Japanese Culture through Way of Tea

Schedule: Tuesday and Thursday, 12:00-13:50 4 credits
Classroom: SCI Research & Teaching Center #108
Instructor: Suwako Watanabe

Course Description
This course introduces Japanese culture through Way of Tea, Chado, which is one of the major Japanese traditional arts. By learning about the history, the aesthetics, philosophy of Way of Tea as well as how to participate in a tea gathering (making and drinking tea), students will learn perspectives and values that are integral part of Japanese culture. The course will be conducted in English.

Topics introduced in this course include...
- Development of Way of Tea
- Tea gathering - Ichizakonryu
- Tea house and tea utensils
- Tea schools and masters
- Philosophy – Zen
- Nature and seasons
- Aesthetics – wabi & sabi
- Visit to Portland Japanese Garden