

Cross-boundary Cancer Studies

The Road toward Asia Well-being

What does "Well-being" mean to the people of Asia?

To confront this question, we must first face cancer—not just as a disease, but as a shared human suffering. Using cancer as a touchpoint, this course explores the complex realities of urbanization, inequality, aging, and diversity that shape life across Asia. Bridging science and culture, policy and daily life, we open up a new dialogue—one that reimagines the very meaning of Well-being in an interconnected Asian future.

Summer Semester | The 6th Period, Tuesday 19:00-20:30 | *2 Credits (Retake Allowed)

April 15 **New Horizons in Interdisciplinary Research**
: Rethinking Values through Cancer
Shunya Yoshimi, Kokugakuin University

April 22 **What Is Well-being?**
: Insights from Asian Health Behaviors and Lifestyles
Kika Hotta, Asia Cancer Forum

May 13 **Japan's Contribution to Global Health**
: Pioneering Elderly Care for an Aging Asia
Satoshi Ezoe, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
Masaru Iwasaki, University of Yamanashi

May 27 **Social Value and Economic Evaluation of Healthcare**
Nirmala Bhoo Pathy, University of Malaya
Astellas Pharma Inc.

June 10 **Health in the Workplace**
: Toward Personalized Preventive Healthcare
Murallitharan Munisamy, National Cancer Society Malaysia
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Jun 17 **Telemedicine and the Visualization of Regional Health Disparities**
Norikazu Eiki, Eiki Consulting, LLC
Haruhiko Sugimura, Sasaki Institute, Sasaki Foundation

June 24 **Fostering Multi-Stakeholder Collaboration in Healthcare Innovation**
Darian Stibbe, The Partnering Initiative (TPI)
Union for International Cancer Control (UICC)

July 1 **Health Education and Preventive Medicine**
: Driving Community-based Health Management
Norie Kawahara, The University of Tokyo
Yakult Honsha Co., Ltd.

July 8 **Exercise Therapy and Psychosocial Support for Cancer Survivors**
Murallitharan Munisamy, National Cancer Society Malaysia
Kazushige Sasaki, The University of Tokyo

July 15 **Early Detection and Timely Treatment**
: Transforming Global Health through Japanese Life Science
Union for International Cancer Control (UICC)
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*Instructors and lecture content are subject to change.

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The interdisciplinary educational program "Surviving Cancer in Asia," which began in 2011, continues today under the title "Cross-boundary Cancer Studies." This program explores cancer not only from a medical perspective but also through the lenses of politics, economics, and culture. It has been further developed under the vision of Dr. Hideyuki Akaza, who views cancer as "a mirror that reflects society." The program is also positioned as part of the Asia Cancer UHC Policy Research conducted in collaboration with UICC-ARO.



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