

Session Program

4-5 Oct 2025



Living on the Edge 2025

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Kyoto Sangyo University

Saturday 4 October

10:45

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Session | **Location:** Kyoto Sangyo University

10:45-11:15 **Between Worlds: Navigating My Legitimacy and Identity in Japan**

Speaker

Adrienne Verla Uchida

11:30-12:00

Shifting Roles, Persistent Gaps: Non-Japanese Female Faculty Navigating Identity, Leadership, and Well-being in Japan

Speakers

Olivia Kennedy, Sandra Healy

12:00

13:30

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13:30-14:00

“You are autistic, so you can’t become a university professor”: A Neurodivergent scholar’s struggles in Japanese academia

Speaker

Yasushi Miyazaki

14:10-15:00

Sketching Stability: Using Gravidoodles to Navigate Changing Identities

Speakers

Jennifer Jordan, Yoshi Joanna Grote

15:05

15:45

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15:45-16:45

Silent Struggles: Recognizing Hidden Needs in Sensitive and Autistic Students

Speaker

Ben McDonough

17:00-17:30

Coming out of the fog at 40: My adoption story

Speaker

Robert Dykes

17:30

Sunday 5 October

09:30

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Session | Location: Kyoto Sangyo University

09:30-11:00 **Navigating shifts in identities while living in Japan**

Speaker

Prof. Amanda Gillis-Furutaka

11:15-11:45

Reinventing Ourselves and Navigating Personal Identity While Living Abroad

Speaker

Parvathy Ramachandran

12:30

14:00

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14:00-14:30

Perspectives on Shared Experiences of Diaspora from a Jewish American in Okinawan Studies

Speaker

Travis Seifman

14:45-15:35

Examining Shifting Identities through Intersectionality

Speaker

Lisa Rogers

15:35