

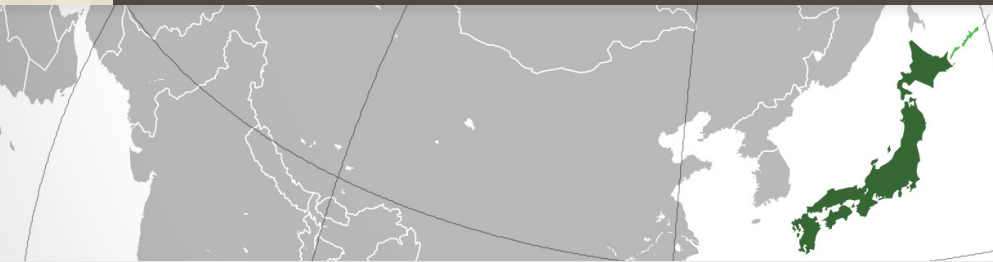


Inside/Out Japan:

Families Moving in Times of Socio-Cultural Change

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A public lecture co-sponsored
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Speakers: Professor Vera Mackie, Institute for Social Transformation Research, University of Wollongong and Associate Professor Leng Leng Thang, Department of Japanese Studies, National University of Singapore

Despite many decades of close economic and diplomatic ties between Australia and Japan, mainstream media coverage of that country continues to reinforce long-standing superficial stereotypes of a static, harmonious, mono-cultural and inward looking society. In reality, Japanese society has long been far more complex and multi-faceted than media stereotypes would suggest. Additionally, significant socio-economic and demographic shifts in recent decades, including a slowing economy, greater internationalization, population aging, and declining birth-rates, have further contributed to this complexity and diversity.

The two speakers in this public lecture focus on one particularly important socio-cultural institution – the family. They will look at how, in the context of globalization, transnational movement and socio-cultural change, meanings and practices associated with family and kinship are being re-shaped.

Professor Mackie will discuss the implications of these shifts on family dynamics within Japan, while Professor Thang will highlight the experiences of Japanese lifestyle migrants who, for varying reasons, have chosen to move to Southeast Asia or Australia. The issues raised in both presentations have implications beyond Japan, as similar demographic and socio-cultural processes are also at work across East and Southeast Asia, and in Australia.

Professor Vera Mackie is an Australian Research Council Future Fellow and Professor of Asian Studies at the Institute for Social Transformation Research, University of Wollongong. She has expertise in the fields of Japanese language and linguistics, Japanese history, gender studies and cultural studies.

Associate Professor Leng Leng Thang is with the Department of Japanese Studies at the National University of Singapore. She is a socio-cultural anthropologist with research interests on aging, intergenerational relationships, migration and gender, in Asia and Japan. Professor Thang is currently working on a project examining migration, aging and gender among Japanese women across the life course living in Southeast Asia.

This public lecture is linked to the workshop '**Configurations of Conventional and Non-Conventional Family Arrangements in Japan**', on 26-27 September 2011, at Trinity College, UWA.

Limited places are available to the general public. Contact Asst. Professor Romit Dasgupta, Asian Studies, UWA for more information: romit.dasgupta@uwa.edu.au.

Event Details

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This event is free and open to the public, no RSVP required.

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