[ANNOUNCEMENT] DE&I SEMINAR

Using Kyoto's Utoro Civic Movement as a Case Study

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE "INCLUSIVE"?

LET'S THINK TOGETHER

Think together, connect as a university



Using the civic movement in Kyoto's Utoro district as a case study, we will learn about allyship by researchers and others, and the structures through which prejudice arises. Together, we will consider what it means to be "inclusive." Students interested in diversity, equity & inclusion are warmly welcome.

DATE
Nov. 27, 2026 (Fri)
15:00 - 16:30

FORMAT
In Person + Online

VENUE
Kinugasa Campus
Shitokukan Hall, 3F
Conference Room 304

FOR
Ritsumeikan Faculty, Staff & Students

SPEAKER

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Using the 30+ year movement to protect residents' rights in Kyoto's Utoro district as a case study, we examine how Japanese citizens, Korean citizens, and researchers acted as allies. We will consider how prejudice is produced, how boundaries emerge from differences in position, and what "inclusive" means for our own academy and university.

PROGRAM (Lecture 60 min + Workshop 30 min)

1 LECTURE
"Learning DE&I from the Utoro Movement"

History of the Utoro district; the movement to protect housing rights; Zainichi Koreans and postwar Japanese society; and DE&I in local civic movements.

2 WORKSHOP
"Are There DE&I Issues Our University Should Address?"

- Rethinking how we draw boundaries around community membership
- Different positionalities and the power of human connection

REGISTRATION

Deadline: Tue., Nov. 17, 2026, 17:30

Register via the QR code or the URL below:

https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/eJXB6agtwh?origin=lprLink

Japanese-English text support and bilingual handout materials will be provided.