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## ***A Glimpse into East-West Relations in the Antiquarian Book Trade***

**Guest Speaker: Christopher Sokol**

**Book Presentation: *The Sphinxing Rabbit* by Pauline Chakmakjian, MA**

**The Japan Room in association with The Japan Society**

**Lodge Room No.11, The Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London WC2**

**Tuesday, 28 May 2019, 6.30-8.30PM...[www.thejapanroom.org.uk](http://www.thejapanroom.org.uk)**

Sokol Books has a history with Japan going back some forty years and this has been at times exciting, frustrating but always enjoyable. Japan is a unique, challenging but serious market in the book trade and our guest speaker will enlighten us about this both generally and from personal experience. The lecture will commence with a brief history of East-West book relations, which has existed much longer than one may think. Next, the speaker will touch upon the present-day situation, in terms of both East-West and West-East as well as a quick glance at what the future may hold in this eclectic arena. Finally, a couple of items will be presented for the enjoyment of all attendees as we move to present the publication of the host's first book of a series of ten books planned, *The Sphinxing Rabbit: Her Sovereign Majesty*.

**Christopher Sokol, Founder & Proprietor of Sokol Books Ltd.**

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The Event is FREE for Japan Society members and £12 for non-members. No tickets will be issued.

Host: Pauline Chakmakjian, Visit Kyoto Ambassador, <http://thejapanroom.org.uk/books>

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