

Waseda University Global Asia Research Center Presents Global Asia Workshop

# Postdevelopment in Japan

## Revisiting Yoshirou Tamanoi's Theory of Regionalism

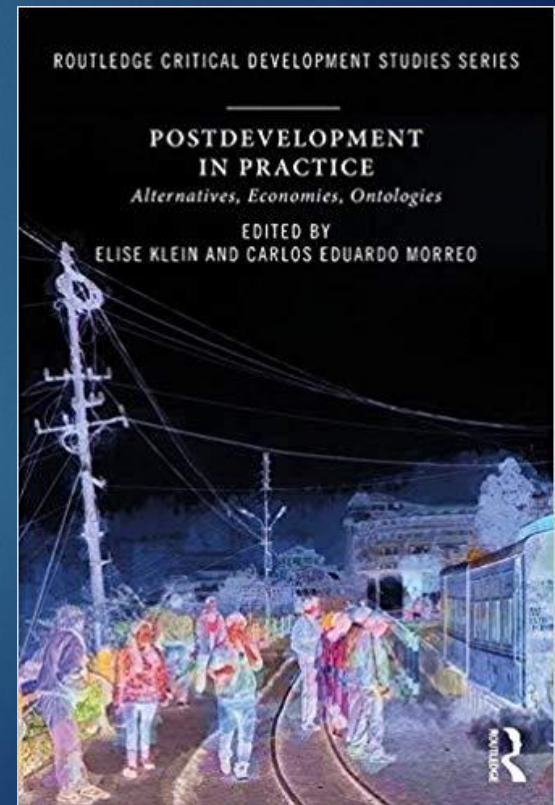
Speaker: Dr. Yoshihiro Nakano  
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Discussant: Prof. Max Ward  
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**Room 960, Bldg 14, Waseda Campus**



# Abstract

In this workshop, Dr. Nakano presents a summary of his latest research article published in *Postdevelopment in Practice: Alternatives, Economies, Ontologies* (edited by E. Klein and C. E. Morreo, London and New York, Routledge, 2019). Yoshiro Tamanoi (1918-1985) is a pioneer of ecological economics in Japan and a highly original social critic who introduced the works of Nicholas Georgescu-Roegen, Karl Polanyi and Ivan Illich to the Japanese public. In the mid-1970s, he instigated a new societal project called 'regionalism', exploring alternatives to development in Japan.

The presentation examines key concepts of regionalism with a particular focus on its exploration of new vision of community. It brings to light four theoretical domains elaborated by Tamanoi: politics, economics, aesthetics and ethics. Then, it discusses how his theory resonates with its international counterparts such as degrowth and civil economy, mutually cultivating a vision of post-capitalist community economy. The concluding part suggests a possible convergence of regionalism to a global project of epistemologies of the South, introducing a new research program.