Arts of Japan

This module will examine cultural highpoints in the arts of Japan from the fourteenth to the nineteenth centuries. Artefacts in all media - painting, ceramics, lacquer and textiles - will be examined in the context of the influence of China on Japan, the creation of the Shogun Court, the rise of the merchant classes and the establishment of the pleasure districts in burgeoning Tokyo. Particular attention will be paid to lacquer ware created for the domestic and European market, the arts associated with the tea ceremony and traditional Japanese theatre. Themes of Japonisme will be explored, particularly in nineteenth century Ireland as Japan emerged after 250 years of self-imposed isolation from the outside world.

Lecturer:

Ms. Ruth Starr

Fee:
*Reduced Fee: €60 for the course. ** €30 concession
**The concession rate is available to second and third level students and people whose primary source of income is social welfare, health board or a government-sponsored employment scheme.

Time and Place:

*This course will be taught online. We want to make your experience as personable as possible and hope to add some extra live Zoom interactive sessions once term has started. More details will be available at the beginning of term. If you have not previously used Zoom or other online teaching platforms, please email hhextra@tcd.ie with ‘help with online teaching’ in the subject bar and we will arrange some pre-semester help sessions in September.

Duration:

This lecture-only module comprises one lecture per week over one commencing in September 2020