

# ”Creating Places:

## *Local industries and local identity in contemporary Japan*”

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**Venue:** SOAS, Vernon Square Campus, VG01 (Ground floor)  
29 Penton Rise, London WC1X 9EN

**Time:** 18:30pm~ (followed by drinks reception)

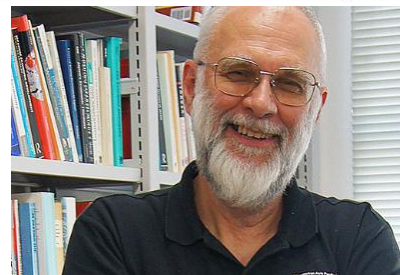
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**Abstract** Two of the most important trends in contemporary Japan are urbanization and population decline. As more and more people become concentrated in a few large urban region, this raises the question of what happens to people and places in the more peripheral and marginal areas of the country? What strategies and resources are available locally to resist these centralizing processes in an attempt to revitalize local economies and identities? Some of the available options, drawing on both natural and cultural resources, are explored in case studies from central and western Japan. This material raises the question of whether Japan is a unique case, or whether other advanced and post-industrial societies with similar demographic trends are starting to face similar issues.

### Biography

Professor Jeremy S. Eades, is a social anthropologist specializing in the Asia Pacific region, and is currently a Professorial Research Associate in Anthropology at SOAS. He was formerly Dean of the College and Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University, Beppu, Japan. This seminar draws on his recent research interests in urbanization, the environment, development, education and tourism in Japan and the wider Asia Pacific region.