



NFSJ Café #17

Views of Two Foreign Students On Japan's Sex Industry

Screening of a documentary "Beyond the Yellow Line"

"How and why do illegal forms of sex work exist directly under the noses of law enforcement in Japan?"

Two female exchange students currently studying in a university in Tokyo chose to make a documentary as a final research project for a class.

Already burdened and versed in social justice issues like terrorism, genocide, refugees, homelessness, child trafficking etc., with the help of a Japanese woman working in the sex industry, the two students set out on a filming endeavor to delve into Japan's red light district. The documentary "Beyond the Yellow Line" is the product of their four-month research of interviewing the shopkeeper of a "Free Information Center" in *Kabuki-cho*, Shinjuku, sex buyers, and the sex worker.

Let's witness the students' view on Japan's sex industry (or *Fuzoku*, as it is called in Japanese) by watching the documentary, then hearing them comment and discussing with them. (The documentary has English and Japanese subtitles: 59 minutes.)



《Speaker》

Ms. Hanako Montgomery and Ms. Tess Rizzoli, the producers of the film, will answer questions after the screening.



Ms. Hanako Montgomery, who studies Japanese History & Language, Asia & Asian American Studies at a university in NY, currently is studying Japanese language, politics, literature and history at Sophia University in Tokyo. She's been interested in social justice issues like violence against women since she learned about them in a junior high school class. Her interest in Japan's prostitution industry was sparked when she visited Osaka with her family and noticed sex workers there.



Ms. Tess Rizzoli is enrolled in the faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies of Cambridge University, UK, and currently studying Japanese literature and society in Sophia University. Shocked by the reality of child marriage and prostituted children in the foreign countries while traveling with her family as a child, as well as the issues of violence against immigrants and women in her ancestral country Italy, her interest in marginalized people continued and she volunteered for 2 years to help the homeless community in Cambridge. Noticing that Japan is not a safe country as she previously believed and hoping to give a voice for the voiceless people in society, she decided to make this documentary with her friend.

《Date & Time》

**June 13(Thur), 2019
19:00~21:00**

(Doors open at: 18:45)

《Place》

**"Space C", 3rd Floor
Musashino Place**

2-3-18, Kyonan-cho, Musashino-shi, Tokyo
(1 min. walk from the South Exit of JR Musashi-Sakai Station)

《Admission》 Free (Max. 20)

**《Language》 Japanese
& English**

(The documentary is subtitled in Japanese & English.

Q&A would be done in either language.

No interpretation provided, but the speakers are bilingual.)

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