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Youth in Contemporary Society

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Session starts at 6pm
Sophia University, Yotsuya Campus
Bldg. #10, room 301

The Japanese economic bubble burst before many high school students were even born, and yet, they are very much living with its effects. The primary institutional of their lives--family, school and work--have been transformed in ways that we are only now starting to fully understand and document. This informal discussion is an attempt to map out how some of these cultural forms and social dynamics are related to the economic and political policy shifts in what is increasingly appearing to characterize a neoliberal society. Risk and opportunity, precariousness and mobility, a loss of faith and legitimacy in older institutionalize strategies and even aspirations, and the emergence of new sites of subjectivity and sociality.

No papers will be presented, but we will be lead a discussion around these topics to help us all better understand some of the implications of this unraveling and to identity those sites of creative and maybe critical perspective and participation.

Host:

Anne Allison is a professor of cultural anthropology at Duke University, who has worked on gender, popular culture and family.

David Slater is an associate professor of cultural anthropology at Sophia University and has worked on social class, education and youth labor market.

[Those who wish to participate, please contact Professor David Slater and register.](#)

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