

## **Takamura ha Shindō Yōshin Ryū Seminar with Toby Threadgill (USA)**

Kaicho and Menkyo Kaiden Takamura ha Shindō Yōshin Ryū

### **Introduction**

Shindō Yōshin Ryū (SYR) is a Koryu school founded in 1864 by Matsuoka Katsunosuke. An authorized branch lineage, the Ohbata/Takamura lineage, is led today as Takamura Ha Shindo Yoshin Ryū (TSYR) by Toby Threadgill as Kaicho and Menkyo Kaiden. SYR was fundamental in the founding of Wadō Ryū. The founder of Wadō Ryū, Hironori Otsuka, studied SYR under a licensed instructor named Tatsusaburō Nakayama.

### **The TSYR Seminar in Berlin**

From November 17 - 19, 2023 an open TSYR seminar with Toby Threadgill Sensei took place in Berlin. Threadgill Sensei was assisted by Brent Carey (Colorado, USA), Marco Pinto (Santarem, Portugal) and Eric Winters (California, USA).

A total of 106 participants - 60 TSYR members and 46 Wado Ryu and Shito Ryu karateka - from Germany, France, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Finland, Britain, Italy, Canada, and Hungary trained and learned together.

The training was divided into two groups: TSYR members and guests. The focus was on kihon and selected kata from Taijutsu no Maki and, for TSYR members, also kata from Buki no Maki such as Batto.

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