



# Diversity of the Meaning of Being 'Single' in the Global Societies

## : Drastic Changes of the Way of Life, Human Relations, and Kinship

With the rapid globalization and urbanization, patterns of our lifestyles, social customs and relationships are changing drastically. In this symposium, we will focus on our experiences of social and physical interruptions in different situations and places in order to examine the contexts of being single or becoming single. Moreover, we will reflect on the current situations of our livings through the lens of various singles of this globe.

**Date** 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2015

**Venue** Room 304, Research Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa (ILCAA), Tokyo University of Foreign Studies (TUFS)

### Program

<1st day> Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2015

#### Session I

**What Conditions of Being 'Single' Exist in the Contemporary Global Societies?**

10:30~12:25

**Wakana SHIINO (ILCAA, TUFS)**

Opening Remarks and Introduction

**Kiyoshi TADOKORO (Akita University)**

Men of "mote-nai" in Papua New Guinea.

**Anurita JALAN (University of Delhi)**

Being Single in Urban India: Living Against Norms.

12:25~13:30 Lunch

13:30~15:10

**Meenakshi THAPAN (University of Delhi)**

Being 'single' and 'alone' : Tibetan Youth in Exile in India.

**Akiko KUNIHURO (Gunma Prefectural**

**Women's University)**

The Plural Form of Lives of Hijras, Unmarried Hindu Goddess Devotees.

15:10~15:25 Coffee Break

15:25~17:05

**Attracta BROWNLEE (National University of Ireland)**

Being Single in Ireland: Changing Historical, Social and Moral Perceptions.

**Taeko UESUGI (Senshu University)**

Masculinity of Single/Married Soldiers: The Cases of British Soldiers in Colonial India in the 19th Century.

<2nd day> Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2015

#### Session II

**The Struggles and Coping Mechanism of 'Singles'**

10:30~12:10

**Namie TSUJIGAMI (University of Tokyo)**

Being Single in Saudi Arabia.

**Wakana SHIINO (ILCAA, TUFS)**

'Single' People's Life and Strategy in Both Village and City in Kenya.

Lunch 12:10~13:20

13:20~15:00

**Christine MBABAZI MPYANGU (Makerere University)**

Living Positively Single in an African Cultural Context.

**Gordon AINEBYONA (Makerere University)**

Never Easy: the Dilemma of a Single Father Parenting Alone in Contemporary Uganda.

15:00~15:45 Coffee and Discussion

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