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From "Harvesting State Support" to "Governing Decline" – Analyzing Changing State-Society Relations in Rural Japan

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Comparative political scientists have often argued that the boundaries between local state and civil society in Japan are remarkably "blurry" compared to other advanced democracies, which has significant implications for the governance of urban and rural spaces. Over the past decades, local state-society relations have been affected by population aging, decentralization, and the gradual transfer of responsibilities from the central government to the local level. While rarely in the focus of empirical research, the rural peripheries of consolidated municipalities are particularly dynamic arenas for these ongoing changes, and the challenges associated with "governing decline".

The lecture introduces the core arguments from the monography "Harvesting State Support" (University of Toronto Press, 2021), which analyzes institutional change and local-level agency in Japan's agricultural sector. The arguments on local institution-building constitute a departure point for ongoing research on the political promotion of so-called "regional management organizations" (RMO, *chiiki unei soshiki*). As community-level self-governance bodies operating closely with – or as creations of – local governments, RMO offer a productive window to analyze the renegotiation of state-society relations in rural Japan.

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