

Comparative Asian Research Network
Monthly Lecture Series on Issues and Research in the Asian Region
Organized by the Department of Japanese Studies, CUHK
Co-Sponsored by the Department of Anthropology

All are Welcome!!

What Does the Anthropology of Japan Tell Us About Japan – and About Anthropology?

Speaker: Professor William W. Kelly

Professor of Anthropology and Sumitomo Professor of
Japanese Studies Sociocultural Anthropology, Yale University

Date: 13 March 2015 (Friday)

Time: 11:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

Venue: Leung Kau Kui Building, Room 401

Language: English

Abstract:

In the last several decades, the central agenda of anthropology as a discipline has shifted from a focus on the many ways of being human to a focus on the many ways of being modern. And in so doing, it is belatedly catching up to Japan anthropology. There is much that the anthropology of Japan has contributed to the wider discipline. To me, most significantly, we have provided the most complete account of an anthropology of modernity that the discipline has from any world region. With over 325 dissertations, over 170 ethnographic monographs, and several thousands of articles over six decades, Japan anthropologists have created a corpus of critical ethnography, analytical modelling, and theoretical musings on the nature of modernity that is unrivalled in the discipline. This is quite an accomplishment, and I want to draw attention to this in this presentation.

No registration necessary.

Enquiries: Ann Lui Email: annlui@cuhk.edu.hk

[Link to the CARN lecture's list](#)