THINKTANK: AJJ's 2026 Fall Workshop

PROGRAM

Location: Meiji Gakuin University Yokohama Campus, Brown Building (near main entrance)

Saturday November 7

12:30 Participants gather; lunch bento

13:30 **Presentation 1**
"Reassembling Publicness in a Tokyo Shōtengai: Working Notes from Togoshi Ginza"
Sandy Jiyoon Kim, PhD candidate, Hawaii University
Mentor: Prof. Tom Gill, Meiji Gakuin University
Commentator: Marie Ulrich

15:00 Tea Break

15:15 **Presentation 2**
"The Liminality of Recovery: Namie after the Fukushima Nuclear Disaster"
Yang Xue, PhD (U of Tokyo); independent scholar
Mentor: Prof. Andrea de Antoni, University of Kyoto
Commentator: Joshua Feng

16:45 Tea Break

17:00 **Presentation 3**
"Boundary-making and Belonging in a Kantō Team: Reflections from the Field"
Abigail Meyer, PhD candidate, University of Leeds; visiting researcher, Tōhoku University
Mentor: Prof. Gregory Poole, Dōshisha University
Commentator: Yang Xue

18:30 End of Day 1

19:30 Workshop dinner party

Sunday November 8

9:00 Breakfast

10:00 **Presentation 4**
“Formatting Jinmu: Myth, Memory, and Local Identity in Contemporary Miyazaki
Marie Ulrich PhD (Kanazawa University); independent scholar
Mentor: Prof. Debra Occhi, Miyazaki International College
Commentator: Abigail Meyer

11:30 Coffee Break

11:45 **Presentation 5**
“Rotting Capital: Greenhouse Logistics, Just-in-Time Seasonality, and the Miyazaki Mango”
Joshua Feng, PhD candidate, University of California, Berkeley
Mentor: Prof. Stephanie Assmann, University of Hyogo
Commentator: Sandy Jiyoon Kim

13:15 Lunch break

14:15 **General Concluding Discussion**

15:30 (or when participants agree) **End of the Workshop**

**** Anyone is welcome to participate in the workshop, in person or online, but advance registration is required. The deadline is Friday November 6 at 5pm.***

If you wish to participate in the workshop, please contact AJJ at this address:

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