

An Evening Gathering

Monthly Japanese Conversation Forum

Come join us as we hear from native Japanese speaker and have casual conversation. Dietary education has become a hot topic in Japan. This time our special guest will discuss the differences in food culture between Japan and the U.S as well as how food shapes a town. We can deepen our understanding of each other a lot by examining the differences in how our countries look at food.

**Theme: Differences in the "taste"
(both the sensation and the aesthetic)
of food between Japan and the U.S.**

Speaker: Dr. Keiko Tanaka

Profile:

Dr. Keiko Tanaka, Associate Professor in Sociology, received her M.A. and Ph.D. from Michigan State University. She currently holds the Dr. and Mrs. C. Milton Coughenour Research Professorship in Agricultural Sociology and Natural Resources while she serves the Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of Sociology (2009-2012) and the Co-Director of Asia Center (2008-2011). Her research focuses on the role of scientific knowledge in transforming agriculture and food economies; moral and ethical issues surrounding food production, consumption, and governance; and transformations of East Asian societies. Besides the undergraduate and graduate curricula in Sociology in the College of Arts and Sciences, she is actively involved in the undergraduate curriculum in Sustainable Agriculture in the College of Agriculture and the university's honors program in the World Food Issues track. Her work has been published by both Japanese and English journals, including *Rural Sociology*, *Sociologia Ruralis*, *Agriculture and Human Values*, and *Kagaku/Science* (Japanese).

*All are welcome! This program is in Japanese language only, but people of all skill levels are encouraged to join us and learn with us.

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