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外国人研究員 研究報告書
Research Report by Visiting Researcher

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| 研究課題名 Research topic | Technosocial life of Russian IT immigrants in Japan |
| 研究期間 Research period | 2024年 07月 04日～ 2024年 08月 31日 From Y/M/D to Y/M/D |
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| 研究成果発表 （予定も含む） Publication/Presentation (including future ones) | The research conducted will contribute significantly to the forthcoming PhD dissertation and will serve as the foundation for a series of academic articles to be published in tandem with the dissertation. The findings and summary of this research will be presented within University Toronto Departments of Anthropology and East Asian Studies, as well as Centre for Diaspora & Transnational Studies and Anne Tanenbaum Centre for Jewish Studies. |
| 研究成果の概要 Summary of your research achievements | This pilot fieldwork provided foundational insights into Russian immigrant communities through 29 in-depth interviews and the establishment of key connections with relevant scholars and community representatives. These findings will inform and guide the subsequent full-scale research. |
| 研究の詳細（600～800字） Detailed Research Report (600-800 words) | <p>During the fieldwork, a total of 29 in-depth, guided unstructured interviews were conducted. Of these, 24 were with Russian-speaking immigrants, primarily those engaged in IT-related professions, either currently working, transitioning into the field, or with prior experience. For comparative purposes, 5 interviews were conducted with non-Russian-speaking immigrants to explore both shared and distinct aspects of the immigrant experience. The demographic breakdown included 14 men, 14 women, and 1 trans individual, with 4 participants identifying as LGBT, who provided valuable insights into the intersection of sexuality and immigration. Additionally, some respondents identified as racial minorities within the Russian context and reflected on how these identities shaped their immigrant and diasporic experiences.</p> <p>The interviews conducted during this fieldwork will undergo thorough transcription and analysis, serving as a foundational dataset for a range of future publications. The key themes that emerged from these interviews encompass a broad spectrum of topics, including the complexities of immigrant and foreigner identities, the nuances of</p> |

assimilation processes, and concerns regarding safety, as well as economic and social security. In addition, the interviews provide valuable insights into the intersections of racial, gender, and other identities within the immigrant experience, highlighting how these factors shape individuals' lives in both subtle and overt ways. These themes represent only the initial observations, with more detailed and nuanced findings expected to emerge through the in-depth analysis that will be conducted over the coming years. This analysis will deepen our understanding of the multifaceted nature of identity and belonging within immigrant communities.

In addition to interviews, participant observation was conducted by attending professional gatherings, such as cybersecurity events, as well as recreational and community social events. As a complementary inquiry, the role of Jewish individuals in the Russian-speaking diaspora was also explored through both ethnographic and archival research. These elements will provide a broader context for the main research.