

International Workshop

Hybrid Event

With rapid and compressed development and urbanisation, Asian mega cities become global hubs of production, finance and consumption, attracting the global investors and emerging upper class, but at the same time, exhibiting the continuous expansion of the urban informality. Globalization, digitalization and neo-liberal order are further accelerating the socioeconomic transformation of these emerging cities. The workshop introduces cutting-edge researches on dynamism and dilemma of Asian urban development as well as new features of the urban informality.

Asian urbanism and urban informality

JUNE 30TH (FRI) 14:40-17:40

SAITAMA UNIVERSITY [総合研究棟シニアター教室]
[THEATRE ROOM]

Time schedule:

14:40 Opening remarks

▶ I. Frontier of Asian urban development

"Circulating Asian Urbanism" (Professor, Hyun Bang Shin)

16:20

▶ II. New dynamism of urban informality in Asia

"Diversification Strategies of 'Self' and Informality" (Professor, Sayaka Ogawa)

"Why was Duterte's War on Drugs Justified?" (Professor, Wataru Kusaka)

Discussants:

Dr. Zhe Ren (Research fellow, Institute of Developing Economies, IDE-JETRO)

Dr. Ai Hisano (Associate Professor, Graduate School of Interdisciplinary Information Studies, University of Tokyo)

Dr. Nazia Hussain (Assistant Professor, Institute for Future Initiatives, University of Tokyo)

to Register:

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* Please register by June 28th (Wed).



Speakers:



HYUN BANG SHIN

"Circulating Asian Urbanism"

Professor of Geography and Urban Studies and Director of the Saw Swee Hock Southeast Asia Centre, London School of Economics



SAYAKA OGAWA

"Diversification Strategies of 'Self' and Informality: A Case Study on Business Transaction Using Social Media Between Asian and African Countries"

Professor, Graduate School of Core Ethics and Frontier Sciences, Ritsumeikan University



WATARU KUSAKA

"Why was Duterte's War on Drugs Justified? : Transformation of Spaces, Socialites, and Subjectivities in Metro Manila"

Professor, Graduate School of Global Studies, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies

Organizer: KAKEN Research Project (Principal Investigator: Professor, Tamaki Endo)

"Informalizing Asia: Dynamics and dilemma of global mega cities"

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15:25 Comment and discussion

16:00 Tea Break

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17:00 Comment and discussion

17:35-17:40 Concluding remarks

Speakers



HYUN BANG SHIN

Professor of Geography and Urban Studies and Director of the Saw Swee Hock Southeast Asia Centre, London School of Economics
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Hyun Bang Shin is Professor of Geography and Urban Studies and Director of the Saw Swee Hock Southeast Asia Centre at the London School of Economics and Political Science. Prof Shin's research centres on the critical analysis of the political economic dynamics of urbanisation with particular attention to Asian cities. His most recent projects include modelling flood risk and community resilience in Thailand; the urban spectre of global China: mechanism, consequences, and alternatives for urban futures; and Asian capital and the rise of smart urbanism. Professor Shin is also an editor of the International Journal of Urban and Regional Research and a trustee and treasurer of the Urban Studies Foundation.



SAYAKA OGAWA

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Professor Ogawa specializes in cultural anthropology. She has conducted research on the business practices of Tanzanian street traders and informal trade between Hong Kong and Tanzania. Her recent publications include, "An Informal Used-Car Trading System Between Hong Kong and East Africa Countries Using ICT" In Kojima, M ed. *International Trade of Secondhand Good*, Palgrave (2021); The Logic of "Open Reciprocity" in the Tanzanian Union in Hong Kong and China, *Japanese Review of Cultural Anthropology* 20(1): 297-323 (2020).



WATARU KUSAKA

Professor, Graduate School of Global Studies, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies
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He is an expert in Philippine studies using an interdisciplinary approach across political science, cultural anthropology, and sociology. His publications include *Moral Politics in the Philippines: Inequality, Democracy and the Urban Poor* (Singapore: National University of Singapore Press in association with Kyoto University Press, 2017).

Discussants



ZHE REN

Research fellow, Institute of Developing Economies, IDE-JETRO

Dr. Ren is a political scientist with a particular interest in contemporary China. His research centers on inter-governmental relations, policy study, state-society relations, and urban studies. His current project focuses on the discretionary power of township and village leaders in the process of urbanization and digitalization.



AI HISANO

Associate Professor, Graduate School of Interdisciplinary Information Studies, University of Tokyo

Dr. Hisano specializes in cultural and business history, the history of technology, and the history of the senses. Her book, *Visualizing Taste: How Business Changed the Look of What You Eat* (Harvard University Press, 2019), won the Hagley Prize in Business History and the Shimizu Hiroshi Book Award.



NAZIA HUSSAIN

Assistant Professor, Institute for Future Initiatives, University of Tokyo

Nazia Hussain received her Ph.D. in Public Policy from George Mason University, where she focused on governance shaped by informality, violence, and organized crime in cities in the Global South. Her current work is situated at the intersections of state theory, governance, violence and politics.

Moderators

TAMAKI ENDO

Professor, Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences

Main research interests include informal economy, inequality, urban risk management and global value chain analysis.

KENTA GOTO

Professor, Faculty of Economics, Kansai University

Kenta Goto's research interests include global value chains and the informal economy.

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