

## SIETAR Kansai June 2025 meeting

Speaker: **Gerry Yokota** (Osaka University)

Title: **The Gaza Pilgrimage: Interfaith Communication as Intercultural Communication**

Date: **June 28, 2025** (Sat.)

Time: 14:00-17:00

Language: English

Venue: Nishinomiya Daigaku Koryu Center (ACTA East Tower 6F Seminar room 2)  
2 minutes from Hankyu Nishinomiya Kitaguchi station

Fee: Free for members; ¥ 500 for nonmembers

Social event: Optional dinner, reservations required by **June 22 (Sun) 2025**  
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**Description:** In March of 2024, Gerry organized the first Gaza Ceasefire Pilgrimage in Osaka as part of an international event that took place in over 150 cities in 20 different countries. Then, after the ceasefire agreement that was declared in January of this year broke down, she organized a second pilgrimage in April. In this session, she will present her experience organizing these events as a point of entry to explore a variety of approaches, including the Nonviolent Communication (NVC) approach of Marshall Rosenberg, toward promoting intercultural communication with particular attention to respect for religious differences.



**Gerry Yokota** retired from her lifelong career at Osaka University in 2020. She continues to teach part-time. Her professional service at Osaka was primarily with the Human Rights Committee, especially harassment prevention and DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) and the Open University. In her research, she takes an applied cognitive linguistic approach to the representation of gender and culture in a variety of genres, from Noh to anime, with a focus on what is lost and found in the translation of metaphor.