

# <Tobunken/ASNET Seminar>

## Letting resource go :

## Re-evaluation of "Rural Development"

資源を手放す選択はあるか——農村開発の再考



This seminar explores the way of conserving resources in mountainous agricultural districts under the issues of depopulation, shrinking communities and aging that Japan is presently facing, with particular focus on the characteristics of the resources of terraced rice fields. The mechanism of

resource conservation projects dissolves when their expansion continues in mountainous areas in spite of their serious depopulation and aging. Through field survey, it has been made clear that there arises a gap between village people's efforts to conserve their resources and the administrative conservation projects involving urban areas. It has also suggested a new possibility for local people to choose to release the resources. Through above discussion this presentation will question, "for whom was the 'rural development' designed and what will it be like?"

◆ **Date** : June 2 (Thu), 17:00–18:00

◆ **Speaker** : Rei Asada (Project Researcher, IASA, The University of Tokyo)

Comment by Yutaka Suga (Professor, IASA, The University of Tokyo)

◆ **Venue** : Lobby, Ground floor, Tobunken

*\* The presentation will be in Japanese.*



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