

## Another Japan is Possible: New Social Movements and Global Citizenship Education

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### Summary

This conference, based on the last book of Jennifer Chan, looks at the emergence of internationally linked Japanese nongovernmental advocacy networks that have grown rapidly since the 1990s in the context of three forces: neoliberalism, militarism, and nationalism. Connecting various literatures (on the global justice movement, on Japanese civil society, and on global citizenship education), and based on the narratives of several activists, Jennifer Chan will examine the genesis of these new social movements and their role in constructing a new identity of the Japanese as global citizens. She will address the fundamental question to know how international human rights and global governance issues resonate within Japan and how, in turn, local alternatives are articulated by Japanese advocacy groups.

### Profile



Jennifer Chan (PhD in International Comparative Education, Stanford University) is Assistant Professor at the University of British Columbia (Department of Educational Studies, Faculty of Education). Her research interests are comparative feminisms, gender and racial politics, children's rights, civil society in Japan/Asia and France/Europe, globalization and resistance, world social forum, GATS/WTO, GMO politics, immigration and asylum, higher education reforms in Japan and France. She is the author of *Gender and Human Rights Politics in Japan* (Stanford, 2004) and of *Another Japan is possible, New Social Movements and Global Citizenship Education* (Stanford, 2008).

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