



The Institute for  
Japanese Studies  
presents:

**Kay Shimizu**  
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**"Betting on the Farm:  
Institutional Change in  
Japan's Agriculture"**

SP 25 IJS Lecture

*Betting on the Farm* takes a fresh look at the conditions for change among agricultural coops and in the Japanese agricultural sector more broadly. We explore the effects on formal and informal rules, organizations, and strategies of two sets of slow-moving structural changes that challenge many countries today: market liberalization and demographic decline and aging. With its gradually liberalizing markets and oldest population in the world, Japan is an optimal laboratory for examining these interactions. And the Japanese farm sector, where the population is shrinking and aging at rates much faster than the national average, offers us a unique laboratory for exploring these processes up close.

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