

HITOTSUBASHI UNIVERSITY
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

GLOBAL LEADERS PROGRAM

WORKSHOP 2017

THEME: "DIVERSITY IN JAPAN"

DEC. 18 (MON)
DEC. 19 (TUES)
17:30-20:45

FACULTY BUILDING 3,
LEVEL 3
第3研究館 3階



* This event is limited to Hitotsubashi University students. To sign up, email glp@soc.hit-u.ac.jp

What is a diverse society? What does diversity mean? Is it necessary to recognize diversity in different social contexts? What are some of the problems that individuals of different backgrounds and social groups experience? These are some of the questions that we will tackle in the first Faculty of Social Sciences Global Leaders Program (GLP) workshop.

In addition to four guest talks, our GLP students will present their research on diversity issues in Japan. There will be plenty of time for interaction and discussion - join us and share your thoughts and opinions!

GUEST SPEAKERS



MIKI DEZAKI is a graduate student in the Graduate School of Global Studies, Sophia University. He is known as "Medamasensei" on Youtube, where he has made comedy videos and videos on social issues in Japan. He is currently working on a documentary on the comfort women issue.

BAYE MCNEIL is an author, columnist, lecturer and activist, born and raised in Brooklyn, NY. He is the author of two books on life in Japan, and his column, "Black Eye" (featured in The Japan Times) focuses on the image of "blackness" in Japan and the lives of people of color from the African continent and the diaspora living in Japan.



RYUKO KUBOTA is a Professor in the Department of Language and Literacy Education at the University of British Columbia. Her research draws on critical approaches to applied linguistics and second language education, focusing on race, culture, and language ideology.



ALEXANDRA HAMBLETON received a Ph.D. from the University of Tokyo, and is currently an assistant professor at the Faculty of Foreign Studies, Bunkyo Gakuin University. She has published articles examining female sexuality, media, and pornography.



12/18 (MONDAY)

TOPIC 1: POLITICS AND FREEDOM OF SPEECH (17:30-19:00)

SPEAKER: Miki Dezaki (Sophia University)
"Racism in Japan: My experience with the netto-uyoku and censorship"

STUDENT PRESENTATIONS:

Rio Uehara, Yoshitake Yano, Makoto Ouchi

DISCUSSION

BREAK (19:00-19:15)

TOPIC 2: MEDIA AND REPRESENTATION (19:15-20:45)

SPEAKER: Baye McNeil (Author, lecturer, activist)
"Black in Japan: Defining and Disseminating "Blackness" in Japan"

STUDENT PRESENTATIONS:

Erika Sawada, Fuyuka Sato, Riku Shimada

DISCUSSION

TOPIC 3: EDUCATION (17:30-19:00)

SPEAKER: Ryuko Kubota (University of British Columbia)
"Myths and realities of global business communication: Insights from Japanese corporate workers' experiences in Asia"

STUDENT PRESENTATIONS:

Manako Mukai, Hayato Yamada, Yvonne Koh

DISCUSSION

BREAK (19:00-19:15)

TOPIC 4: CHOICES AND STRATEGIES (19:15-20:45)

SPEAKER: Alexandra Hambleton (Bunkyo Gakuin University)
"Foolish or Free? Women and Consumer Culture in Contemporary Japan"

STUDENT PRESENTATIONS:

Chen Xirui, Sayaka Yanagi, Tomoya Nishira

DISCUSSION

12/19 (TUESDAY)