

# SEXUAL CONSENT AS CULTURE: YOUTH LEADING CHANGE

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From "No Means No" to "Yes Means Yes," sexual consent has become significant to fostering a culture of respect. In western societies, many universities provide consent education, and legal frameworks increasingly define rape based on the absence of consent. In 2023, Japan revised its rape law to recognize consent, however sexual consent remains far from normalized within society. This event unites youth activists from different countries to discuss how young people can drive societal change and promote a culture of consent. Join us for engaging presentations, discussions, and fresh perspectives on building a society that says no to sexual violence.



DATE

Wed March 12th,  
2025



TIME

8:30am - 10am (EDT)



LOCATION

Online(Zoom)

## PANELISTS



**Misha Cade**

Misha Cade is a queer, half-Japanese Ph.D. student at The University of Tokyo conducting research on sexual violence and feminist student activism in Japan.

As an activist and the cofounder of Speak Up Sophia, a student organization that promotes sexual consent in Sophia University, they have hosted numerous consent and bystander intervention workshops across universities in Tokyo.



**Aurora Pinelli**

Aurora Pinelli is a law student in a joint program between Columbia Law School, Sciences Po Paris, and Université Paris-Sorbonne, specializing in transnational crime and war crimes.

She has worked on conflict-based sexual violence in Bosnia and Herzegovina and researched sexual crimes committed by the Burmese regime against the Rohingya. Aurora represented Italy at the Fora Global Summit on gender equality, participated in the 2023 CSW, and founded Legal Change, an NGO fostering diversity in the legal profession.



**Ismini Drososforifi**

Ismini Drososforidi is passionate about driving impact through both investment and advocacy.

At Epagon VC, she focuses on frontier tech companies dedicated to tackling challenges around the most basic human needs.

Additionally, she is championing menstrual equity in Greece, collaborating with Women on Top and Deon Policy Institute to ensure affordable, safe, and accessible period products for all.



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## Agenda

1. Opening
  2. Presentation from an activist in Japan - How youths are changing Japanese society to make sexual consent a culture
  3. Panel Discussion with youth activists
  4. Q&A
  5. Closing
- ※Questions will be accepted via the Zoom chat.  
※Please keep your audio muted throughout the event.



## CSW

The United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) meets annually in March at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, where government representatives and NGOs convene to discuss and resolve issues related to gender equality and the necessary actions to address them.

**This event is one of the parallel events taking place alongside CSW69 (the 69th session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women).**

## BPW

BPW stands for Business and Professional Women. The Japan BPW Federation is dedicated to advancing the status of working women. It was officially certified as a Tokyo Metropolitan Government-recognized NPO in 2017 and obtained special consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in 2023.

**This event is planned and organized by the CSW69 intern members of the Japan BPW Federation.**

## MODERATOR & ORGANIZER

### Japan BPW Federation CSW69 Interns



**Momoko Yokoi**

Momoko Yokoi is a director of NGO Mimosas, focusing on sexual violence prevention education and advocacy for youth in Japan. She holds a BA in International Relations from Sophia University and has 4.5 years of experience in sales at Cisco Systems. During her undergraduate studies, she co-founded Speak Up Sophia, an organization dedicated to promoting awareness of sexual consent on campus. At Cisco, she took on a leadership role in Women of Cisco, a global community empowering women in IT, from her second year.



**Chifumi Tanzawa**

Chifumi Tanzawa produced a documentary on sexual violence in Japan during her time at university. Upon graduation, she worked alongside director teams from Korea and Japan to create and present Teleporting, a documentary that explores feminist issues between the two nations, with the objective of fostering dialogue and raising awareness of social issues. In addition to her career as a company employee, she is an active member of the third cohort of the general incorporated association GENCOURAGE.