

RePLITO Visiting Fellows Lecture Series



Invitation

A Global History From the Margins: Communal Life in the Early Twentieth Century

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The first half of the twentieth century witnessed an increase in new forms of communal life all over the world. In African, American, Asian, European and Oceanian countries, in imperial metropolises and colonial peripheries alike, communes in various forms emerged and spread. Yet, despite being usually located at the geographical, political and social margins of modern society, these communes never existed in enclosed circles. They were rather both niche and hub for radicals, revolutionaries, and reformers. This talk discusses examples of radical utopian communities in early twentieth century Japan, South Africa and Jamaica, asks for their connections and similarities, and explores possibilities to narrate a decentered global history through an analysis of concepts and practices of communal life.

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