

Manners and Mischief



Gender, Power, and Etiquette in Japan

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Come join us in celebrating the publication of “Manners and Mischief: Gender, Power, and Etiquette in Japan” edited by Jan Bardsley and Laura Miller (University of California Press, 2011).

AND PRESENTATION

DR. LAURA MILLER will give a presentation on “Behavior which offends: Comics and other images of incivility.”

Offering a concise snapshot of Japanese society, “Manners and Mischief” examines etiquette guides, advice literature, and other such instructions for behavior from the early modern period to the present day and discovers how manners do in fact make the nation. Eleven essays consider a spectrum of cases, from the geisha party to gay bar cool, executive grooming, and good manners for subway travel. Together, they show that etiquette is much more than fussy rules for behavior. In fact the idiom of manners, packaged in conduct literature, reveals much about gender and class difference, notions of national identity, the dynamics of subversion and conformity, and more.

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