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The Pleasures of Circular Care among Natural Farmers in Contemporary Japan

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SPEAKER

In an evocative story of awakening in the 1930s, researcher Fukuoka Masanobu described the joy of seeing "true nature," whereupon he quit his job and returned to his family farm to put his realization into practice. Today, young professionals opting out of consumer lifestyles follow natural farming methods inspired by Fukuoka and others to rediscover what they imagine as natural cycles (*junkan*) of human-nature care. Based on fieldwork among new farmers in Kyoto, this lecture explores joy as a method for restoring human-nature flourishing in times of socio-ecological crisis.

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