

# GLOBAL NETWORK PROGRAM SEMINAR (GICLS)

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## The Left and the Debates on 'Fascism' in Postwar Japanese Film and Theory

Guest speaker:

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Moderator:

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In this seminar, Dr De Vargas will share his experience of pursuing graduate studies and postdoctoral research in the field of Japanese Studies, reflecting on various possible paths that this field offers and the strategies appropriate to each of them. Alongside his personal trajectory, he will introduce his research, which currently explores how postwar Japanese left-wing intellectuals critically wrote political theories and made films addressing prewar Japan as 'fascist' in order to make the Japanese an emancipated society.



Ferran de Vargas is a political scientist and UKRI Marie Sklodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Edinburgh, having previously been a Juan de la Cierva Early-Career Postdoctoral Fellow at the Open University of Catalonia. He also conducted research stays at Kobe University as a JASSO grant holder, and the Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute as a member of the Japan Foundation Program for Specialists in Cultural and Academic Fields. He received his PhD in Intercultural Studies from Autonomous University of Barcelona in 2020. Dr De Vargas' main research interest is the study of political ideologies, democratic processes, and aesthetic movements in transwar Japan.

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