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The College Women's Association of Japan (CWAJ) will celebrate International Women's Day 2025 with a public event: *Inclusion Through Innovation: Can AI Bridge the Gender Gap in Society?*

Leading researchers will discuss AI's potential to hinder and to promote gender equality in society. The first talk on gendered innovations will present the failure of scientific research historically to serve women and minority groups. The second will highlight the potential of AI to identify and correct gender biases in hiring processes. The third will discuss the broader implications of AI on social inequality, noting how data biases could worsen disparities and proposing ways to make AI more inclusive and equitable for all. **Mari Christine**, Former UN habitat goodwill ambassador, intercultural communications specialist, and member of CWAJ, will moderate the discussion and the interactive Q&A with attendees. The evening will conclude with a networking reception.

Date: Thursday, March 6 Time: 18:00 – 20:00 (Doors open at 17:30) Venue: Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan (<u>Access & Contact | FCCJ</u>)





The program will be held in Japanese. The speakers at the event include:

Masako Ishii-Kuntz, Ph.D.

Trustee and Vice President of Ochanomizu University in charge of research, international relations and gender equality, and Director of the Institute for Gendered Innovations.

Izumi Nitta

Senior Research Manager at the AI Innovation Core Project, Artificial Intelligence Laboratory Research Unit, Fujitsu Limited, and Visiting Associate Professor of Ochanomizu University.

Yuko Itatsu, Ph.D.

Professor at the Graduate School of Interdisciplinary Information Studies at the University of Tokyo, Director of the B'AI Global Forum, a research and education project on the social impact of AI, and CWAJ Study Abroad Scholar.

International Women's Day honors the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. On this day, groups and organizations across the world will advocate for policies and resources to support gender equality. This year, the United Nations is calling for the empowerment of the <u>next generation</u> of women as catalysts for change.

CWAJ is an organization that has worked for the advancement of women for 75 years. CWAJ member and lead organizer of this event, Marijke Munsiff, explained the motivation: "Together, we must continue to take action that promotes gender equality and to discover ways to use technological innovation to create an inclusive and equitable society for all."

Please reserve your seat by purchasing your online ticket starting February 1, 2025.

Seating is limited, so register early!

To make a reservation, click here.





CWAJ is a non-profit organization that supports education and cultural exchange between Japan and the international community. Founded in 1949, CWAJ has a long history of promoting the empowerment and advancement of women through various programs and initiatives.

CWAJ celebrated its 75th anniversary in 2024 with over 50 years of awarding scholarships to Japanese women to study abroad and over 40 years of providing scholarships for non-Japanese women to study in Japan. CWAJ is the only organization in Japan to have continually funded scholarships designated for Japanese women to study abroad for 50 years. Also, CWAJ was the first organization to provide non-loan scholarships to Japanese women and men with a visual impairment.

Visit <u>www.cwaj.org</u> to learn more about CWAJ's programs serving the community.

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