

Faculty Information

KOJIMA Shinji

Division:

Society and Culture (SC)

Research Area:

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

Research Methods:

Qualitative, ethnographic research.

Seminar Topic and Keywords:

Sociology Stratification, Work & Employment, Migration, Globalization, Japan Studies

Seminar Teaching Method:

Bi-monthly regular meeting in addition to one-on-one consultation; I advise students from beginning a research project until completion, including identifying a research topic, framing a research question, conducting literature review, writing a research proposal, gathering data using ethnographic methods, 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 am currently away on research leave (sabbatical) for Fall 2024, affiliated with the University of Auckland, NZ. However, I am keen on accepting students for thesis supervision. I will have meetings via zoom for Fall 2024 while I'm away, and resume supervision face to face when I return to Beppu for Spring 2025. Please see if your research interest matches mine. I will be happy to consult for the possibility of supervision. Please email skojima@apu.ac.jp for consultation. Many students change research topics from what you have proposed in your application documents. If you are open to suggestion for a thesis research topic, I will be happy to consult. I can share my research interest, literature to read, and a theoretical framework. There is even a possibility for co-authorship in publication. Please email as a starter. Thesis research topics of students I have advised include Korean soft power in Bangladesh, Rohingya refugees, Integration of Myanmar Migrants in Thailand, Hikikomori in Japan, Filipino migrants in Japan, Identity formation among bi-ethnic individuals in Japan, Japanese style of

management at corporations in Vietnam. I am currently advising a student studying Muslim migrants in Japan. The possibility of thesis topics are quite open. Wishing you a productive research time at APU.