

Crisis and Hope for Japanese Youth

Saturday, November 30, 2013

09:30 -19:00 (JST)

Venue: Room *Châtelet* (4th floor), Shufu Kaikan (Plaza F), Tokyo, Japan

青少年研究会は「Crisis and Hope for Japanese Youth」と題する国際会議を2013年11月30日(土)に開催します。参加を希望される方は、11月22日(金)までに、次のサイトからお申し込みください (Participants should register by the deadline, November 22) → <http://goo.gl/puZivR>

※会場収容人数には限りがありますので、申し込み多数の場合には先着順となる可能性があります。

※本会議は JSPS 科研費 23243065 (基盤研究 A「流動化社会における都市青年文化の経時的実証研究——世代間/世代内比較分析を通じて」) の助成を受けた調査研究の成果報告を兼ねています。

Conference themes

This conference aims at understanding the reality of crisis Japanese youth have been facing and examining the possibility of hope for them with empirical and comparative approach. Three sessions are organized about crisis and hope in family formation and partnership, social and political participation, and transition and life planning respectively.

The first question is what or where the crisis is for youth. A lot of people have been talking about "Youth Problems" or "Youth Crisis" since late 1990s in Japan like other advanced societies. They, however, do not necessarily ground their understanding of youth on empirical data. As a result, "Problems" or "Crisis" are sometimes like urban folklores or just false stories. "Worsening youth crime in Japan" is one of those stories. We need to approach crisis for youth in a more empirical and comparative way.

The second question is what or where the possible hope is for youth. Crisis sometimes has possibility for hope inside because when existing system fails, they can find room for various alternative ways. For example, when they face difficulty making family or they are not willing to do so, they could start to try new ways of living together. Thus understanding the reality of crisis can help us to tackle the second question.

Japan Youth Study Group has been conducting time series survey since early 1990s. Based on the third survey data collected in 2012, we will try to answer those two questions. We also try to introduce comparative perspective by inviting guest presenters from abroad.

Program

09:30-09:40 Registration

09:40-09:55 Opening Address

Masayuki FUJIMURA, President of Japan Youth Study Group and Professor at Sophia University

10:00-12:00 **Session 1 Crisis and hope in family formation and partnership**

Chair: Ichiyo HABUCHI, Hirotsuki University

Presenter 1: Prof. Shin TOMABECHI

Parent-Child Relationships in Urban Areas: An Analysis of how these Relationships Vary with Children's Life Courses and Residence Patterns

Presenter 2: Prof. CHOU Dienfang

The Promotion of Anti-declining Birthrate in Taiwan

12:00-14:00 Lunch Break

14:00-16:00 **Session 2 Crisis and hope in social and political participation**

Chair: Tomohiko ASANO, Tokyo Gakugei University

Presenter 1: Mr. Tomohiro FUJITA

Japanese Youth Attitudes towards their Country

Presenter 2: Prof. Anita HARRIS

Crisis, Hope or Something In-Between?: 'Ordinary' Young People and Contemporary Forms of Participation

16:00-16:15 Break Time

16:15-18:15 **Session 3 Crisis and hope in transition and life planning**

Chair: Mikito TERACHI, International University of Japan

Presenter 1: Dr. Tomokazu MAKINO

The Transformation of School to Work Transition System in Japan and Youth Job

Consciousness

Presenter 2: Dr. Jaana LÄHTEENMAA

Extreme and Reflexive Trying Among the Young Unemployed: A Result of Being Between Fear and Hope?

18:15-18:45 Discussion

18:45-19:00 Closing Remarks

19:30-21:30 Reception (for applicants)

Presenter Profiles

Shin TOMABECHI Associate Professor,
Faculty of Education, Tokyo Gakugei University
Research Themes: Sociology, Social Problems, Family Studies.

Areas of Specialization: Social Problems, Social Constructions of Family, Qualitative Research Methods

Publications:

Book

Communication Survival of Youth People. (Co-editor) Kouseishakouseikaku, 2006.

Articles

1996 "Which Will You Select at First, Marriage or Love?: From the Rhetoric of 'Fuufu-Bessei Problem'", *Annals of Family Studies*, 21: 62-73.

2000 "Narrative of 'Joshikousei(High-School Girls)' Problem: From the Analysis of the Magazine Articles about 'Joshikousei(High-School Girls)' 1990's", *Shakaigaku Ronshuu*, 24: 133-151.

2002 "Family in the Interactions: the Approach of Social Constructionism by Gubrium and Holstein", *The Social Psychology of Interaction*, Hokujushuppan: 159-175.

CHOU Dienfang Associate Professor,
Department of Communication, Tzu Chi University (Taiwan)

Research theme: sociology, communication study, gender, Japan Study

Interested in: 1) 台湾における少子化対策とメディア政策、2) 台湾におけるヤオイ現象、3) ネットいじめ問題、4) メディアリテラシー

Papers:

Chou, D. (2011.06.08). The Promotion of Anti-declining Birthrate in Taiwan. The 17th International Conference of the International Association of Intercultural Communication Studies (IAICS). Chiapas, Mexico.

