

2016 OCHANOMIZU UNIVERSITY SUMMER PROGRAM

- JAPANESE CULTURE AND SOCIETY -

Course 1: Gender in Japan and the Globalizing World

コース 1: 日本およびグローバル化する世界におけるジェンダー

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[Outline]

The aim of this course is to understand several aspects of today's gender problems in a dynamic way. You can notice that how the contemporary societies, not only in Japan but also in the world, are constituted on the historical and structural location of gender. Some small assignments will be given to you, such as a short report and home research.

[Lecture Summaries]

Yukari SEMBA

(Monday 18 July, 9:00-12:10)

Reproductive Medicine and Gender

Around the world, many couples are suffering from fertility problems. Reproductive medicine helps some infertile people, but women always have to bear the major burden physically and psychologically during treatments even if it is the man who has the fertility problem. In this course, we will discuss reproductive medicine and gender.

Nobuko NAGASE

(Tuesday 19 July, 9:00-12:10)

Labor Practice, Social Protection and Gender Issues

I will give overview of Japanese employment system, labor market and gender gap in employment and income. Features of Japanese social protection, such as public pension provision, medical insurance and long-term care insurance will be discussed. We will discuss what value system support social institution, and how the institutions affect income disparity by gender.

Keichi KUMAGAI

(Wednesday 20 July, 9:00-12:10)

Changing Masculinities in Japanese Youth

In this lecture, I highlight a change in Japanese young men and masculinities in relation to the recent socio-economic transformation in Japan. As the prevalence of non-regular employment in the labour market, the Japanese young men no longer rely on the post-war family model of becoming breadwinners. I hypothetically present the several types of newly emerging masculinities; soshokukei-danshi (lit. herbivorous boy), otaku and neto-uyo or petit/neo-nationalist, as well as ikumen. Further discussion on its implication for the Japan's future will be shared with participants.

Marcelo DE ALCANTARA
(Thursday 21 July, 9:00-12:10)

Gender and the Law

The purpose of this section is to provide an overview of gender equality issues in Japan and discuss the challenges for Japan in comparative perspective, focusing in particular on cases involving family life and reproduction.

Makoto KOBAYASHI
(Friday 22 July, 9:00-12:10)

Surveying Gender Problem in the Globalizing World

Concluding group discussions and personal presentations will be held. You would understand how gender problems are constituted in each of the peculiar ways and how they affect today's societies in the world.