

Sophia University Institute of Comparative Culture (ICC) presents
An evening with the Asian Rural Institute (ARI)

TRAINING *for* TRANSFORMATION

How an NPO leadership
training program can
impact values in order to
bring about broader
change in communities

April 28
7-9 pm

Sophia University
Yotsuya Campus
Room 10-301, 3F, Bldg. 10

Panelists will discuss how a leadership training program has impacted individuals and communities over 40 years.

Presentations will feature stories from research, current staff and former training program participants.

MODERATOR

Prof. David Slater
Sophia University

COMMENTATOR

Prof. Richard Gardner
Sophia University

PANELISTS

Tomoko Arakawa,
ARI Director

Zacivolu Rhakho, *India,*
Training Program Graduate,
ARI Staff Member

Sarajejan Rossitto,
ARI Assessment Project Coordinator,
Nonprofit NGO consultant

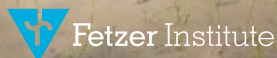
Rev. Timothy B. Appau, *Ghana,*
Training Program Graduate,
ARI Staff Member, Chaplain

ALL PRESENTATIONS IN ENGLISH; NO TRANSLATION PROVIDED
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About the Asian Rural Institute's
Rural Leaders Training program
<http://www.ari-edu.org/en/home-eng/>

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About the event:

Panelists will discuss how a distinctive leaders training program has impacted the lives of its participants over the past 40 years. The focus will be on how training can relay more than knowledge and skills but also influence values having the potential to effect broader social change. While many programs focus on skills and knowledge development alone, the Asian Rural institute (ARI) located in Tochigi Prefecture, aims to also transfer values which bring about more equitable and just communities. Stories from research as well as from current staff and former participants will share some of the changes experienced by individuals and how they are able to impact their local communities.

Introduction to the Panelists

Tomoko Arakawa, ARI Director

Tomoko has been engaged in the work of nurturing and training grassroots rural community leaders from developing countries at the Asian Rural Institute (ARI) in Tochigi prefecture since 1995. She is the new Director as of April 2015, after serving as served as the General Manager / Associate Director since 2009 and Curriculum Director (2003-2009). In 1995, after working as an English and Japanese language teacher at junior high schools for several years, she completed her MA in Sociology at Michigan State University. She graduated from International Christian University in Tokyo in 1990.

Sarajeon Rossitto, ARI Assessment Project Coordinator, Tokyo-based Nonprofit NGO consultant

Sarajeon facilitates workshops, seminars and projects aimed at developing skills, organizational capacity, the understanding of global issues and effective partnerships. She has worked for 20 years with nonprofit organizations in Japan and the US, including the Japan Platform, Give2Asia Foundation, ARK, TELL, For Empowering Women Japan (FEW) and Mirai no Mori. She has facilitated training programs through JICA, Temple University and has taught a course on NGOs at Sophia since Fall 2012. She holds a Master's degree from Columbia University where she focused on human rights in northeast Asia.

Zachivolu Rhakho, (Acivo) Nagaland, India (Northeast state of India)

After graduating from ARI in 2000, Acivo worked for the Women's department of CBCC (Chakhesang Baptist Church Council) promoting organic farming, micro credit and traditional culture with women in mountain areas. In 2009, she was an ARI Training Assistant and then became an ARI staff member for one year in the International relations section. From 2011 to 2012 she worked in Cambodia, as a manager of a dormitory for students from rural areas and a coordinator of agriculture project in Preah Vihear. In 2013 Achivo returned to ARI to serve as the person in charge of meal services.

Rev. Bernard Timothy Appau, (Timo) Ghana

After graduating from ARI in 2001, Timo served local churches in Ghana as a pastor while working his own farm and being involved in rural development work. He also was engaged in the support of HIV/AIDS patients and their families and the eradication of Malaria. He was an ARI Training Assistant in 2007 and from 2008 he joined the ARI Community Life staff. He has also been an instructor for poultry farming as well. Since 2009, he has been a lecturer in the Utsunomiya University International Career Development English Camp.

Richard Gardner is Professor of Religion in the Faculty of Liberal Arts, Sophia University, and editor of Monumenta Nipponica.

David H. Slater is a Professor of Cultural Anthropology in the Faculty of Liberal Arts, Sophia University, and the Director of The Institute of Comparative Culture.

About the Asian Rural institute (ARI)

Based on the condition that people's failure to live together in harmony is the cause of many problems in the world today, the purpose of the Training is to discover the meaning of the ARI motto "That We May Live Together." Since 1973, the Asian Rural Institute has invited more than 1000 grassroots leaders from across Asia, the Pacific, Sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America to Japan to develop skills in leadership, community building and integrated agriculture through its Rural Leaders Training Program. ARI aims to create an environment in which each participant develops a deeper connection to food, the environment, and each other while also gaining an understanding of how global issues are connected to local realities.