周典芳 (2011.05.29). 台湾における少子化現象：政府のメディア施策を中心に。関西社会学会第62回大会。甲南女子大学、日本：神戸。

周典芳 (2011.05). 台湾でのネットいじめの実態と対策。現代のエスプリ。No. 526, 149-156。東京：ぎょうせい。

周典芳 (2010.05.30). 台湾におけるヤオイ同人文化：作者インタビューによって見えたヤオイの世界。関西社会学会第61回大会。名古屋市立大学、日本：名古屋。

周典芳 (2010.05.30). 台湾におけるヤオイ同人文化：作者インタビューによって見えたヤオイの世界。関西社会学会第61回大会。名古屋市立大学、日本：名古屋。

Chou, D. (2010.04). Exploring the Meaning of Yaoi in Taiwan for the Female Readers: From the

Perspective of Gender. *Journal of Intercultural Communication Studies*. 19(1), 78-90.

周典芳 (2010.03). 台湾におけるヤオイ読者の男性同性愛に対する意識。情報コミュニケーション学研究。No.8/9, 53-65。

周典芳 (2009.09). 台湾におけるヤオイ現象：読者インタビューから見出したヤオイの理由。日本ジェンダー研究。No.12, 41-55。

Chou, D. (2009.09.18). An Investigation of Females' Reading on Homosexual Manga and Novels: A Yaoi Phenomenon in Taiwan. The 15th International Conference of the International Association of Intercultural Communication Studies (IAICS). Kumamoto, Japan.

Chen, G. M., Chou, D., Pan, B., & Chang, C. (2008.01). An Analysis of Tzu Chi's Public Communication Campaign on Body Donation. *China Media Research*, 4(1), 56-61.

Tomohiro FUJITA PhD Candidate
(His current affiliation is St. Andrews University.)

Research Theme: Cultural Sociology

Main Research Achievement:

Fujita, T. 2013, "Changing Japanese Attitudes towards Foreign Countries 1993-2008," International Seminar on Changing Values of Japan Society, Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences, Hanoi & Ho Chi Minh, 19 & 22, February.

Fujita, T. 2013, "J rigu ni okeru sakka imin no tokusei to henka (Football Migrants in the J. League: Features and Trends)," *Japan Journal of Sport Sociology* 21(1):101-110.

Anita HARRIS Associate Professor of Sociology, Monash University (Australia)

Anita Harris is an Associate Professor of Sociology at Monash University, Australia, where she holds an Australian Research Council Future Fellowship. Her research interests include youth identities and cultures in the context of: citizenship, participation and new politics; globalisation and multiculturalism, and gender and girls' studies. She is currently undertaking two major projects looking at young people's construction of civic life: 'Young People and Social Inclusion in the Multicultural City' and 'The Civic Life of Young Australian Muslims: Active Citizenship, Community Belonging and Social Inclusion' and has recently completed a project on young people's emergent practices of

political engagement and civic connection (with Johanna Wyn).

She has written widely on young people and changing forms of political and civic practice. Her books include *Young People and Everyday Multiculturalism* (Routledge 2013), *Future Girl: Young Women in the 21st Century* (Routledge, 2004); *Next Wave Cultures: Feminism, Subcultures, Activism* (ed; Routledge, 2008) and *All About the Girl* (ed; Routledge, 2004). She is a member of the international advisory board of the European Commission FP7 project 'Processes influencing Democratic Ownership and Participation', and an Associate Editor of *the Journal of Youth Studies*.

Tomokazu MAKINO Research Fellow,
Japan Society for the Promotion of Science

Research Theme: Self, Self-Help Discourse, Juvenile Crime

Publications:

Makino, T., (2012) *Jiko keihatsu no jidai: 'Jiko' no bunkashakaigaku teki tankyū (The age of self-development: A cultural and sociological inquiry into 'self')*, Tokyo: Keisō Shobō.

Makino, T., (2013), "School to work transition and youth views on labour in Japan," in Helena Helve and Karen Evans (eds.) *Youth and Work Transitions in Changing Social Landscapes*, Tufnell Press.

Jaana LÄHTEENMAA Professor of Youth Studies, University of Tampere (Finland); Senior Researcher, Department of Social Sciences, University of Helsinki (Finland); In a research project "YOUNG-PAC" financed by the Academy of Finland

Her overall research interest include youth cultures, youth policy and the discourses on "Youth problems" as well as the governance of youth in (as far: the European) societies. Empirical data she has gathered in Finland, during and between two economic recessions (from the beginning of the 1990's to these days). In the "Young-PAC" - research project she and two colleagues study especially activating labour market policies that are directed at the young unemployed: both the experiences of the young themselves, the policies and the public image of those policies and its reception among the young.

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