



Area Studies: Japan

1400-1986

A wide range of sources - from writers, diplomats, tourists, businessmen, missionaries and others - documenting the political, cultural and social history of Japan.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Illuminated medieval manuscripts relating to Japan, including an illuminated manuscript copy of Marco Polo's *Travels*, dated c. 1500
- Log book of William Adams (1564-1620), alias Miura Anjin, the first Englishman known to have visited Japan
- The journals of US Commodore Matthew Calbraith Perry and officers, relating to the voyages of 1853-54 and the 'opening up' of Japan
- Letters of Sir Harry Parkes, diplomat and British Minister to Japan between 1865 and 1883
- Journals of William Elliot Griffis (1843-1928), American Orientalist, author and education reformer in Japan

SUBJECTS

- Western interactions with Japan from medieval times to present day
- The Christian Century in Japan, 1549-1650
- Japanese culture and customs
- Diplomacy and global politics
- Perry Expeditions
- Education
- Missionaries and religion
- Trade and commerce

MATERIAL TYPES

- Personal papers
- Correspondence
- Journals, travel writing and diaries
- Logbooks
- Photographs and ephemera
- Artefacts
- Periodicals

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- Japan Through Western Eyes
 - Sources from the William R. Perkins Library, Duke University
 - The William Elliot Griffis Collection from Rutgers University Library - Journals & Student Essays
 - The William Elliot Griffis Collection from Rutgers University Library - Correspondence & Scrapbooks
 - The William Elliot Griffis Collection from Rutgers University Library - Collected Papers of Brown, Perry and Others
 - The William Elliot Griffis Collection from Rutgers University Library - Writings by Griffis
 - The Papers of Harold S Williams (1898-1987) from the National Library of Australia
 - The Papers of Harold S Williams (1898-1987) from the National Library of Australia - Additional Subject Files
 - Siebold Manuscripts from the Oriental Manuscripts Collection at the British Library, London
 - Japan Manuscripts from the Oriental Manuscripts Collection at the British Library, London
- East Meets West
 - The log book of William Adams (1565-1620) and other manuscript and rare printed materials from the Bodleian Library, Oxford
 - The papers of Engelbert Kaempfer (1651-1716) and related sources from the British Library, London
 - Papers of John Scattergood (1681-1723), Isaac Titsingh (1745-1812), Heinrich Julius Klaproth (1783-1835), and other early materials from the British Library, London
- Asian Journals
 - The Anglo-Japanese Gazette, 1902-1909
 - The Eastern World: A Weekly Journal for Law, Commerce, Politics and Literature, 1899-1908

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