Constructing a Satisfying Life Abroad and the Art of Crossing Boundaries

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Date: June 15th, 2016 (Wed)
Time: 6:30-8:00PM
Place: Room 10-301, 3F, Building 10, Sophia University Yotsuya Campus

Dr. Adam Komisarof will share discoveries about how to build a satisfying life working and living abroad from his new book, Crossing Boundaries and Weaving Intercultural Work, Life, and Scholarship in Globalizing Universities (published by Routledge and co-edited with Zhu Hua, Birkbeck College, University of London). He will first illustrate a new psychological acculturation framework by connecting it to his experience when he broke the notorious “Rice Paper Ceiling” as a member of his former university’s administration—a time when he and his Japanese colleagues ultimately built a highly effective intercultural team. He will also describe his book’s main findings about the coping strategies of transnational, transcultural professionals (from academia and other fields) which empower them to create a sense of belonging in their workplaces, actualize their job skills, and effectively manage many of the challenges of living abroad.

Dr. Adam Komisarof is a professor of intercultural communication and acculturation in Keio University's Faculty of Letters. He also teaches a course for mid-career business executives, training future global leaders at the Keio Business School. During the 2012-13 academic year, he served at the University of Oxford as a Senior Associate Member of St. Antony’s College and conducted research as a Visiting Academic at the Nissan Institute of Japanese Studies. Professor Komisarof’s presentations about his latest book, Crossing Boundaries and Weaving Intercultural Work, Life, and Scholarship in Globalizing Universities, have been sponsored by Oxford University’s Nissan Institute of Japanese Studies, Temple University Japan, and University of London’s Birkbeck College.