

To International Students

You are all invited to the following Special Workshop by Dr. Shin Takahashi. Dr. Takahashi has a PhD from Australian National University and has done extensive work looking at multiculturalism and history in Okinawa. The themes discussed will focus on globalization, community and the concept of "home." This is not only a lecture but an interactive workshop and a good chance to interact with the Global Leader Course students.

"Return" to Home? Thinking of Place in a Globalized World

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Time: 10/11 (Wed) 16:10-17:40

Place: College of Cross-Cultural and Multidisciplinary Studies Lounge

Audience: GLC students and all International students

This talk/ workshop will focus on the concept of place to consider a condition of community in today's world, i.e. a sense of (dis)connection that the notion of place can offer. This is a geographical, territorial and physical concept, and yet it is also cultural and metaphorical. I consider this concept so as to highlight both disconnection and connection, or separation and affinity, that surrounds today's world we live in.

In naming my talk "Return' to Home", it will be based on my experience, yet a provocative session for students by questioning how we can think of more openly and inclusively, rather than merely exclusively, about the concept of locality as a node of interconnectedness of many different events, ideas and materiality, and as a crucial point of reference to understand the global as assemblage of many different flows of localities.

Bio:

Born to a family of Japanese returnees from Peru and a Korean mother in Yokohama, Dr. Takahashi worked for a year at Kumamoto University before moving to Kobe University. He completed his doctoral degree at Australian National University and carried out field research in Okinawa. His recent works include *Transnational Japan as History: Empire, Migration and Social Movements* (with Pedro Iacobelli and Danton Leary, 2016, published by Palgrave Macmillan), as well as several forthcoming articles.

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