

# EAST MEETS WEST

Traditional Japanese techniques and materials for paper conservation  
Training course at the Institut für Bestandserhaltung und Restaurierung (IBR)  
Bayerische Staatsbibliothek München, August 2026



**EAST MEETS WEST** is a five-day training workshop led by Keisuke Sugiyama, Professor of Conservation at the University of Applied Arts in Yamagata (Japan). Previously, Sugiyama worked for eight years as a senior conservator of Japanese paintings at the British Museum's Hirayama Studio in London.

As a participant, you will explore traditional Japanese materials, adhesives and tools, gaining a comprehensive understanding of their unique properties. You will also have the opportunity to craft a Karibari to understand its intricate structure and function in depth. In addition, you will receive hands-on training in lining techniques using a Karibari, combining practical application with a thorough theoretical grounding of this Japanese method. Our aim is to deepen your understanding of Japanese materials and techniques, enabling you to incorporate them effectively into Western conservation techniques.

The workshop also offers a forum for the exchange of knowledge about paper conservation from East Asian and Western cultures. This is a unique opportunity to learn from a Japanese conservator.

You will be provided with a set of original best quality Japanese tools to enable immediate application of newly acquired techniques and facilitate prompt integration into your daily practice.

**Hurry! Workshop is limited to 10 participants.**  
**Closing date: May 08, 2026**

**Date:** August 24 - 28, 2026 (Monday through Friday)

**Instructor:** Keisuke Sugiyama

**Language:** English

**Location:** Bayerische Staatsbibliothek, München

**Fee:** 980 Euro (including materials, Japanese tools, evening reception)

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