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【タイトル】 GRASSROOTS SOCIAL MOVEMENTS AS BRIDGES BETWEEN JAPAN
AND ITS EAST ASIAN NEIGHBOURS



In recent decades conflicts over history and memory have repeatedly caused tensions between Japan and its East Asian neighbours. These conflicts, and the search for reconciliation, have been the subject of extensive research and scholarly debate. At an official level, efforts to achieve reconciliation have included the creation of joint committees of historians such as the committees for Japan-Korea Joint

History Research (established in 2002) and for Japan-China Joint Historical Research (established in 2006). Meanwhile, however, a range of small grassroots social movements within Japan – often based in non-metropolitan areas – have also been engaged in projects to promote understanding and reconciliation between Japan and its Asian neighbours. The work of these groups has so far received relatively little attention from media or academic researchers. Focusing on case studies, this seminar aims to highlight the work of grass-roots social movements as bridge-builders between Japan and neighbouring Asian countries, and to examine both the future potential and limitations of their bridge-building activities.