

**Buraku Issues in the 21st Century:
Reconsidering Representations, Realities and Opportunities**

21世紀における部落問題 表象、現実、機会を再考する

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From the troubled history of outcaste groups during the Tokugawa period through emancipation in early Meiji and into the 20th century, buraku issues have long been a subject of concern for scholars and activists. While conditions for contemporary burakumin have undoubtedly improved, gaps remain that highlight the structural and personal challenges that many burakumin face.

This symposium evaluates conditions facing burakumin through three broad approaches: Representations, Realities and Opportunities. Rather than approaching buraku issues from one discipline or theme, the symposium considers buraku issues more holistically and sets, as its foundation, an overlapping approach that highlights these interactions.

Schedule

13:00 – 13:15 Opening remarks – Christopher Bondy

13:15 – 13:45 Keynote address: “Buraku Issues in the 21st Century”

Ian Neary (Oxford University)

13:50 – 14:50 Historical Considerations

“The ‘Taboo Cycle’ in Modern Buraku History”

Timothy D. Amos (National University of Singapore)

「近代社会における部落問題—歴史をたどりながら—」 [Buraku issues in modern society – Tracing the history]

黒川みどり (Shizuoka University)

14:50 – 15:10 Coffee break

15:10 – 16:30 Contemporary Society

“The Literary Life of Rhetorical Activism and Buraku Movements”

Anne McKnight (Shirayuri University)

「部落の青年にとっての部落解放運動—運動への参加・継続要因」

[Buraku liberation movements and Buraku youth – Continuing reasons for participation in movements]

Uchida Ryushi (Shokeigakuin University 尚絅学院大学)

“School Lessons and their outcomes: Simultaneously rejecting and repeating silence”

Christopher Bondy (International Christian University)

16:40- 17:10 Keynote Address: 「部落問題のパラダイム転換とネオリベリズム批判」

[Changing paradigms of Buraku Issues and a critique of neo-liberalism]

Noguchi Michihiko (Osaka City University)

17:15-17:30 Closing remarks – Christopher Bondy