



MAY 6, 3PM

FREE LECTURE *AFTER DARKNESS:* JAPANESE CIVILIAN INTERNMENT IN FICTION



The Hidden Story of Wartime Australia & Japan



It is early 1942 and Australia is at war. While working at a Japanese hospital in Broome, Dr Ibaraki is arrested as an enemy alien and sent to Loveday internment camp. As tensions escalate, the doctor's beliefs are thrown into question and he is forced to confront his dark past: the promise he made and its devastating consequences.

Delve into the human side of historical events, as Australian author **Christine Piper** discusses her award-winning book *After Darkness* (暗闇の後で) with translator **Masashi Hojo**. Piper will share insights gained through research into internment camps, pearl shell divers in Australia and the Japanese Army's Unit 731. Hojo will talk about the translation process and his father's experience as a pearl shell diver in Broome and his internment in the 1940s.

The talk will be followed by a Q&A. Interpretation will be provided by **Yuriko Yamanouchi**. Co-hosted by the **Australian Studies Association of Japan**.



Dr. Christine PIPER

A mixed-race Japanese Australian author and journalist, Christine Piper wrote the novel *After Darkness* for a Doctor of Creative Arts degree at the University of Technology, Sydney. It won the 2014 Vogel's Literary Award and is being studied by Year 12 students. Kadensha published the Japanese translation in 2023.



Prof. Masashi HOJO

A professor emeritus of Kochi University, Masashi Hojo has authored several books on chemistry. He translated *After Darkness* and co-translated *Number 2 Home* and *North to Matsumae: Australian Whalers to Japan*. His father was a Broome pearl diver for 29 years and was interned in Australia during the war.



Assoc. Prof. Yuriko YAMANOUCHI

An associate professor at the Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Yuriko Yamanouchi is a cultural anthropologist. Her current research focuses on Japanese and Indigenous Australian mixed descendant people.

EVENT DETAILS

Monday, May 6, 2024
3pm-4:35pm
Live & virtual lecture

Institute for Global Area Studies,
**Tokyo University of Foreign
Studies**

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& Lecture Building

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