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presents a seminar

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on

When the Sun Sets in the Land of the Rising Sun: Sexual Behavior and Psychoanalytic Theory in Japan

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Room 115 Humanities Building

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A light lunch will be served at 12:30 pm. First come first served.

Information on sex in Japan, especially in western media, is conflicting and contradictory; characterized at times as perverted, while other times as chaste, or even pathological in either extreme. Through inquiring about informants' "first-time", I explore it's influence not only future romantic relationships, but also work and social relationships. Are there other influences that make themselves apparent in Japanese narratives of choice? What does this say about psychosocial/psychosexual development and the construction of the self in the Japanese context? So far, only quantitative studies conducted with questionnaires and surveys have been published, but these are not sufficient to determine meanings behind the data. My research on first-sexual experience and sexual behavior in Japan uses person-centered ethnography and psychoanalytic interview techniques to more deeply focus on the attitudes and beliefs associated with these concepts and psychoanalytic theory better explain the role that sex plays in the Japanese context.

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