05 March 2019

Being a Migrant Academic in Japan

Time: 12:00 - 01:30
Venue: To be confirmed

In the Japanese University system, the strong impression remains that Japanese employees are permanent and foreign employees are temporary. This was traditionally justified by the view that foreign academic staff have two functions: to be involved in specific research projects that are time limited; and to act as ‘native speakers’. This presentation will introduce some of the strategies adopted by those academics who have a long experience in Japan. It will also introduce some ethnographic studies of non-Japanese staff who work in the higher education system in Japan.