

**FREE Course at**

The Japan Foundation London Language Centre (JFLLC)

**Exploring Japanese Culture through Comedy**

笑ってわかる日本文化

**Seminars will be held in Japanese**

**Course Leader: Keiko Kelly, Japanese Teacher at SOAS, University of London**

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「笑い」はすべての文化・言語に共通するもの。  
落語や川柳などの、日本の「笑い」にふれながら、  
日本文化の理解を深めましょう！

**6 November – 27 November 2008 (Thursdays, 4 weeks) 18:30 – 20:30**

**Deadline for applications: Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2008**

**(Course limited to 20 people – strictly first come, first served)**

**Course outline: (Please note all seminars will be held in Japanese)**

Each week, participants will discuss a different aspect of comedy in Japanese culture, especially since the Edo era. The programme includes the following four topics.

1. Traditional culture originating in the Edo era
2. Experience and enjoy *Rakugo!*
3. *Haiku* and *Senryuu*
4. Comedy in contemporary Japan

Before each session, you will receive a text based on each topic, and will be given a written task as homework. These tasks will be marked and may then be presented in the lesson. The sessions will feature many different forms of Japanese comedy, shown through a mixture of resources, including video clips. You will also have the chance to take part in interactive activities, such as putting on your own demonstrations of Japanese comedy performances.

**Talking Contemporary Japan** is designed for adult learners interested in updating and refreshing their knowledge about Japan whilst practising their Japanese language skills in a series of evening classes at the Japan Foundation London Language Centre. This term, the course will be taught by Keiko Kelly, a Japanese teacher at SOAS (University of London).

Whilst providing a genuine insight into some of Japan's contemporary cultural issues, the course will also give you an excellent chance to improve all four skills of Japanese.