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## 'Fu' (pawn, steps, walk): Claiming literacy, Fighting against Buraku discrimination

歩：識字を求め、部落差別と闘いつづける

Mrs YAMAMOTO Eiko was born to a poor family in a small Buraku settlement in Kyoto. Having been herself deprived of the opportunity to undergo formal education as a child, she organised a literacy class in her own home. Her passion for learning did not stop there. Later in life she attended an evening junior high school, a part-time high school, and entered a university at the age of sixty-nine. Her life story coincided with the rise of the Buraku liberation movement in post-war Kyoto. Her recent book *Fu* (pawn, steps,

walk): Claiming literacy, Fighting against Buraku discrimination (Kaiho Shuppan Sha, 2012) tells the life story of an ordinary activist (she calls herself a 'pawn'), hidden behind the actions of celebrated public ideologues. It is also a testimony to how 'the personal is political', revealing how she engaged with the liberation movement in her everyday life.

We invite Mrs YAMAMOTO Eiko and others to join us in a discussion on discrimination,

Buraku culture, and possible future social liberation in Japan.



◆ **Date** : May 26 (Thu), 14:00–16:00

◆ **Speaker** : Eiko YAMAMOTO (The deputy head of the Kyoto 6th Branch, Kyoto Prefectural Federation, Buraku Liberation League)

Comment by Aya IKEGAME (Associate Professor, The University of Tokyo)

◆ **Venue** : Main Conference Room (3rd Floor), Tobunken

\* *The presentation will be in Japanese.*



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