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Introduction

14:00~14:10 Maho Isono (Waseda University) Comparative Perspectives on Self-help Groups: Significance and methods

Part I How Self-help Groups are Organized: Their emergence, maintenance, and attempts toward recovery

14:10~14:35 Sachiko Horiguchi (Temple University Japan Campus) Who Comprise Self-help Groups?: The case of *hikikomori* and beyond

14:35~15:00 Akitomo Shingae (Nagoya City University) Transcending Disjunctures: The case of AIDS and beyond

15:00~15:25 Miho Ushiyama (Waseda University) Examining Various Forms of Recovery: The case of atopic dermatitis and beyond

(10 min break)

Part II How Self-help Groups Connect to other Individuals and Networks

15:35~16:00 Junko Teruyama (University of Michigan/ Keio University) Examining parent-child relations: The case of developmental disabilities and beyond

16:00~16:25 Maho Isono (Waseda University) Examining the Relationship between Self-help Groups and the Medical Profession: The case of eating disorders and beyond

16:25~16:50 Yusuke Hama (Waseda University) Examining Power Relations between Patient Groups and Business: The case of diabetes and beyond

(10 min break)

Part III Discussion

17:00~17:20 Comments from Eijiro Fukui (Shimane University)

17:20~17:40 Comments from Shinichiro Kumagai (University of Tokyo)

17:40~18:30 Open-floor discussion