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# "Shimokitazawa as a Utopian town in Japan"

Speaker:

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**Date: January 19 (Friday)**

**Time: 7:00-8:30pm (Doors open at 6:30, coffee and tea will be served)**

**Venue: Temple University, Tokyo Campus, Azabu Hall, Room #303**

**Fee: 1,000Yen (500Yen for students)**

*Shimokitazawa is a unique neighborhood along the Odakyu line, famous for its human scale urban fabric, roji networks, and artful entertainments. It has, however, been threatened by the new construction of a city planning road which was planned 60 years ago, threatening to turn it into a sterile redevelopment zone. This lecture will focus on the serious controversy between the strict regulations of the Setagaya Ward government/civil engineers and the protesting local citizen's groups.*