Although Japan is known as a Buddhist country, one can find a considerable number of Hindu deities such as Gaṇeśa, Kārttikeya, Laksṇī, Kubera etc. worshipped there that serve as a cultural bridge to connect India and Japan in their day to day social life. Sometimes these deities play a different role there than in their original Hindu context.

One of these deities is goddess Sarasvatī as popular in Japan as much as in India. This talk will explain about the academic project in Japan on Sarasvatī and will investigate different aspects of Sarasvatī in terms of time and space, studied from textual, ritualistic and anthropological points of view.

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