

# GLOBAL NETWORK PROGRAM SEMINAR (GICLS)

ONLINE

## Gratitude: A Political Perspective

Guest speaker:

**Diego LAZZARICH**

Professor | University of Naples "L'Orientale"

Moderator:

**Dr. Kexin WANG**

GNP Project Assistant Professor | Kobe University

**Date: February 24th (Tuesday), 2026**

**Time: 10:00 - 11:30 (JST)**

Venue: Online

(Scan the QR Codes below for the Zoom link and for the registration )

SCAN HERE  
for joining  
Online



SCAN HERE  
for the  
registration



REGISTRATION  
IS REQUIRED

Please register by

**FEBRUARY 23rd**

Language: English

This seminar aims to explore the role of gratitude in Western intellectual history, tracing its trajectory through the words of some of the most influential philosophers and political thinkers, from the classical analyses of Seneca and Cicero to the modern theories of Hobbes and Kant. This seminar invites the audience to compare these Western perspectives with their own cultural traditions.



Diego Lazzarich is Professor of History of Political Thought. He teaches History of Political Thought and Political Theory in B.A., M.A, and Ph.D. courses at the University of Naples "L'Orientale", in Italy. His main research themes are: war in history of Modern political thought; the history of the concept of gratitude and its relation with Western political theories from ancient to modern times, in a global perspective. On these themes he has published several academic articles and three books: *Guerra e pensiero politico. Percorsi novecenteschi* 2008; *Stato moderno e diritto delle genti. Vattel tra politica e guerra*, 2016; *Gratitudine politica I: dall'età classica al Medioevo*, 2019 (part 1 of his research on political gratitude).

Organizers:

Global Network Program & Research Institute for Promoting Intercultural Studies (Promis)

Contact person: Kexin Wang (GNP Project Assistant Professor)  
kexin@people.kobe-u.ac.jp