

Faculty Information

KOJIMA Shinji

■ **Division:** Society and Culture (SC)

■ **Research Area:**

Social stratification and inequality, Sociology of Work, Labor Issues, Migration, Multiculturalism, Globalization and Transnationalism, Ethnographic and Qualitative research methods

■ **Research Methods:**

Qualitative, ethnographic research.

■ **Seminar Topic and Keywords:**

Social Stratification and Inequality, Work and Employment, Migration, Multiculturalism, Globalization, Japanese studies.

■ **Seminar Teaching Method:**

Regular meetings in addition to one-on-one consultation. In seminars students under my supervision collectively discuss research progress.

I advise students from settling on a research topic, to framing a research question after a comprehensive review of literature, choosing adequate data-gathering methods, writing a research proposal, conducting ethnographic research, data recording and analysis, and writing an academic paper.

■ **Possible Research Topics for Students:**

Anything in the broad discipline of sociology, but please refer to the Research Area above to judge the fit with your research interests.

■ **Comments:**

I would be happy to discuss the possibility of supervision. Please email skojima@apu.ac.jp. Many students change research topics from what you have proposed in your application documents. If you are open to suggestions for a thesis research topic, I will be happy to consult as well. We can collectively decide.

To give you an idea of thesis research topics of students I have advised, they include Korean soft power in Bangladesh, Rohingya refugees, Integration of Myanmar migrant workers in Thailand, Hikikomori in Japan, Filipino migrant workers in Japan, Identity formation among multi-ethnic individuals in Japan, Adaptation processes to Japanese style of management at multinational corporations in Vietnam, Adaptation of international students in Japanese universities, Muslim minorities in Japan, etc. The possibility of thesis topics are quite open. I wish you a productive research time at APU.

*For applicants to the doctoral program, please be advised that I can only accept those with rigorous disciplinary training in sociology.