

ISAAC THOMAS GAGNÉ

German Institute for Japanese Studies (DIJ-Tokyo)
Jochi Kiyozaka Bldg 2F
Kioicho 7-1, Chiyoda-ku
Tokyo, Japan 102-0094

Work Phone: +81(0)3-3222-5077
Email: gagne@dijtokyo.org

PUBLICATIONS

Co-edited Books

- 2020 *Japan through the lens of the Tokyo Olympics*, co-edited with Barbara Holthus, Wolfram Manzenreiter, and Franz Waldenberger. London: Routledge.

Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals

- 2020 "Dislocation, Social Isolation, and the Politics of Recovery in Post-Disaster Japan." *Transcultural Psychiatry*.
- 2017 "Religious Globalization and Reflexive Secularization in a Japanese New Religion." *Japan Review* 30:153–177.
- 2013 "Bracketed Adolescence: Unpacking Gender and Youth Subjectivity through Subcultural Fashion in Late Capitalist Japan." *Intersections: Gender and Sexuality in Asia and the Pacific* 32.
- 2011 "Spiritual Safety Nets and Networked Faith: The 'Liquidity' of Family and Work under Late Modernity." *Contemporary Japan* 23:72-91.
- 2008 "Urban Princesses: Performance and 'Women's Language' in Japan's Gothic/Lolita Subculture." *Journal of Linguistic Anthropology* 18(1):130-150.

Chapters in Edited Volumes

- 2020 "Fairness in research and publishing: The balancing act of cultural translation." In Kottman, Nora & Cornelia Reiher, eds. *Studying Japan: Research Designs, Fieldwork and Methods*. Baden-Baden, Germany: Nomos Publishing, pp. 442-445.
- 2020 "Style and Stylization." In Stanlaw, James, ed. *The International Encyclopedia of Linguistic Anthropology*. London: Wiley-Blackwell.
- 2020 "Tokyo 2020 from the regional sidelines." In Holthus, Barbara, Isaac Gagne, Wolfram Manzenreiter & Franz Waldenberger, eds. *Japan through the lens of the Tokyo Olympics*. London: Routledge, pp. 118-123.
- 2020 "Advertising the Games: Sponsoring a new era." In Holthus, Barbara, Isaac Gagne, Wolfram Manzenreiter & Franz Waldenberger, eds. *Japan through the lens of the Tokyo Olympics*. London: Routledge, pp. 26-31.
- 2020 "Understanding Japan through the lens of Tokyo 2020." Co-authored with Barbara Holthus, Wolfram Manzenreiter, & Franz Waldenberger. In Holthus, Barbara, Isaac Gagne, Wolfram Manzenreiter & Franz Waldenberger, eds. *Japan through the lens of the Tokyo Olympics*. London: Routledge, pp. 1-7.

- 2013 “‘Hyperfeminine’ Subcultures: Rethinking Gender Subjectivity and the Discourse of Sexuality among Adolescent Girls in Contemporary Japan.” In Harper, Katie, Yasmina Katsulis, Vera Lopez & Georganne Scheiner, eds. *Girls’ Sexualities and the Media*. New York: Peter Lang Publishing: 157-171.

Articles in Editor-Reviewed Journals

- 2011 “Greater or Lesser Vehicle?: The Pilgrimage Bus as Crucible of Faith in a Japanese Religion.” *Japan Studies: The Frontier*: 37-55. June 2011.

Book Reviews

- 2020 *Mobile Subjects: Transnational Imaginaries of Gender Reassignment*. Aizura, Aren Z. Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 2018. *American Ethnologist*.
- 2016 *Religion and Psychotherapy in Modern Japan*. Harding, Christopher, Iwata Fumiaki and Yoshinaga Shin’ichi, eds. London: Routledge, 2015. *Social Science Japan Journal* 19(2): 250-254.
- 2015 *Japanese Religions and Globalization*. Dessi, Ugo. London: Routledge, 2013. *Social Science Japan Journal* 18(2): 257-260.
- 2008 *Japanese Language, Gender, and Ideology: Cultural Models and Real People*. Okamoto, Shigeko and Janet Shibamoto-Smith, eds. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2004. *Journal of Linguistic Anthropology* 18(2): 304-306.

