

Sophia University Institute of Comparative Culture presents:

STUDENT WORKSHOP ON REFUGEES IN THE WORLD AND IN JAPAN

What happened in 2018? What is happening now? What can you do?

In recent years, record numbers of people worldwide have been forced to flee their homes because of war, persecution, or justifiable fear. But the world's wealthiest nations, instead of showing true leadership and protecting these refugees, are slamming their doors shut. They are leaving a handful of poorer countries to cope alone with 25.4 million people who desperately need help. Japan, for example, in 2018 received 10,493 applications for refugee status. It accepted 42 individuals. Today's workshop will lead to the sorts of concrete actions we can take at each level, global, national and the grassroots.

May 18th, 2019 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Room 301, 3F, Building 10, Sophia University

- “The flow of refugees around the world”
Presenter: Bjoern Schimkat, Campaign Coordinator at Amnesty International
- “Japanese laws, procedures and attitudes about refugees”
Presenter: Higuchi Toshiki, Campaign Coordinator at Amnesty International
- “The lives and everyday struggles of refugees in Japan”
Presenter: Sophia Refugee Support Group (SRSG)

This workshop will involve small group discussions so everyone is a participant!

The presentation will be in English with Japanese subtitle and resume. Groups will be in both Japanese and English.

Please join our guest speakers from Amnesty International Japan (<https://www.amnesty.or.jp/>) and find “Sophia Refugee Support Group” on Facebook

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