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Lunch Seminar on Japanese Economy and Society

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Diversity in Japan: Educational Experiences of Multicultural Families

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Summary

Is Japanese society monocultural? Of course not. On the contrary, it has become increasingly multicultural in recent years. Some 70,000 Japanese children of school age live abroad, while 10,000 such children return to Japan every year. Additionally, 70,000 children with foreign nationalities are enrolled in Japanese state schools. One out of 25 marriages in Japan involving Japanese nationals is with non-Japanese. More and more children are growing up in multicultural contexts.

In this lunch seminar I will examine the educational experiences of such children. I will share my recent research on international schools in Japan and self-help groups where mothers try to pass on their languages to their children.

Experiences from the floor of living abroad and bringing up children are very welcome. I look forward to discussing international education for global nomads.

Profile



Maki SHIBUYA is associate professor at Nara University of Education. She holds an MA in Cultural Studies in Education from the Institute of Education, University of London, and a PhD in Human Science from Ochanomizu University. She is interested in the educational experiences of Third Culture Kids. Recent publications include *Intercultural and Multicultural Education: Enhancing Global Interconnectedness* (Routledge, 2010), and *"Okan suru Hitobito" no Kyoiku Senryaku* (Educational Strategies of "Transnational People") (Akashi Shoten, 2013).

What is the Lunch Seminar at MFJ?

This event has been organized at the Maison franco-japonaise (Nichifutsu Kaikan) since 2004. It offers a presentation followed by a discussion dedicated to a specific issue of the time and it aims at bringing a better understanding of Japanese economy and society.



This is a brown bag lunch seminar,
please bring your bento or sandwiches.



Coffee available.

How to attend the Lunch Seminar?

The participation to the Lunch Seminar is free but registration is strictly required. Please apply from our website (from the event page in the Agenda) :

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