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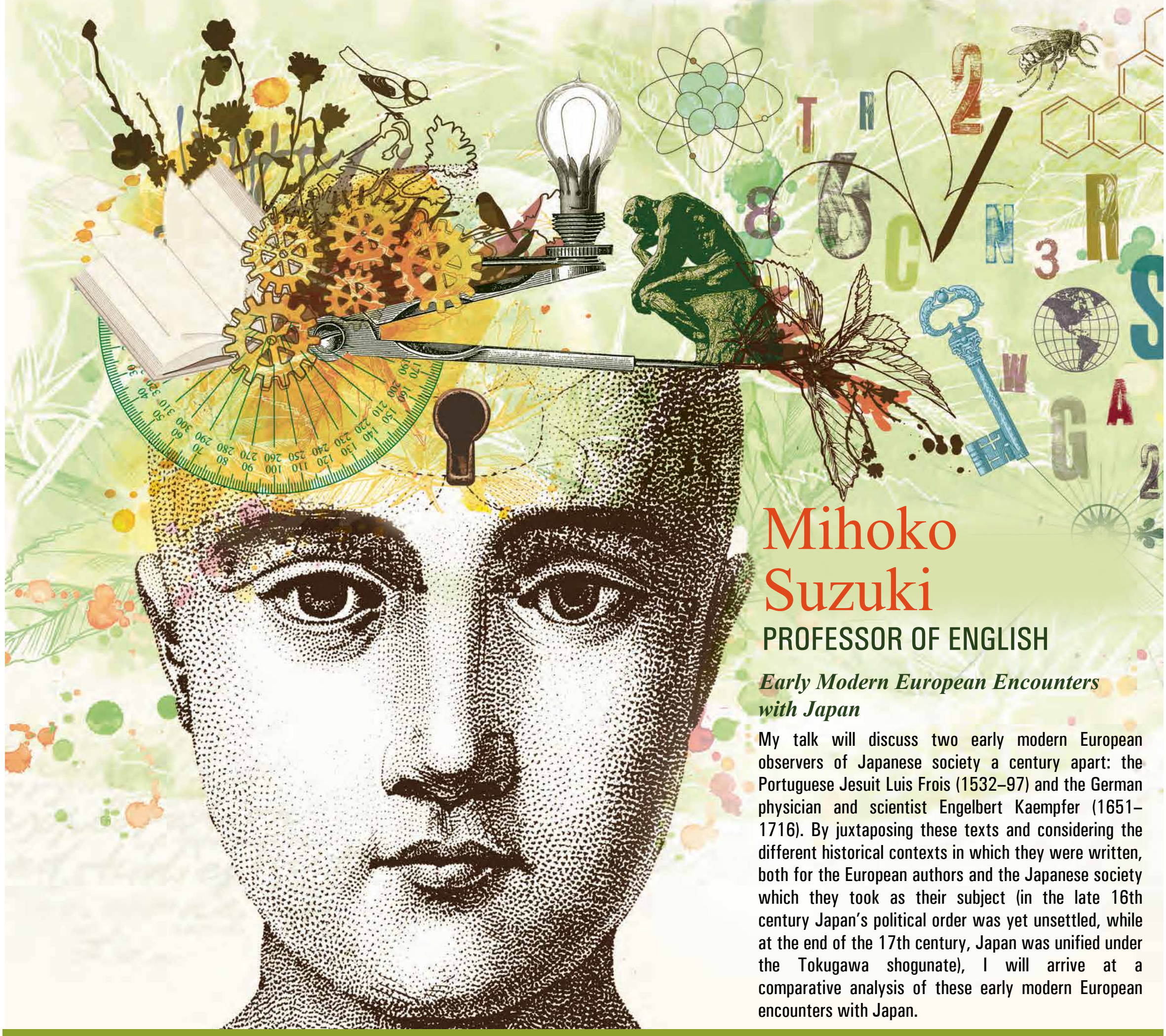

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Early Modern European Encounters with Japan

My talk will discuss two early modern European observers of Japanese society a century apart: the Portuguese Jesuit Luis Frois (1532–97) and the German physician and scientist Engelbert Kaempfer (1651–1716). By juxtaposing these texts and considering the different historical contexts in which they were written, both for the European authors and the Japanese society which they took as their subject (in the late 16th century Japan's political order was yet unsettled, while at the end of the 17th century, Japan was unified under the Tokugawa shogunate), I will arrive at a comparative analysis of these early modern European encounters with Japan.

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