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"Expanding Protection: Refugee Advocacy and Changing State-Society Relations in Japan"



Speaker:

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Attendance free, no registration required

"Expanding Protection: Refugee Advocacy and Changing State-Society Relations in Japan" is based on a current book manuscript.

How and why with relatively small numbers of refugees and significant social exclusivity has human rights networking for refugee protection emerged? How does networking reshape state-society relations to move Japan from commitment to compliance with the Refugee Convention and international norms of protection? In an ethnographic and bottom-up focus on refugee advocacy networking in Asia, Associate Professor Petrice R. Flowers' research provides a novel take on the role of NGOs and transnational advocacy networks in moving states from initial rhetorical and legal commitments to actual compliance with human rights norms.

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