

Consortium for Research in Eating Disorders (CoRe-ED)  
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Joint Forum



# EATING DISORDER LANDSCAPE IN JAPAN AND BEYOND

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Participation fee: Free



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## Speakers



**Prof Gemma Sharp** is the Founding Director and Member of the not-for-profit international Consortium for Research in Eating Disorders (CoRe-ED). The consortium is a first-of-its-kind international initiative that brings together all people involved in eating disorders research - researchers, clinicians, people with lived experience, advocates, not-for-profit and industry representatives - globally. Hundreds of people have joined CoRe-ED from over 20 countries since launch in September 2024. In addition to Gemma's work with CoRe-ED, she is a Professor and clinical psychologist at the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia, leading the Body Image & Eating Disorders Research Program.



**Dr Maya Miyari-Steel** is originally from Tokyo, Japan and currently a teaching assistant professor in the Department of Health Sciences (Public Health program) at DePaul University in Chicago, USA. She received her BS and MS degrees in Exercise and Sport Science and PhD in Health Promotion and Education at the University of Utah. Maya previously worked as an exercise education consultant at eating disorders residential facilities in Utah, USA. She currently focuses on researching eating disorder prevention among college students. Her additional research interests include 1) social justice issues (e.g., food insecurity), 2) innovative health promotion/lifestyle modification practices, and 3) aging issues.



**Charinko (Chiaki Yazaki)** was Born in 1976, Ms. Yazaki is a Mental Health Social Worker with over 20 years of experience in the field. She experienced an eating disorder for 11 years, from age 18 to 29. While she no longer experiences symptoms, she doesn't think she has completely recovered from eating disorders. In 2008, She founded "Tomoashi-no-Kai," a peer support group for individuals with eating disorders. She now collaborates with three partners to run "Tomoashi-no-Kai," marking 17 years of service.



**Dr Rie Yamada** is a Project assistant professor at the University of Tokyo Center for Philosophy, Uehiro Research Division for Philosophy of Co-existence. She completed her Ph.D. at the University of Tokyo Graduate School of Arts and Sciences in 2021. Her research focuses on the socio-historical aspects of eating disorders. Her Ph.D. dissertation particularly explores how the causes of eating disorders have been attributed to families over time. She is also actively involved in supporting individuals with eating disorders as a staff member of "Ohana."