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# A WOMAN READING AND WRITING IN 11TH C. JAPAN: THE SARASHINA DIARY



Rokkakudō in Kyoto, Japan • Photo © Sonja Arntzen

Sonja Arntzen, Professor Emerita, University of Toronto will talk about a new translation of the *Sarashina nikki* that she has co-authored with Professor Moriyuki Itō of Gakushūin Women's University.

## ***The Sarashina Diary: A Woman's Life in Eleventh-***

***Century Japan*** (Columbia University Press, 2014) recounts the life of Japanese noblewoman over a forty-year period, offers a portrait of the writer as reader, and explores the power of reading to shape one's expectations and aspirations in life. This talk will discuss the diary itself and the rather unusual process of collaboration that produced the translation and study.

**FRIDAY 18 SEPTEMBER, 4PM, 403 KENT HALL  
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Free and open to the public. No registration required.

*The Sarashina Diary: A Woman's Life in Eleventh-Century Japan* will be available for purchase at a 20% discount only at this event.