



Sophia University Institute of Comparative Culture presents

# Migrant Foodways in Japan Workshop

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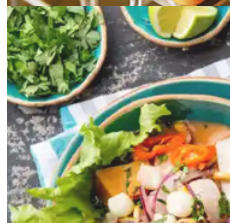
9:00~18:00

Room 301, building 10

Sophia University

In person only

No registration required





People are increasingly moving to Japan from other countries. With them, a broad array of migrant foodways are produced, localized, circulated, and consumed within and beyond these migrant communities. Yet research on migrant foodways in Japan remains scattered and opportunities that put researchers, practitioners and their work in conversation with one another have been rather few.

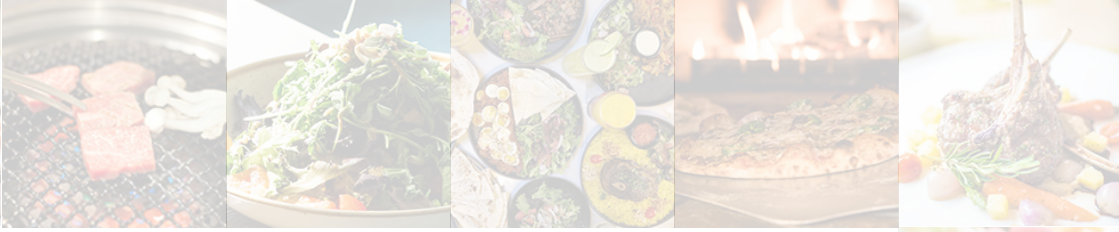
In this workshop, our food studies group gathered fellow researchers in migration studies, food studies, sociology, anthropology, as well as other disciplines to discuss and foster empirical research and new theoretical directions in the study of foodways of migrants in Japan.

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### Schedule:

**9:00 – 9:30** Opening Remarks – **James Farrer** (Sophia University)

**9:30 – 10:00** **Hart Feuer**, (co-author: Nami Yamamoto, Vien Thi-Thuc Dinh) (Kyoto University)  
*“Enhancing Immigrant Foodways in Japan as a Medium for Cultural Integration into Host Communities”*



**10:00 – 10:30 Takayuki Yamamoto** (Sophia University)  
*“Ritualizing Holidays: Exploring the Foodways of Mobile Migrants in Tokyo”*

**10:30 – 10:40** Coffee Break

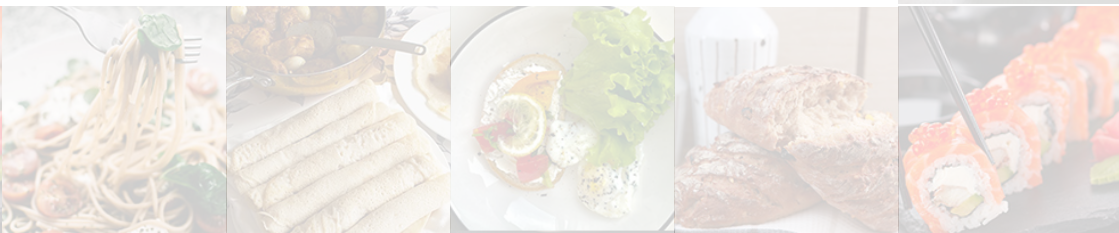
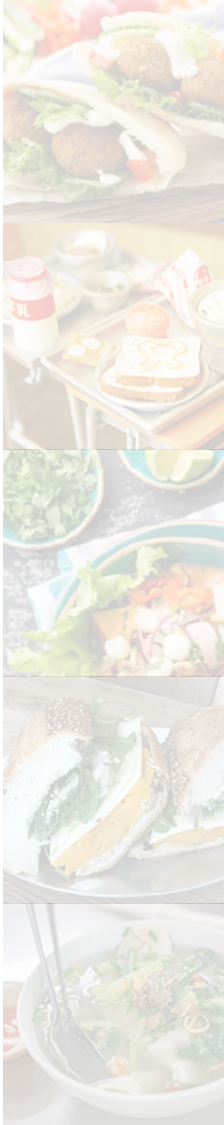
**10:40 – 11:10 Will Guzman** (Tokyo University)  
*“Plant-Based Eating in Contemporary Japan through the Instagram Hashtag #purantobēsufūdo”*

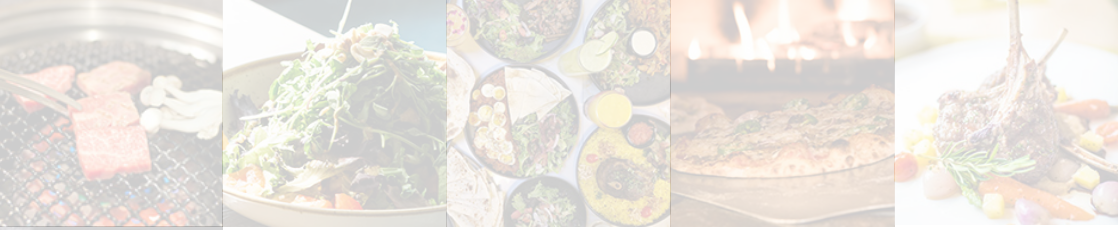
**11:10 – 11:40 Hyewon Shin** (Utsunomiya University)  
*“Changes in the Function and Position of “Korean” Food in Japan: Yakiniku, Samgyeopsal, and Cheese Dakgalbi”*

**12:10 – 13:10** Lunch Break

**13:10 – 13:40 Maumita Banerjee** (Waseda University)  
*“Re-Plating Indian Cuisine: National Cuisine and the Indian Diaspora in Contemporary Japan”*

**13:40 – 14:10 Carmen Tamas** (University of Hyogo)  
*“Polenta Vs. Sushi: Romanian Food and Nostalgia in Japan”*





**14:10 – 14:20** Coffee Break

**14:20 – 14:50** **Rumika Hillyer** (University of Portland)  
*“Cultural Identity, Class, and Economic Factors in the Perceptions of Brazilian Food in Japan”*

**14:50 – 15:20** **Marita Ibañez** (University of Tsukuba)  
*“A Latin American Foodscape in Japan: Peruvian and Brazilian Food in Jōsō”*

**15:20 – 15:30** Coffee Break

**15:30 – 16:00** **Hiroshi Kojima** (Waseda University)  
*“Halal Foodways and Transnational Family Structures among Muslim International Students in Japan”*

**16:00 – 16:30** **Rina Komiya** (Tokyo Metropolitan University)  
*“Diversity on the Plate: The Halal Meal Dilemma in Japan’s School Meal System”*

**17:30 – 18:00** Closing Remarks – **Stephanie Assmann** (University of Hyogo)



This workshop is organized by Sophia University Institute of Comparative Culture Collaborative Research Unit “[Sophia Food Studies: Mobilities, Sustainability and Ethics](#)”.

