

Contemporary Japan: Family in Transition

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Saturday, 23 January 2016

Morning Session: 10:00am—12:30pm

“Family” as seen through the lenses of Doctoral Researchers

Lei Xiao: : Far from ‘*muen*’: The Meanings of ‘Family’ to Japanese Single Women

Ksenia Kurochkina: “Gasoline is my boyfriend”: Rural Resettlers' Family Relations in Japan"

Mira Malick: Bad Boys, Good Sons: Music as Leisure and Labour in Japan

Maya Houser: Risk Perception in the Aftermath of the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Accident: Dilemmas and Struggles Faced by Families in Minamisoma

Noriko Fujita: Tenkin and Infertility: New Challenges for Living-Apart Families

Discussants: Jane Bachnik, Independent Scholar

Haeng-ja Chung, Okayama University

12:30—2pm Lunch

Afternoon session I: 2:00pm—4:30pm

Enacting ‘Family’ in the 20-teens

Sachiko Horiguchi, Temple University Japan Campus: Mobilizing Family Dynamics for Recovery: Hikikomori (Youth Social Withdrawal) and the Japanese Family

Soon May Lum, Independent Scholar: Active Older Adults and their “On Call” Families in Contemporary Japan

Allen Kim, International Christian University: Letter to Dad: Accounts of Japanese Fathering from Adult Children

Yoshie Moriki, International Christian University: Mothering and Culturally Valued work in Contemporary Japanese society

Michiko Sambe, NIPSSR: Same Sex Parenting in Japan: the Case of Lesbian Parents

Discussants: Muriel Jolivet, Sophia University

Gavin Whitelaw, International Christian University

4:30pm—5pm Coffee Break

-Afternoon Session II: 5pm—6:30pm

Views from Transnational Families

Muge Igarashi, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies: Gender Roles and Balance of Power in Turkish-Japanese Transnational Marriages

Ksenia Golovina, University of Tokyo: The Challenges of Intercultural Marriages in Japan: Russian Female Migrants Married to Japanese Men

Discussant: Masako Kudo, Kyoto Women's University

6:30pm—8pm: Reception