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Women's Rights and the Japanese Constitution: Beate Sirota Gordon's Legacy and its Implications Worldwide

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*Photo: Beate Sirota Gordon, 22 year-old drafter of Article 24 on Women's Rights
in the Japanese Constitution*

Monday, March 22, 2021 7:30 pm -8:45 pm Eastern Time (USA)
[Tuesday, March 23, 2021 830am- 945am Japan Time]

Speakers

Nicole Gordon, Moderator, Distinguished Lecturer, Baruch College
(daughter of Beate Sirota Gordon)

Introduction: Serendipity and Opportunity

Professor Carol Gluck, Columbia University

Marriage Shall Be Based on Mutual Consent: Beate Sirota Gordon and the Japanese Constitution

Fusako Utsumi, President, NWEA (National Women's Education Center, Japan)

Reiko Aoki, Former Visiting Researcher, NWEA

The Impact of Article 24 - Women's Rights and Japanese Women Today

Motoko Rich, Tokyo Bureau Chief, New York Times

Observations from the Newsroom

Dr. Elizabeth L. Hillman, President, Mills College

How the Law Matters to Women, Girls, and the Rest of Us

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Beate Sirota Gordon's story is recounted in her memoir

The Only Woman in the Room

<https://press.uchicago.edu/ucp/books/book/chicago/O/bo18058488.html>

See NY Times article

<https://www.nytimes.com/2013/01/02/world/asia/beate-gordon-feminist-heroine-in-japan-dies-at-89.html>