



## *The History of Medicine in Japan*



**Speaker: Pauline Chakmakjian, Founder of The Japan Room**

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

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

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With its origins mainly from Chinese traditional medicine, Japan established its own traditions and systems of treatments in an array of different situations over the course of its several time periods. These were further influenced by the indigenous belief system of the Japanese called Shinto as well as the arrival of Europeans into Japan, particularly Rangaku or “Dutch Learning.” Rangaku helped advance Japanese medicine towards more empirical observation used in the West rather than speculative theories of the Confucian method borrowed from China. It is most important to note that medicine was the key force in the development of Western knowledge in Japan during its “closed” state for approximately two centuries. This talk was originally scheduled for 2020.

**Pauline Chakmakjian, Founder of The Japan Room**

Pauline Chakmakjian is an independent lecturer on the arts, culture and history of Japan. She founded The Japan Room in 2006 and was a Visit Kyoto Ambassador from 2014-2022. She is the author of a series of books starting with *The Sphinxing Rabbit: Her Sovereign Majesty* and *The Sphinxing Rabbit: Book of Hours* that are both available in print and e-book versions. Her third book to complete the trilogy is scheduled for publication in 2023 – *The Lunar Year of the Rabbit*.

The Event is £9 for Japan Society members and £15 for non-members. No tickets will be issued.

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