Online Publications

- 2021 “The Changing Meanings of Comparisons for Sociocultural Anthropology.” *TRAFO – Blog for Transregional Research*, 29.01.2021 (<https://trafo.hypotheses.org/26432>)
- 2016 Encyclopedia Entry for Tenshinseikyō. *World Religions and Spiritualities Project*. (<http://wrlrels.org/profiles/Tenshinseikyō.htm>)
- 2015 “‘Non-event’ report: Why the Sunday Assembly event did not launch in Japan.” *Non-Religion and Secularity Research Network* (co-authored with Yutaka Osakabe). <https://blog.nsrn.net/2015/04/17/non-event-report-why-the-sunday-assembly-event-did-not-launch-in-japan/>

Translations

- 2011 Imai, Nobuharu. 2009. “Anime ‘Sacred Place Pilgrimages’” *University of Hokkaido Center for Advanced Tourism Studies* 1:87-111.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

- 2021 “Listening to each other: the emergence of grassroots psychosocial therapy in contemporary Japan.” Society for Psychological Anthropology Biennial Meeting 2021: Interrogating Inequalities (Online): March 19, 2021.
- 2021 “Haunting Memories of 3.11 and the Heaviness of Trauma in Post-Disaster Miyagi.” German Association for Social Science Research on Japan (VSJF) Conference: Continuity and Change 10 years after 3.11 (Online): February 9, 2021.
- 2020 “Moral Worlds of Welfare: Social Isolation and Community-based Care in Aging Japan.” AAS-in-Asia Conference. Kobe, Japan (Online): September 2, 2020.

- 2020 "Local Economies of Care: The Impact of Demographic Changes on Social Welfare in Rural Japan." Asia's New Ruralities Conference. University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria (Online): August 12, 2020.
- 2019 "The Cultural Dynamics of Trauma: 3.11 Residents in Northeastern Japan." American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Vancouver, Canada: November 21, 2019.
- 2019 Chair, Introduction to Panel on "Tokyo through the Lens of the Olympics." German Association for Social Science Research on Japan (VSJF) Conference. Bochum, Germany: November 8, 2019.
- 2019 "Reconfigured Religious Institutions in Globalizing, Internet-era Japan." New York Conference on Asian Studies. SUNY New Paltz. New Paltz, NY: October 5, 2019.
- 2019 Discussant in Roundtable Panel on "Japanese Studies Journals: Present Situation and Future Prospects." Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting. Denver, CO: March 22, 2019.
- 2018 "Filling in the Gaps of Work and Family? New Frameworks for Community Support." American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. San Jose, CA: November 16, 2018.
- 2018 "The Moral Economy of Social Welfare: Emerging Forms of Community Care in Japan." New York Conference on Asian Studies. Rochester Institute of Technology. Rochester, NY: September 22, 2018.
- 2018 "Listening to the Community: Community-based Volunteer Mental Health Care in Japan." British Association for Japanese Studies Annual Meeting. Sheffield, UK: September 6, 2018.
- 2018 "Zoned Liminality and Narratives of Displacement in Northeastern Japan." Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting. Washington, DC: March 22, 2018.
- 2017 "Social Oblivion and Community Reconstruction: Grassroots Psychosocial Care in Northeastern Japan." American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Washington, DC: December 1, 2017.
- 2017 "Materializing Virtual Worlds: Socialization, Sociality and Ethics in Anime Pilgrimages." New York Conference of Asian Studies. Hobart & William Smith Colleges. Geneva, NY: September 22, 2017.
- 2017 Chair and Discussant, "Marriage, Migration, and Care in East Asian Societies." International Workshop: Migration and East Asian Societies: Comparative Perspectives. Sponsored by the Max Weber Foundation. The German Institute for Japanese Studies, Tokyo: July 28, 2017.
- 2017 Chair, "Migration and Social Relations." International Workshop: Global South Perspectives. Sponsored by the Max Weber Foundation. Hong Kong Baptist University: April 20, 2017.
- 2017 Co-organizer for "International Workshop on Humanitarianism in Action: Asia-Pacific Ethnographic Perspectives." Sponsored by the American Council of Learned Societies, Program Comparative Perspectives on Chinese Culture and Society. The University of Hong Kong. January 12-14, 2017.

- 2017 "Ordinary Humanitarianism: Average Citizens Helping Average Citizens in Post-3.11 Japan." International Workshop on Humanitarianism in Action: Asia-Pacific Ethnographic Perspectives. The University of Hong Kong. January 12-14, 2017.
- 2016 "Social Suffering and Social Healing: The Emergence of Community-based Volunteer Mental Health Care in Japan." New York Conference of Asian Studies. Utica College. Utica, NY: September 24, 2016.
- 2016 "The Emergence of Grassroots Psychosocial Therapy in Contemporary Japan." Workshop on Changing Practices of Health and Family in Japan, The Chinese University of Hong Kong. Hong Kong: June 17, 2016.
- 2015 "Beyond Recovery: Shifting Narratives of Recovery and the Politics of Difference." American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Denver, CO: November 20, 2015.
- 2015 "Gender, Sexuality, and Mediatized Youth: Playing with Fantasy and Femininity in Contemporary Japan." New York Conference of Asian Studies. Vassar College. Poughkeepsie, NY: October 17, 2015.
- 2015 "Redrawing the Boundaries of "Japanese Religion": The Dynamics of Globalization and Secularization in a Japanese Religion." Workshop on the Formations of the Secular in Japan, The University of Oslo. Oslo, Norway: June 19, 2015.
- 2014 "Mediating Public Images and Managing Charismatic Authority in Contemporary Japan." 14th European Association of Japanese Studies Conference. Ljubljana, Slovenia; August 27, 2014.
- 2014 "Secularizing 'Traditional Culture' or Sacralizing 'Popular Culture'? Mediated Sociality in Contemporary Pilgrimage Practices." XVIII ISA World Congress of Sociology. Yokohama, Japan; July 18, 2014.
- 2013 "Religious Globalization and its Discontents: The Local Costs of Building a 'Global Super-Religion.'" American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL: November 24, 2013.
- 2012 "'Hyperfeminine' Subcultures: Rethinking Gender Subjectivity and the Borders of Performance in Contemporary Japan." American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA; November 17, 2012.
- 2011 "The Ethics of Self in Secular Society: The Politics of the Good in Contemporary Japan." American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Montreal, Canada; November 17, 2011.
- 2011 "The Other Side of Human Rights: 'Human Obligations.'" Mid-Atlantic Region Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting. Princeton, NJ; October 23, 2011.
- 2011 "From the Other Side of the Genkan: The Ethics of Door-to-Door Proselytizing in Urban Japan." Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting. Honolulu, HI; April 3, 2011.

