

No Good Deed Goes Unpunished

Exposition of the movie 'Bashing' by director Masahiro Kobayashi
with special guest speaker Eco Hamersma

Film:

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Date and Time:

February 24 (Fri.), 2023
18:15-19:55

(Movie running time 82 minutes)

Venue:

GRM Common Room

(2nd floor of Shikokan, Karasuma campus)

Language: Film in Japanese (w/ English subtitles),
presentation in English

Admission: Free

Open to: Doshisha University students and faculty

Application: Not necessary

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Summary

Volunteering to help others in need can and should be seen by society as a source of dignity. Unfortunately, working as a foreign aid worker can be a thankless job. In the 2005 movie *Bashing* 「バッシング」 director Masahiro Kobayashi 「小林政広」 tells a fictional reinterpretation of an actual story about a Japanese aid worker who was kidnapped by Iraqi insurgents during the 2003 US-Iraq War while attempting to bring aid to the Iraqi people. Upon her return to Japan she faced relentless scorn, hence the title 'bashing', as a result of public perception that she had 'harmed' Japan's return to the stage of international security. During this event, the 3rd year doctoral candidate at the Graduate School of Global Studies and Global Resource Management Program, Eco Hamersma, having conducted his master thesis was on the topic of Syrian Federalisation, will introduce the movie as well as a complementary overview of the security situation in Iraq and Syria based on his research.

