Queer Transfigurations
International Symposium on Boys Love Media in Asia

Saturday, July 1 & Sunday, July 2, 2017
Kanagawa University, Yokohama Campus
Building 3, Room 305

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Welcome & Opening Remarks 9:30–9:40
—Yoshiko YAMAGUCHI, Vice President, Kanagawa University
—James WELKER, Kanagawa University

Local BL Texts, Local BL Fandoms 9:40–11:50
From Shōjo Manga to Yaoi in Indonesia
—Kania Arni SUKOTJO, National University of Singapore
Japanese Boys Love Manga Fandom in Thailand: An Overview
—Poowin BUNYAVEICHEWIN, Thammasat University, Rangsit Campus, Thailand
BL Fandom Online: A Case Study of the BL Board on PTT
—Feichi CHIANG, Academia Sinica, Taiwan
Desi Desh: Sex, Sexuality, and BL Consumption in Urban India
—Lakshmi MENON, HHMS/P8 NSS College for Women, Trivandrum, India
Discussant: Mark McLLELAND, University of Wollongong, Australia

Coffee Break 11:50–12:20

Conflict & Contention within & beyond BL Fandoms 13:20–15:00
“Send Them to Mars!” The Eve of Trans-Localism and Radical Online Erotica in Hong Kong
—Katrien JACOBS, Chinese University of Hong Kong *presenter
—Holly Lexian HOU, Chinese University of Hong Kong
Boys Love is a Battlefield: Recent Conflicts within the South Korean Odekku/Hajoshi (Otaku/Fujoshi) Community
—Hyujin KIM, Seoul National University, South Korea
Repression or Revolution? On the Fūnū (Fujoshi) Community’s Reactions to the Same-Sex Marriage Legalization Movement in Taiwan
—Peiti WANG, National Chiao Tung University, Taiwan
Discussant: Akiko HORI, Bukuro University, Japan

BL in Cross-Cultural Circulation 15:20–17:00
Between BL and Slash: Danmei Fiction, Transcultural Mediation, and Changing Gender Norms in Contemporary China
—Yannui XU, Ningbo Institute of Technology, Zhejiang University, China *presenter
—Ling YANG, Xiamen University, China
The “Engaged Spectator” and the Dissolution of the Structured, Reticent Homophobic Silence in East Asia: On Taiwan’s Printing of Online BL Fictions from Mainland China
—Xi LIA, Fudan University
Glocalizing Boys Love Dōjinshi in the Philippines, Malaysia, and Australia
—Kristine Michelle SANTOS, University of Wollongong, Australia
Discussant: Naoko MORI, Kansai University, Japan

Coffee Break 15:00–15:20

Opening Remarks 9:30–9:40
—James WELKER, Kanagawa University

Reading BL Fantasies, Re-Reading LGBT Lives 9:40–11:25
Aspirational Readings of Boys Love: BL as a “Resource of Hope” for Temporary Chinese Gay Migrants in Japan
—Thomas BAUDINETTE, Macquarie University, Australia
Projecting Dissonant Passion: How Identity Negotiation among Indonesian BL Fans Shapes Their Perception of LGBT Issues
—Gita Pramudita Prameswari, Sophia University, Japan
Thai Boys Give Good Love: Y-Couple Fandom in Thailand
—KANG Byung’chu Dredge, University of California San Diego, USA
Discussant: Akiko MIZOGUCHI, Waseda University, Japan

Lunch Break 11:25–13:00

BL & Local Masculinities 13:00–15:10
Straight Men, Gay Buddies: The Chinese BL Boom and Its Impact on Male Homosociality
—Wei WEL, East China Normal University, China
Yaoi and BL Couplings: Filipino Fans Envisioning an Alternative Model of Intimacy
—Tricia Abigail Santos FERMIN, Independent Scholar, Japan
Masculinity Myths among Singaporean Fudanshi
—Aerin LAI, Ochanomizu University, Japan
On The Psychology, Physcality, and Communication Strategies of Fudanshi: A Cross-Cultural Analysis of East Asian Men’s Desires and Hopes to “Become” Fudanshi
—Kazumi NAGAIKE, Oita University, Japan
Discussant: Patrick W. GALBRAITH, Sophia University, Japan

Coffee Break 15:10–15:30

Roundtable: BL & Japan’s Socio-Cultural Impact on Asia 15:30–16:50
Chair: James WELKER, Kanagawa University

Closing Remarks 16:50–17:00

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