

法政大学大学院 政治学専攻公開講演会

演題 Better Half: Japanese Election Campaigning and the Political Role of the Spouse (よき伴侶－日本の選挙運動にみる配偶者の政治的役割－)

■日時:5月25日(金) 18:30 開演

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■会場:法政大学市ヶ谷キャンパス 新見附校舎3階 A305 教室

交通アクセス/JR・都営新宿線「市ヶ谷駅」下車、徒歩 10 分、または東京メトロ有楽町線・南北線「市ヶ谷駅」下車(5 番出口)、徒歩 4 分

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Dyron Dabney, granted his Ph.D. in Comparative Politics by the University of Michigan, is Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science at Albion College, Albion, Michigan. His research includes campaigns and elections, political parties, political participation and elite politics in Japan. He is currently a Visiting Professor at the School of International Liberal Studies at Waseda University.

■講演要旨

In this lecture, Prof. Dabney focuses on the supportive (or unsupportive) role played by both female and male spouses in the Japanese electoral process. While the spouse frequently is credited as being the better part, or the more valuable half of a partnership in everyday life, the spouse, as a partner within the context of a political life, often is undervalued as a political asset, operative, or “broker” of votes in the electoral arena by those who organize campaigns, as well as by those who observe them. He evaluates the participatory role and participatory consequence of the spouse—labeled the “spousal effect”—in local-, state- and national-level election campaigns in Japan. He establishes a number of spousal support “types” or categories via interview with female and male spouses and their corresponding legislative seat-seeking counterpart, and participant observations and media analyses of the actions of spouses. Prof. Dabney exposes the complexity of the spouse’s participation in and influence on election campaigns based on geographic region, generation/age, sex, political party membership, voter expectations, tenure in office and the level of elected office.

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