

TALK AND FILM SCREENING EVENT

US&Them: Korean Indie Rock in a K-Pop World

October 27 (Monday), 2025 17:00-18:40
Building 19, Room 610, Waseda University
This event is free and open to all!



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THIS TALK AND THE ACCOMPANYING SCREENING SITUATES KOREAN INDIE AND PUNK ROCK WITHIN A BROADER CONTEXT IN ORDER TO DEMONSTRATE HOW WHAT MAY SEEM A BYWAY WITHIN KOREAN CULTURE SERVES AS A USEFUL INDEX OF IMPORTANT RECENT SOCIETAL TRANSFORMATIONS. HOW SHOULD OBSERVERS UNDERSTAND "KOREAN" "INDIE" MUSIC AND ITS MEANINGS? HOW HAVE THE LOCAL PUNK AND INDIE SCENES DEVELOPED IN CONCERT WITH, AND IN CONTRAST TO, K-POP?

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