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Artisanal Pizza in Japan A Case of Culinary Globalization

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Minakami is a mountain town renowned for hot springs, located in the region of Gunma, where you can have pizza at *La Biere*. But this is not going to be just pizza, but a Napoli style pizza with a delicious doughy crust. The secret of such a good dish relies on the pure mountain water used to make the dough. Not only did a dish originating in and symbolic of an Italian seaside city become a must-eat food in a Japanese mountain town, but also a set of knowledge and artisanal expertise, a proper pizza maker, the oven and the Italian atmosphere have all been transferred to Japan.

In this lecture, Dr. Ceccarini will give an overview of the history and state of pizza in Japan. She will show the development of pizza in Japan, primarily in Tokyo, in four time periods (1950-1960s, 1970-1980s, 1990-2000s, and today). For every period, she will outline the stories of key actors involved in the making of Italian cuisine and pizza into Japanese favorites.

Rossella Ceccarini has a background in sociology and has recently completed the PhD Program in Global Studies at Sophia University. Her primary research interests are in the sociology of work and labor, sociology of food, and global and cultural studies. She is currently working on a book manuscript based on her PhD dissertation, describing the spread of pizza in Japan and the two-way flow of pizza chefs moving between Italy and Japan.

Location: 5-7-12 Shinjuku, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo, 1st Floor
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