

Betting on the farm - Institutional change in Japanese agriculture

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Book talk with Patricia L. Maclachlan , Professor and Co-author of the book (Department of Government, The University of Texas at Austin)

Japan Agricultural Cooperatives (JA), a nationwide network of farm cooperatives, is under increasing pressure to expand farmer incomes by adapting coop strategies to changing market incentives. Some coops have adapted more successfully than others. In *Betting on the Farm*, Patricia L. Maclachlan and Kay Shimizu attribute these differences to three sets of local variables: resource endowments and product-specific market conditions, coop leadership, and the organization of farmer-members behind new coop strategies. Using in-depth case studies and profiles of different types of farmers, *Betting on the Farm* also explores the evolution of the formal and informal institutional foundations of postwar agriculture; the electoral sources of JA's influence; the interactive effects of economic liberalization and demographic pressures (an aging farm population and acute shortage of farm successors) on the propensity for change within the farm sector; and the diversification of Japan's traditional farm households and the implications for farmer ties with JA.

- **11 July 2022 | 18.30 - 20.30 (Paris time)**
- *Onsite and online - In English*
- Room 481C, Grands Moulins building, Université Paris Cité, 5 rue Thomas Mann 75013 Paris (France)
- Discussants: Yves Tiberghien (The University of British Columbia), Hugh Whittaker (University of Oxford)
- Chair: Arnaud Grivaud (Université Paris Cité)
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