INVITED TALKS & GUEST LECTURES

- 2021 "Dentsu, The Olympics, and the Rise of International Sports Marketing." Colloquium on 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Saint Mary's College of California (Online): June 4, 2021.
- 2019 "Anthropological Approach to Japanese Advertising: Materiality" Tokyo Ad Museum Creative Kitchen Special Lecture Series. Tokyo: April 5, 2019. [*in Japanese*]
- 2019 "Anthropological Approach to Japanese Advertising: Globality" Tokyo Ad Museum Creative Kitchen Special Lecture Series. Tokyo: January 26, 2019. [*in Japanese*]
- 2018 "Anthropological Approach to Japanese Advertising: Diversity" Tokyo Ad Museum Creative Kitchen Special Lecture Series. Tokyo: October 13, 2018. [*in Japanese*]
- 2018 "Fashioning Identities in Japanese Youth Culture: Media, Fantasy, and Gender Play." Department of Asian and American Studies, State University of New York, Binghamton. Binghamton, NY: September 2018.
- 2018 "Viewing Japan's Aging Society from the Outside: An American Perspective." Aging Society Forum in Tokyo 2018 (sponsored by the Japan Cabinet Office), Tokyo: January 22, 2018. [*in Japanese*]
- 2017 "Drawing Close to the Heart: Post-disaster Mental Health Care and Grassroots Therapy in Japan." SMLC Seminar Series, School of Modern Languages and Cultures, The University of Hong Kong. Hong Kong: March 2017.
- 2016 "The Price of Belief: Money, Effort, and Sincerity in Japanese New Religions." Anthropology Seminar Series, Department of Anthropology, The Chinese University of Hong Kong. Hong Kong: December 2016.
- 2016 "Repairing the Heart: The Emergence of Community Mental Healthcare in Japan." Department of Asian and American Studies, State University of New York, Binghamton. Binghamton, NY: September 2016.
- 2016 "Social Suffering and Social Healing in Japan: PTSD, Trauma, and Post-Disaster Psychosocial Recovery." Department of Anthropology and Sociology, State University of New York, Cortland. Cortland, NY: September 2016.
- 2015 "'Caring for the Heart': Grassroots Psychosocial Therapy in Post-3.11 Japan." Hong Kong Anthropological Society. Hong Kong: November 2015.
- 2015 "Localizing Mental Health Practices: Anthropological Research on the Psychosocial Dimensions of Disaster Recovery." The University of Hong Kong, Institute of Humanities and Social Science Workshop. Hong Kong: March 2015.
- 2014 "Localizing Global Psychiatry through Japanese Religion: Anthropological Research on "Spiritual Well-Being." Waseda Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies Workshop Series. Tokyo, Japan: December 2014.
- 2013 "'Deconstructing Popular Culture through Anthropology." Showa Women's Summer Program, Showa Women's University. Tokyo, Japan: August 2013.

- 2013 "Anthropological Approaches to Secularity and Morality in Japan." Waseda Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies Workshop Series. Tokyo, Japan: June 2013.
- 2012 "Belief and Practice in Late Modernity: Social Change and Religious Strains in Contemporary Japan." Guest lecture for Department of Anthropology, International Christian University. Tokyo, Japan: February 2012.
- 2010 "Deconstructing a Subculture." Guest lecture for the Institute for the International Education of Students. Tokyo, Japan: June 2010.
- 2010 "Japan's New Religions: Finding Faith in Everyday Life." Guest lecture for Department of Anthropology, International Christian University. Tokyo, Japan: March 2010.
- 2010 "Deconstructing a Subculture: Contextualizing the Dynamics of Youth Identity and Subculture." Cosplay: Media, Identity and Performance in Japan and Beyond Conference, Sophia University. Tokyo, Japan; November 2010.