

# SEXUAL CRIMES IN CANADA: *A comparison with Japan*

Sexual assault is broadly defined in Canada as sexual touching without consent. In comparison, Japanese rape laws are gender-specific, relativize the significance of lack of consent and do not include non-penetrative sexual offenses. In this seminar, the history of judicial and theoretical interpretation of Japanese rape law, including recent reformation efforts, will be introduced and analyzed in comparison with Canadian laws.

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\*Refreshments and a light lunch will be served. Please RSVP: [cals@allard.ubc.ca](mailto:cals@allard.ubc.ca)



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