

# Symposium on Utopia/Dystopia, Race, Nation シンポジウム：ユートピア／ディストピア、 人種、国家

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**How can utopian thought help us understand the nationalistic uses of race/ethnicity in positive, negative, and other ways?** Join students and faculty from Waseda University, Keio University, Kobe University, and the University of Tokyo, along with two special guests from the US—**University of Florida's Phillip E. Wegner** (*Imaginary Communities: Utopia, the Nation, and the Spatial Histories of Modernity*, 2002; *Invoking Hope: Theory and Utopia in Dark Times*, 2020) and **Rutgers University's Alex Zamalin** (*Black Utopia: The History of an Idea from Black Nationalism to Afrofuturism*, 2019; *The Ends of Resistance: Making and Unmaking Democracy*, 2024)—as we discuss the intersections of utopia, race/ethnicity, nation, gender/sexuality, social class, and more. Questions and comments from the audience are encouraged.

## MONDAY, MARCH 17 / 3月17日 (月曜日)

10:00-10:30 welcome and opening remarks

10:30-11:15 **Edward K. CHAN**, professor, Faculty of Letters, Arts and Sciences (Waseda University)—**Exhausting White Nationalism**

11:15-12:00 **TOYOTA (CHOW) Kaomi (Jia Wen)**, graduate student, Global Japanese Literary and Cultural Studies (Waseda University)—**Imagining Japanese Identity in Contemporary Japan**

12:00-13:15 lunch break

13:15-14:00 **Michael LARSON**, assistant professor, Faculty of Law (Keio University)—**Samuel R. Delany's *Dhalgren* and Utopia without Totality**

14:00-14:45 **SAKAMOTO Azumi**, graduate student, Graduate School of International Culture and Communication Studies (Waseda University)—**Invasive Species and Nationalist Fears: Racialized Narratives of the African "Killer" Bee**

14:45-15:00 wrap-up session

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**TUESDAY, MARCH 18 / 3月18日 (火曜日)**

10:00-10:15 opening remarks

**10:15-11:15** Phillip E. WEGNER, professor and Marston-Milbauer Eminent Scholar in English, Department of English (University of Florida)—*Dystopia, Allegory, and Utopia in the Contemporary Novel*

**11:15-12:00** IRIE Tomoko, graduate student, Global Japanese Literary and Cultural Studies (Waseda University)—*Racial/National Identity in Dystopia: An Analysis of Sakasama no Patema*

12:00-13:15 lunch break

**13:15-14:00** Forrest BOR, undergraduate student, Global Studies in Japanese Culture (Waseda University)—*The “Demi-human” as a (non)racial Other in Tokyo Ghoul* (Sui Ishida)

**14:00-14:45** NAKAMURA Asami, lecturer in English literature, Graduate School of Intercultural Studies (Kobe University)—*Queering Waste in Fresh Kill* (1994) by Shu Lea Cheang and *Slow River* (1995) by Nicola Griffith

14:45-15:00 wrap-up session

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19 / 3月19日 (水曜日)**

10:00-10:15 opening remarks

**10:15-11:15** Alex ZAMALIN, department chair of Africana Studies and professor of Africana studies and political science (Rutgers University)—*The Future of Utopia: Thinking with Afrofuturism*

**11:15-12:00** Eric MARGOLIS, graduate student, Global Japanese Literary and Cultural Studies (Waseda University)—*“Japaneseness” as a Paratext: Reading National Identity Out of Translated Contemporary Fiction*

12:00-13:15 lunch break

**13:15-14:00** IIDA Mayu, project lecturer, College of Arts and Sciences (University of Tokyo)—*You Can Only Be the Utopia/n: Racial Politics and Utopianism amid Troubled Times*

**14:00-14:45** MORITA Norimasa, professor, Graduate School of International Culture and Communication Studies (Waseda University)—*British Skinhead Culture and the National Front*

14:45-15:00 wrap-up session

**Access:**

20-minute walk from Takadanobaba Station, JR Yamanote Line / JR山手線 高田馬場駅から徒歩20分

20-minute walk from Takadanobaba Station, Seibu Shinjuku Line / 西武新宿線 高田馬場駅から徒歩20分

3-minute walk from Waseda Station, Tokyo Metro Tōzai Line / 地下鉄東京メトロ東西線 早稲田駅から徒歩3分

12-minute walk from Nishi-Waseda Station on the Fukutoshin Line / 副都心線 西早稲田駅から徒歩12分