# Migration, Sex Work, and Human Trafficking:

### reflexivity and methodology in a polarized field of research

## 移民・セックスワーク・人身取引

#### 二極化された研究分野における再帰性と方法論

Based on the JSPS KAKEN project "Migration, Sex Work, and Human Trafficking: narratives and networks", Hélène Le Bail will discuss how to design and implement a research methodology in a context of political and academic polarization on the issue of prostitution. The long-standing debate has been renewed since the beginning of the 2000s due to the growing number of migrants involved in the sex industry and to the advance of pro-abolitionist regulations in several countries. Doing research on migration and prostitution/sex work supposes for researchers to consider ones own position within the debate and to propose methodology taking into account the diversity of migrant sex workers' situations.

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17:30 Opening Remark

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17:40 Presentation

18:10 18:40 Comments

19:20 Discussion

19:30 Reception

21:00 Closing

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