

Sophia University Institute of Comparative Culture
presents a workshop on:

Rites, Rice, and Rokuji Myōō

Sacred Materialities Workshop at
Sophia University

Saturday July 9, 2016, 2pm-6pm,
Room 301, 3F, Building 10,
Sophia University Yotsuya Campus

This workshop launches a series of talks on sacred visual and material culture. The three presenters will consider new approaches to sometimes overlooked or peripherally-regarded objects and agents in esoteric Buddhist contexts.

Program

2:00 Opening Remarks, Caroline Hirasawa, Sophia University

2:10- 2:50 “Dipper Worship or gejutsu 外術 Practice?: Framing Rokujiten 六字天 in Medieval Japan”
Benedetta Lomi, University of Virginia

3:10-3:50 “Turning the Dharma Wheel: How a Curse Rite was Used to Construct the Esoteric Buddhist Sovereign and Kami-Buddhist Multiverse of Medieval ‘Japan’ (Nihon 日本)”
Brian Ruppert, University of Illinois

4:10-4:50 “The Universe Inside a Rice Bowl: Prolegomena to the Sacredness of Rice Grains in Medieval Japanese Esoteric Buddhism”
Steven Trenson, Hiroshima University

5:10-6:00 Discussion
Chaired by Sherry Fowler, Professor, History of Art, University of Kansas

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Organized by Caroline Hirasawa, Sophia University

Open to public, free of charge, no RSVP necessary

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