

Toward the Future of Island Studies:

Networking International Young Scholars 2022

The Research Institute for Islands and Sustainability (RIIS) at University of the Ryukyus will hold an international research conference to share the research results of young researchers conducting research on the issues of island regions. We welcome participants from diverse academic backgrounds.

Part 1: Keynote (10:10~11:40)

"Okinawa's Blue Clerks: Farm Household Survey Legers and Their Silences"

Dr. Wendy Matsumura

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The title of this talk (and project) is indebted to Dionne Brand's The Blue Clerk: Ars Poetica in 59 Versos (2018), a work that has helped me radically rethink the way that I approach the archives of prewar Okinawa's farm households. I discuss what Brand's work offers to my reading of a set of documents called the Farm Household Survey, as well as what it does not offer by virtue of its situatedness within a long genealogy of intellectual work within Black diasporic studies. Following that, I lay out the specific sets of problematics within Okinawa studies that I seek to engage, focusing primarily on what historical narrative can (and cannot) offer for making sense of the lives of people who appear fleetingly in these materials.

Language: Japanese (No English translation will be provided)

Part 2: Paper Presentations

Session A $(12:40\sim14:20)$ The Actuality of Islands

Session B $(14:30\sim16:10)$ Multidisciplinary approaches to islands

Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 (JST)

Time: 10:00am-4:20pm(JST)

The conference will be held using Zoom (Webinar)

Advance registration is required (No registration fees). Registration Form (QR code): https://forms.gle/7CfC6EHebtS3vSny9

The deadline for applications is Sunday, January 16, 2022, at 5:00 p.m(JST).

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Program

Opening Remarks 10:00-10:10

So Hatano (Director, Research Institute for Islands and Sustainability, University of the Ryukyus)

[Keynote] 10 : 10 - 11 : 40

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Session A 12:40 - 14:20 The Actuality of Islands

Chair: Kei Kohagura (Research Institute for Islands and Sustainability, University of the Ryukyus)

Atsuko Itokazu (Graduate School of Social Sciences, Hitotsubashi University)

"Building a Child Poverty Policy in Okinawa

: The linkage between financial support by the government and of citizen activities"

Kikoto Zamami (Graduate School of Letters, Osaka University)

"Military land seizure, migration, and environmental destruction in the development of the northern region of Okinawa Island in the late 1950s"

Hanae Okamoto (Graduate School of Health Sciences, University of the Ryukyus)

"School responses to COVID-19 and their challenges in Asian and Pacific islands"

Session B 14:30∼16:10 Multidisciplinary approaches to Islands

Chair: Tomoyoshi Doi (Research Institute for Islands and Sustainability, University of the Ryukyus)

Shuhei Fujimoto (Graduate School of Human and Social Science, University of the Ryukyus)

"Education and Rights for Okinawan 'Mixed-blood children': Reading 'Reversion' from Seiji Shimota's 'Akemodoro'"

Shihoko Onaga (Graduate School of Human and Social Science, University of the Ryukyus)

"A Study of Sadako Yamazato's 'Soul Trip'

: Questioning the Impossibility of Self-Determination in Neoliberalism"

Erina Shimooka (University of Toulouse Jean Jaurès, Department of foreign languages)

"Comparison of the preamble of the French-Ryukyu convention: Reflection on the difference in understanding between the Ryukyu Kingdom and France"

【Closing Remarks】 16:10-16:20

Ayano Ginoza (Associate Professor, Research Institute for Islands and Sustainability, University of the Ryukyus)

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