Hiroto Shimizu (Ph.D. in Human Sciences)

PERSONAL SUMMARY

Dr. Hiroto Shimizu is a medical sociologist. He graduated from the School of Human Sciences at Osaka University in 2011 and received his M.A. in 2014, and Ph.D. degree in 2018 in Human Sciences at the Graduate School of Human Sciences, Osaka University. He is currently appointed as Research Fellow of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, based in the Graduate School of Sociology at Ryukoku University. Hiroto also holds a visiting position in the School of Social Sciences at Cardiff University. He has published papers on professionals' and lay understanding of depression in the contexts of Japanese psychiatry and occupational health. His current research project is a UK–Japan comparative study on narratives of depression, based on fieldwork in support groups and interviews.

RESEARCH KEYWORDS

Depression, Medicalisation, Illness Narrative, Occupational Health, Support Group, United Kingdom, Japan

CAREER

2018.10–2020.03, School of Social Sciences, Cardiff University, UK; Visiting Fellow

2018.04–2021.03, Graduate School of Sociology, Ryukoku University, Japan; JSPS Research Fellow (Category PD)

2016.04–2018.03, Graduate School of Human Sciences, Osaka University, Japan; JSPS Research Fellow (Category DC2)

GRANTS

Symposium/workshop grants from the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science and the Foundation for the Sociology of Health and Illness, for a one-day symposium 'International comparison and collaboration in medical sociology: research initiatives, challenges, and future prospects', Cardiff University School of Social Sciences, UK, August 20th, 2019.

ACADEMIC SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

British Sociological Association

International Sociological Association

The Japanese Society of Health and Medical Sociology

The Japan Sociological Society

Kansai Sociological Association

PUBLICATIONS

Shimizu, H., 2019, 'Contemporary issues in illness narratives: an examination of the controversy in the United Kingdom and North America', *The Annual Review of Health and Medical Sociology*, 30(1): ??–??. [in press] [in Japanese]

Shimizu, H., 2018, 'Workplace depression in modern Japanese society: psychiatry, occupational health, and individual experience', Ph.D. thesis, Graduate School of Human Sciences, Osaka University. [in Japanese]

Shimizu, H., 2017, 'Notes on the activity of some self-help groups', *Work and Health*, 43(1): 12–5. [in Japanese]

Shimizu, H., 2016, 'Conflicting interpretations of "depression" in Japanese occupational health: meaning imputation of the deviance and causal attribution by physicians', *The Annual Review of Health and Medical Sociology*, 27(1): 73–82. [in Japanese]

Shimizu, H., 2014, 'The increasing problem of depression in the workplace in Japan: using medicalisation theory', M.A. thesis, Graduate School of Human Sciences, Osaka University. [in Japanese]

Shimizu, H., 2014, 'Shifting trends in medicalization theory: from the medicalization of deviant behaviour to the expansion of medicalized categories', *Annals of Human Sciences*, 35: 39–51. [in Japanese]

PRESENTATIONS

Shimizu, H., 'Contemporary implications of the criticism of the "privileging of narrative"', 69th Annual Meeting of Kansai Sociological Association, Matsuyama University, Japan, June, 2018. [in Japanese]

Shimizu, H., 'Exploring the possibilities of illness narrative research: an examination of the controversy in the United Kingdom and North America', 44th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society of Health and Medical Sociology, Seisa Dohto University, Japan, May, 2018. [in Japanese]

Shimizu, H., 'Illness narrative as social construction: a case of workers' depression narratives', International Workshop: Challenges of Illness Narratives, Ritsumeikan University, Japan, November, 2017.

Shimizu, H., 'Facing patients' contestation regarding the causation of depression: a fieldworker's experience', 43rd Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society of Health and Medical Sociology, Bukkyo University, Japan, May, 2017.

Shimizu, H., 'Potential and limitations of framing analysis in analyzing individual-level framing of an illness category: a case study of depression in Japan', Third ISA Forum of Sociology, University of Vienna, Austria, July, 2016.

Shimizu, H., ‘Medicalization and demedicalization of mild depression in Japanese occupational health’, 18th ISA World Congress of Sociology, Pacifico Yokohama, Japan, July, 2014.