

International Symposium

Mobility, Hybridity and the Way to Co-existence: Re-structuring of Daily Life in Rural and Urban African Societies

Date: 8th – 9th February, 2013

Venue: JSPS Nairobi Research Station

Co-organizers: JSPS Nairobi & ILCAA, TUFS, Japan

In an age of globalization, social changes and urbanization in African societies are more and more become obvious, not only for researchers but for ordinary people in each society. Though the difficulty of capturing the whole picture of these drastic changes in a single method, neither sociology, anthropology, human geography nor history, we can have cross cutting discussion on the platform of area studies. In this workshop, we sat the key concepts as mobility, hybridity and co-existence, we will discuss on this changes on empirical basis analysis and dairy experience among the people.

Mobility and hybridity are the characteristics of modernity, and also more significant keys of construing semantic changes in this age. In Eastern and Southern Africa, focused area of this workshop, for example, various goods, people and information coming and going between a capital city like Nairobi and each rural areas, and it makes myriad new situation and practices of the people. On the other hand, development schemes under “global issues”, such as climate change, natural resource management, migration, urbanization and poverty etc got effect and most of public activities will be explained along those contexts by the people themselves.

This workshop is composed by three sessions;

- Session 1: Restructuring Urban Spaces and Places
- Session 2: Development Programme, Nation-State and the People
- Session 3: View Points from Daily Life of the People

About ten researchers from Japan and Eastern and Southern Africa will present their on-going studies, we shall capture the characteristics of post-globalism urban and rural situation from the cases of multi-cited field researches in Eastern and Southern Africa.

Programme (tentative)

8th Feb

10:00-10:30 Opening Remarks
Wakana Shiino (ILCAA, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, JAPAN)

● Session 1: Restructuring Urban Spaces and Places

10:30-11:00 History of Post-Colonial Nairobi
Charles Ndegwa (Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture & Technology)

11:00-11:30 Powers of Private Cities: Mobility and Governmentality in the Liquid City,
Johannesburg
Youhei Miyauchi (Centre for Asian Studies, Rikkyo University, JAPAN)

11:30-12:00 Comment
Soichiro Shiraishi (JSPS Nairobi)

12:00-14:00 Lunch

● Session 2: Development Programme, Nation-State and the People

14:00-14:30 Reorganization of "We / Community" under Global Wildlife
Conservation: From the Case of Loitokitok Maasai in Southern Kenya
Toshio Meguro (JSPS/ Tokyo University)

14:30-15:00 Flexible and Cooperative Management among Local Residents and Public
Institutions in the Encounter of People and Wildlife around the National Park, Tanzania
Mariko Fujimoto (JSPS/ ASAFAS)

15:00-15:30 Comment
Tom Ondicho (Anthropology & African Studies, University of Nairobi)

15:30-16:00 Discussion

9th Feb

● Session 3: View Points from Daily Life of the People

10:00-10:30 Knowledge and Socio-Cultural Role of Various Plants in Maasai society
Oliver Wasoka (University of Nairobi)

10:30-11:00 Sustainable Slash-and-burn Cultivation: The Invention of an Agroforestry
System Utilizing Black Wattle (*Acacia mearnsii*) by the Bena People in Tanzania
Fumi Kondo (ASAFAS, Kyoto University)

11:00-11:30 Successful Economy of Self-settled Refugees? : Mobility and Flexibility
in Rural Zambia
Rumiko Murao (ILCAA, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, JAPAN)

11:30-12:00 Participatory Natural Resources Management in Southern Africa
Munukayumbwa Munyima (Institute of Economic and Social Research, University of
Zambia)

12:00-12:30 Comment
Youhei Miyauchi (Centre for Asian Studies, Rikkyo University, JAPAN)

12:30-14:00 Lunch

14:00-14:30 Discussion

14:30-14:45 Closing Remarks
by Soichiro Shiraishi (JSPS Nairobi)