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EAST ASIAN LANGUAGES AND
LITERATURES PRESENT:**

**"LANGUAGE IN CONTEXT: CREATION
OF MEANING THROUGH INTERACTION"**

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In this talk, I will discuss key findings from two of my previous studies (Kaneyasu, 2020, 2022) and highlight some insights we can gain by analyzing the use of language in context beyond isolated sentences. The first study investigates the locally situated functions of so-called epistemic modals, *darō(o)* and *desho(o)*, in ordinary conversations. The second examines the role of *kaomoji* in balancing formality and informality in online comment-reply exchanges. Our exploration will center on three types of interaction: (1) the dynamics between language use and contextual factors, (2) the interplay of socio-relational concerns among communicative participants, and (3) the synergy between linguistic elements and other semiotic features. Together, we will discover dynamic and intricate ways in which linguistic and multimodal resources shape and are shaped by contexts and interactions at different levels.



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