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LunchTime Series

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Nuclear Imaginaries in Japan: From Hiroshima to Fukushima

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The talk will explore how understanding and representation of nuclear technology developed in Japan from the 1945 bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki to the 2011 nuclear accident in Fukushima and its aftermath, and how specific nuclear imaginaries shaped and were shaped by the development of policy, politics and technology. Through this examination, it also addresses the following questions: How and why Japan, after the tragic and catastrophic bombings, came to embrace nuclear power production so enthusiastically? How did Fukushima change cultural meanings, narratives and images of the nuclear in Japan? What implications do these changes have for the future of nuclear governance in Japan and beyond?



Kyoko Sato is the Associate Director of the Program in Science, Technology, and Society at Stanford University. Her research explores how cultural meanings, politics, and institutional frameworks intersect in the development of sociotechnical systems. She is currently conducting a multi-year study on nuclear governance in Japan and the United States, specifically examining how it evolved in postwar years and what impact the 2011 Fukushima nuclear disaster has had on it in both countries.

Dr. Sato received her Ph.D. in sociology from Princeton University, M.A. in journalism from New York University, and B.A. in English from the University of Tokyo. She was a postdoctoral associate at the Institute for the Social Sciences at Cornell University and a lecturer on social theory at Harvard University.