

Asian Migrations Seminar Series
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Book talk: “*Help (Not) Wanted: Immigration Politics in Japan*”



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Time : 9:00 – 10:30 JST

Venue : Online - Zoom

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Why has Japan’s immigration policy remained so restrictive, especially in light of economic, demographic, and international political forces that are pushing Japan to admit more immigrants? Michael Strausz will answer this question by drawing on insights from nearly two years of intensive field research in Japan. In addition to answering this question by outlining the central argument of his 2019 book, *Help (Not) Wanted: Immigration Politics in Japan*, this presentation provides context to recent developments in Japanese immigration policy – particularly the December 2018 creation of new “Specified Skills Visas,” the role of immigration in the 2019 House of Councilors election, and the immigration policy response to the COVID pandemic.

Michael Strausz is an Associate Professor of Political Science and the Director of Asian Studies at Texas Christian University. He earned his PhD in Political science from the University of Washington. He is currently editing a book by an interdisciplinary group of scholars tentatively titled “The Past and Future of Immigration in Japan” which aims to put recent immigration reforms into context. His book “*Help (Not) Wanted: Immigration Politics in Japan*” was published in 2019 with SUNY Press.