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# Kenzaburō Ōe



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THE 2010 TETSUO NAJITA DISTINGUISHED LECTURE IN JAPANESE STUDIES  
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**THURSDAY, MARCH 4 AT 4:00 P.M.**  
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In this lecture, Kenzaburō Ōe, recipient of the 1994 Nobel Prize in Literature, will discuss the contemporary relevance of Tetsuo Najita's approach to intellectual history, including Najita's *Visions of Virtue in Tokugawa Japan: The Kaitokudō Merchant Academy of Osaka* (1997), a landmark study of the rise of an independent school of economic and moral philosophy in eighteenth-century Japan. Ōe will speak in Japanese, with English translation provided.

The Tetsuo Najita Distinguished Lecture series was launched in 2007 by the Japan Studies Committee to honor the legacy of Tetsuo Najita, Robert S. Ingersoll Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus of History and of East Asian Languages and Civilizations, and his contribution to the university during his long career.

For additional information, or if you require assistance to fully participate in this event, please contact Sarah Arehart (sarehart@uchicago.edu) or 773-702-2715.



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