

# Asian Studies Program

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## SOUTHERN JAPAN SEMINAR

### “Marginalization and Resistance in Global Japan”

Friday, March 10, 2017 | 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM | FIU Modesto A. Maidique Campus | GC 243

This year's Southern Japan Seminar (SJS) features a policy panel with three prominent scholars. The moderator will be Dr. Steven Heine, Professor and Director of Asian Studies at FIU.

#### “Rights Make Might: Global Human Rights and Minority Social Movements in Japan”

*Kiyoteru Tsutsui, University of Michigan Department of Sociology*

This presentation examines the mutually constitutive relationship between global institutions and local social movements by using interviews and archival data regarding Ainu as a thriving indigenous rights movement, resident Koreans as a successful social movement, and Burakumin as international human rights organization. An empirical analysis details how local actors consolidate and expand global human rights.

#### “Division of Gender: The Irradiated Body in Popular Accounts”

*Yuki Miyamoto, DePaul University Religious Studies*

The effect of radiation on the human body is still a contested issue in Japan after the Fukushima nuclear power plant accident in 2011. The unfortunate occurrence of discrimination against the Fukushima refugees reminds us of the shunned atomic bomb victims after 1945. I explore various narratives related to public perceptions as well as policies towards and resistance strategies from victims of the Fukushima disaster.

#### “Kakekomidera (Temples of Refuge): Japan's Declining Day Labor Districts' Potential as Neighborhoods Promoting Human Security”

*Matthew D. Marr, Florida International University Department of Global and Sociocultural Studies*

In postwar Japan, major urban areas have yoseba districts where those excluded from mainstream labor markets find day labor and community by socializing with social movement organizations. To show how global forces interact with local contexts, I draw on comparative ethnographic research conducted in Tokyo's Sanya and Osaka's Kamagasaki, plus similar neighborhoods in Los Angeles (Skid Row) and Miami (Overtown).

**This event is free and open to the public.**

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