

COORDINATING THE MAKING OF MEANING IN DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS

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Minami Aoyama Meeting Room (see directions below; name changed, same room as before)

PROFILE: Beth Fisher-Yoshida, PhD, CCS, founder of FYI Fisher Yoshida International, is a consultant working in the areas of negotiation and conflict resolution, leadership development, transformational learning and intercultural communication. Beth works predominantly with multinational organizations in a variety of industries around the globe including consulting with the United Nations for more than 13 years. She is also Faculty and Director of the Master of Science in Negotiation and Conflict Resolution at Columbia University. Beth received her doctorate from Fielding Graduate University in Human and Organizational Systems. She lived and worked in Japan for 13 years.

PROGRAM: The Coordinated Management of Meaning (CMM) is a practical theory that can be applied in a variety of settings and situations. It is especially useful for people wanting to gain insights about themselves and others and to facilitate difficult conversations. CMM is built on the principles of *coherence*, as humans we are always trying to make meaning of our experiences; *coordination*, as in a well choreographed dance we are trying to be in rhythm with others; and *mystery*, we will never know everything about a person or situation so let's enter into our interactions with others filled with curiosity. CMM also is based on social constructionism in which we create our social worlds. Therefore, we act out of and into contexts and each interaction lays the foundation for future interactions in this relationship and others. In this session, participants will be introduced to a few of the tools used in CMM. They will have a chance to see how these tools can be applied to a case study and then they will have a chance to apply the tools to something more personally meaningful to them.

COST: Members ¥1,000 yen; nonmembers ¥2,000

Please register by **Monday, June 8** and indicate if you also wish to attend lunch at the Cortesia Restaurant next door. Please state choice of three-course pasta lunch with coffee for ¥1900: 1) meat, 2) seafood, or 3) vegetarian.

SEND reservations to: Adair Nagata <info@imhpj.org>

LOCATION: Minami Aoyama Meeting Room, 5-4-22 Minami Aoyama, Minato-ku, Tokyo

DIRECTIONS: The Omotesando Metro Station is serviced by the Chiyoda, Hanzomon, and Ginza lines. Use Exit B-3. At street level, turn left and proceed to the first stop light that is Koto Dori and turn left again. There will be a Max Mara shop on that corner. Go three stoplights and turn left again. The building will be on your far left through a big green gate of a housing compound. The complex of residential buildings is two and three storeys high in a light yellow color. The Meeting Room is the last door on the left.