a native speaker if it is not written in your native language. The length should be within two pages of an A4 size; the margins should be 30 mm; and the font size should be 11-

point, with 40 lines to a page. The title should be centered on the first line, and a subtitle can run up to two lines. After one line space, your name, followed by your affiliation in parentheses, should be centered. The body text should begin following another line space. At least one linguistic feature map or a figure with a geographical focus must be included. Any paper without such a map or figure will not be accepted. The sample maps must be copyrighted so that there will be no problem in public transmission. The length must not be more than two pages including a map or a figure. The abovementioned layout must not be altered. No header or footer, including extra information such as a page number, should be added. Only Unicode fonts may be used. IPA symbols should be printed using Times New Roman. PDF files should be saved while embedding the appropriate font into the document.

Notification of acceptance: When the abstract is received, an automated acknowledgment is sent. The selection result will be published on the Society website <https://geolinguistics.sakura.ne.jp/index.html> by April 30, 2026. There will be no personal correspondence involved.

Abstracts: A PDF version of the abstracts will be uploaded to zenodo, which complies with Creative Commons Ver. 4, and a DOI will be provided and a link to it will be published on the conference website. Please note that upon submission, you are granting the Society permission to exercise the right of public transmission. Since the submitted abstract is not deemed a formal paper, the author is permitted to submit a full version of the paper written based on this abstract to any academic publication.

Duration: Presentation = 20 minutes. Q&A = 10 minutes.

*In the case of co-authorship, the first author must be responsible for all or part of the presentation. The second and subsequent authors are free to present.

*If you wish to cancel your presentation, you must immediately contact us at gsj.conference2026@gmail.com, providing a reason for the cancellation (please do not mention any private information).

Participation Fees: 2,000 yen for non-students and free for students will be charged for both on-site and online participation. No refreshments will be provided. Details on how to pre-register will be posted on the website when the program is released.

The Geolinguistic Society of Japan website

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