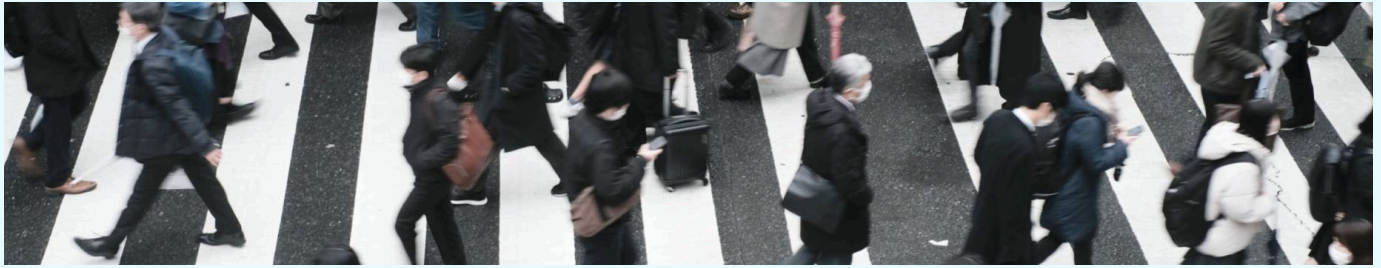


Aspiring to stay? Prolonged stay-ing processes of high-skilled migrants in Japan



Japan has seen a rise of immigration, including high-skilled migrants, yet scholarship has found that the country is unattractive for the high-skilled to (aspire to) stay long-term. Drawing from two sub-projects of a collaborative research on high-skilled migration in Asia, one on Vietnamese IT professionals (Muranaka) and one on foreign startup founders (Hof), this presentation foregrounds that despite the social, economic, and visa-related challenges high-skilled migrants face in Japan, some migrants seek to settle in the host society permanently, while others end up staying regardless of their initial intentions to move on. The presentation uses additional video material to discuss the intricated dynamics of high-skilled migrants' stay-ing processes in Japan, shaped by migrants' evolving aspirations of incorporation and spatial immobility.

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17:10 | Presentation

18:00 | Break

18:10 | Response

18:20 | Open discussion

18:50 | Closing remarks

19:00 | Reception

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