

2014 OCHANOMIZU SUMMER PROGRAMME IN ENGLISH

Theme III: Cross-Border Issues of Japan and the World

テーマⅢ： 国境を越えて考える——日本と世界

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[Outline]

Today, in a globalizing age, we observe that various kinds of transactions that go over national borders are increasing. The world has been transformed on the structural level in that the social constitutions are now reformed from national base to transnational and global base. In this program, we will learn some issues which Japan and the world today are confronting, putting the main focus on the human and social science. Especially, you can learn about the unique positioning of Japan within a globalizing world.

[Lecture Summaries]

Harumi KITABAYASHI

(Monday 4 August, 9:00-12:10)

Historical review of mother and child health in Japan and
its application to international cooperation: social policy and women's life course

(日本の母子保健の歴史を振り返る：社会政策と女性のライフコース)

Japanese women enjoy life expectancy of 86.41, the highest in the world in 2013. The decline in child mortality contributed to longer life expectancy, which had started as early as 1920's, the period when Japan was struggling to catch up with western developed countries. Factors of lower child mortality in Japan, such as social policies in public health and education are reviewed. In the latter part of the class, Japan's experience of rapid fertility decline which started in 1950's is examined from the perspective of women's life course. Students are expected to participate in discussions on applicability of Japan's experience to developing countries of the world.

Yumiko TANAKA

(Tuesday 5 August, 9:00-12:10)

Cross-border trafficking in persons (TIP) in the Greater Mekong Sub-region (GMS):

What can we do for its prevention and protection of victims?

(メコン地域における国境を越える人身取引：私たちに何ができるだろうか?)

The cross-border trade in men, women and children for sexual exploitation, forced labor or slavery is the fastest growing criminal industry in the world. Japan is a destination of victim of trafficking, particularly those from Asia. The aim of the class is to understand the social background, the present situations of cross-border trafficking in persons in the Southeast Asian countries, as well as the multi-sectoral anti- trafficking actions taken by the governments and networks of civil organizations in the GMS and Japan. The class consists of lecture and discussions among students.

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(Tuesday 5 August, 13:20-16:30)

**** Lecture details are to be announced ****

Leo Aoi HOSOYA
(Wednesday 6 August, 9:00-12:10;
Thursday 7 August, 9:00-12:10)

Not Just Nutrition: International Exchanges and Culinary Culture
(食文化を通してみる異文化交流)

Do you think 'food' is a trivial, non-academic issue? If so, you will miss one of most significant issues for discussion of culture and intercultural exchanges! Food is, in fact, the basis of almost all aspects of human culture and connected with diverse kinds of issues such as politics, religion, and so on. From the scope of culinary culture, we can effectively develop an idea of intercultural relationships and ways to mutual understandings. The four sessions consist of lectures and discussions, and through them, we will explore multicultural culinary culture focusing on food processing/cooking techniques and food symbolism, and routes of Japanese culinary culture.

Yasushi ISHIDA
(Friday 8 August, 9:00-12:10)

Issues in Ethics
(倫理学の諸問題)

This class provides an introduction to the discussions of ethics and related issues. The two sessions consist of lectures and discussions that focus on ethics, both theoretical aspects and practical issues; in particular, we will explore those issues that present cross-border crises today. After studying some important concepts in ethics, we will pick up a couple of everyday-life topics such as environmental problems (i.e., typical modern cross-border issues), to discuss their ethical significance. We will look at historically noteworthy Japanese environmental problems as well. Through the discussions in class, it is my hope that the participants will get a good understanding of the ethical concepts and ethical ways of thinking.

Makoto KOBAYASHI
(Saturday 9 August, 9:00-12:10)

Summarizing the lecture: Hot cross-border issues in the contemporary world.
(講義のまとめ——現代世界における国境を越えた論争点)

We have learned some issues that occurred beyond national borders and that these phenomena constitute the significant aspects of the contemporary world. In final hours of the program, we will have free discussion to summarize the lecture.

FIELD STUDY

instructed by Yukio ARAI

(Friday 8 August, 13:00-17:30)

Tokyo as Spectacle of the Urban Culture

(東京という都市現象)

We will visit some places in Metropolitan Tokyo such as outstanding land marks, traditional area, museums, and so on to know how cross-border cultural issues are crystallizing in a local urban spots of Tokyo.