

# 9th Immediate Method Autumn Workshop

## Teaching Conversation in Japan

- ▶ KOBE: Kobe University, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009
- ▶ TOKYO: Tamagawa University, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009

Organized by:  
**The Research Group for Teaching  
Conversation in Japan**  
and  
**The School of Languages and  
Communication, Kobe University**

### What is the Immediate Method and the IM autumn Workshop?

The Immediate Method is a simple and powerful conversation classroom management technique that was created in Japan in response to several challenging situations: (1) large classes; (2) low levels of language ability and motivation, and (3) the reticent classroom behavior of Japanese learners.

Its primary objective is to have the students learn to speak in two-way, real-time communication; in short, to take part in conversations. Born in the context of university-level French conversation classes, it has been successfully applied to conversation teaching in English, German and Japanese at various levels.

The **Immediate Method (IM) Autumn Workshop** is an annual event that brings together foreign language teachers from all over Japan to learn and exchange ideas about conversation teaching.



### Workshops Program

#### Morning : FRANÇAIS

- Le point sur les techniques et les manuels existants 10:00 – 12:00
- Les projets des années à venir : présentation et lancement des projets Moodle "Conversation" et "Méthode Immédiate".
- Harmonisation des barèmes de notation pour la simulation de l'après-midi
- Discussion

#### Afternoon : ENGLISH

##### Simulation class: 13:00 – 15:00

For the duration of this class, participants will take on the role of learners of a language other than English. This is a practical and fun way to experience the IM from the learner's perspective and at the same time be introduced to the teaching techniques and tools that make the IM work, including the new computer-based "Pair Generator" application.

There will be ample time for questions and discussions.

##### Short presentation: 15:15 – 15:45

Cultural codes and conversation teaching:  
How to break the barrier of silence in class

##### Moodle project: 15:45 – 16:15

Presentation and launch of the Immediate Method Moodle project.

##### Panel discussion: 16:30 – 17:30

"Stretching the Immediate Method to fit one's situation".

##### Dinner party (optional): 18:00 – 20:00

Relax, talk, drink and eat at a nearby restaurant. (3,000 yen)

### Presenters



**Stephen Richmond**

Kyoto Gakuen  
University



**Kathleen Riley**

Tamagawa University



**Bruno Vannieu**

Kobe University



The workshop is free of charge.

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# Workshop Registration

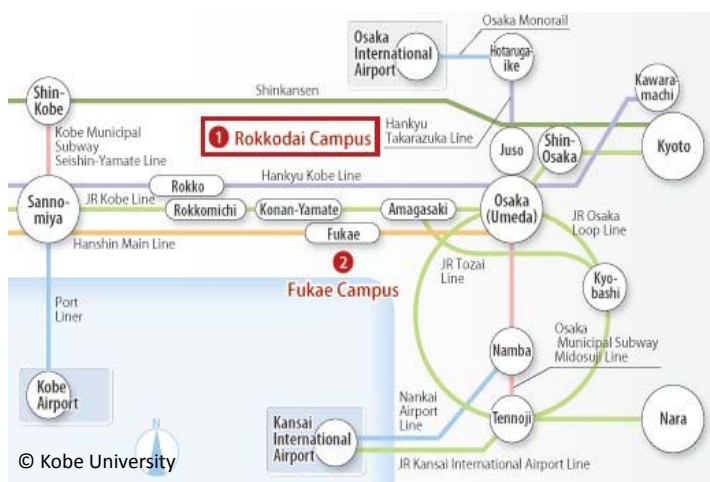
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(Bruno Vannieu, Kobe University)

1	Name*	
2	Place of workshop*	Kobe (October 25 <sup>th</sup> ) / Tokyo (November 1 <sup>st</sup> )
3	Dinner party (3,000 yen)*	Yes, I will attend. / No, I will not attend.
4	School (s)*	
5	E-mail*	
6	Telephone Number*	
7	Address*	
8	Average size of your class	
9	How many years have you been teaching in Japan?	
10	What is your Japanese language level?	Non-existent / poor / basic / intermediate / fluent
11	How did you hear about this workshop?	direct mailing / friend or colleague / other: .....

\* Necessary information.

## Access map

### Kobe: Kobe university



**From Rokko station on the Hankyu Line to Kobe University:**  
**10 minutes by bus or 5 minutes by taxi (about ¥600)**  
 ▶Take the Hankyu Line from Umeda (Osaka) Station to Rokko Station (30 minutes).  
 ▶Take the Hankyu Line from Sannomiya Station to Rokko Station (10 minutes).  
**From Shinkobe station on JR to Kobe University:**  
**15 - 20 minutes by taxi**

### Tokyo: Tamagawa University



**From Tamagawagakuen-Mae station on the Odakyu Odawara Line to Tamagawa University: 3 minutes walk**  
 ▶Take the express train from Shinjuku Station, change at Shinyurigaoka Station to a local or semi-express train (40 minutes).  
 ▶Take the JR Yokohama Line from Yokohama station, change at Machida Station to a local or semi-express on the Odakyu Line (50 minutes).

**We will send a detailed access map to registered participants.**