

Rural well-being in Japan

The doomsday discourse on the devastating regional effects of outmigration, infrastructure decay and population aging has shaped the dominant perception of rural areas in industrialized societies.

Ethnographic work on rural well-being challenges the master-narrative of loss and decline by engaging with local notions of happiness and the significance of social relatedness for making life worth living to those who stayed (behind) or moved into the countryside.

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English

17:00-18:00 ■ Lecture

18:00-18:50 ■ Q&A and discussion

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