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“What Should I Do?”: Family Problems and Legal Conundrums in Postcolonial Korea

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12:00 - 1:15 PM

GISB, Room #2067

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Also on Zoom



Open to the public.

A light lunch will
be served.

Korea experienced drastic transformations at a dizzying pace from 1945 into the 1970s through a postcolonial transition, the Korean War, and a fast-paced industrialization. What kind of everyday problems did Korean families experience as they lived through these tumultuous times? In this talk, I examine two collections of legal advice on family matters from the Women’s Legal Consultation Agency (later named the Korean Family Legal Consultation Agency), one from 1958 and another from 1979, to analyze everyday family problems that people experienced as well as challenges posed by the idiosyncratic family laws of postcolonial Korea.