

***Florence Liu Macaulay Distinguished Lecture Series***  
*Center for Japanese Studies and the School of Pacific and Asian Studies*

## **Peace in the Valley:**

### **A Century of Japanese Social Alternatives and their Inter-Asia Connections**



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This lecture explores an alternative tradition of grassroots social thought and practice which has flourished in parts of Japan – with little scholarly or media attention – since the early twentieth century, and which continues to shape local social activism today. Defying simple political characterization, this tradition borrows elements from cooperativism, anarchism, utopianism, the social education and social medicine movements, environmentalism and ideas of endogenous development. To explore its history, I focus on the Chikuma River valley region of Nagano Prefecture, an area which has a particularly rich history of social movements that seek paths to “development from within”. This region’s deeply local movements also have connections flowing, like subterranean water-courses, to and from Korea, China and other parts of Asia and beyond. Following this flow of ideas through time and space, we are challenged to rethink the boundaries of “the political”, and to reexamine the ways in which social thought and action is transmitted from place to place and from generation to generation.



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**Reception 4:30 - 5:00 pm**



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