Date: July, 1st (Wed) 16:30～18:30
Venue: Sodai-Nishiwaseda Bldg 19 Room 711

Guest Speaker: Professor. David Chapman

Professor. David Chapman is senior lecturer in Japanese at the University of South Australia where he coordinates the Japanese studies program. He is the author of Zainichi Korean Identity and Ethnicity (Routledge 2008). His research interests focus on the history of minority communities in Japan.

His two latest projects continue in this direction. One project is examining the history of identification and documentation through Japan's population registration system (koseki). The other project is an attempt at recording the life histories of the 'Westerners' of the Ogasawara/Bonin Islands.

Title: Bare Life and Invented Subjects: Early History of the 'Naturalized Foreigners' of the Bonin (Ogasawara) Islands.

~Prof. David Chapman’s Lecture (45 minutes)~

✦ Introduction - explaining the early history of the Bonin/Ogasawara Islands and the process of naturalization

✦ Main Body - Contextualise the Islands in the time of the Bakumatsu and early Meiji period.
- Introduce the role of the koseki and legislation connected to this community
- Introduce theoretical concepts of Georgio Agamben's 'Bare Life'
- Connect with the Island's early history

✦ Conclusion

Extensive Q&A Session

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