

Kyoto-NTU-SYSU Joint International Workshop

Plural Coexistence: East Asian Experiences in Comparative and Interdisciplinary Perspectives

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Center for Southeast Asian Studies

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East Asia is rich in its diversity of ethnic, religious and cultural composition. By and large the region has maintained the coexistence of such diversity while at the same time achieving economic progress, becoming the hub of the flow of people, goods, money and information. Yet the region is also confronted with serious issues such as the decrease of biodiversity and tropical forest, disasters, pandemics, aging population, ethnic and religious conflicts, economic differentiation and poverty. In the face of this, how is coexistence and sustainability possible despite or on account of diversity?

For this purpose, we promote the study of plural coexistence which connects the global and the local dynamically, towards mending the political and economic imbalances of globalization. How can we make public resources out of the region's social foundations at the basis of people's everyday lives? How can we connect these in a complementary way with existing systems of governance towards solving problems and issues mentioned above?

This proposed workshop is the first of a workshop series to take place in Kyoto (Dec. 2011), Singapore (2012), and Guangzhou (2013), representing a core component of institutional linkages among the Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Kyoto University in Kyoto, Nanyang Technological University in Singapore, and Sun Yat-sen University in Guangzhou. The research themes of the workshops are closely linked with the research program entitled "Towards Sustainable Humanosphere in Southeast Asia" currently being undertaken at the Center for Southeast Asian Studies at Kyoto University (<http://www.humanosphere.cseas.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/>) and with two of the Five Peaks of Excellence at NTU, namely, "Sustainable Earth" and "The New Silk Road." (<http://enewsletter.ntu.edu.sg/classact/Nov10/Pages/cn2a.aspx>). These themes will also have the potential of being connected with the on-going developments of the Sino-Singapore Knowledge City in Guangzhou of which NTU is one of the major participants.

VENUE: Inamori Foundation Building, Third Floor, Middle-Sized Conference Room, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Kyoto University

PROGRAM

DECEMBER 17, SATURDAY

8:45-9:00 REGISTRATION

9:00-9:20 OPENING REMARKS

Shimizu Hiromu, Kyoto University

Liu Hong, Nanyang Technological University

Chen Chunsheng, Sun Yat-sen University (delivered by Zhou Min, Sun Yat-sen University/University of California-Los Angeles)

9:20-10:35 SESSION 1: How to Think about China
Chair: Shimizu Hiromu

Fujita Koichi, “Re-thinking Chinese People, Society and the State”

Liu Hong, “Flexible Ethnicity and Plural Coexistence in the Chinese ‘Model of Development’”

10:35-10:45 Coffee break

10:45-12:00 SESSION 2: The “China Factor” in Southeast Asia
Chair: Li Chenyang

Koizumi Junko, “The Sino-Siamese Relationship in the Dynastic Chronicles of the Rattanakosin Era”

Kataoka Tatsuki, “The ‘China Factor’ in the Dynamics of Southeast Asian Periphery: Some Views from the Yunnan-Southeast Asian Hills”

12:00-13:30 Lunch break

13:30-14:45 SESSION 3: Race and Ethnicity

Chair: Mizuno Kosuke

Zhou Min, "Meeting Strangers in a Globalized City: Chinese Attitudes toward Black Africans in Guangzhou, China"

Li Chenyang, "A Failed Case of Plural Coexistence in East Asia: A Comprehensive Analysis on the Issue of Ethnic Minorities in Myanmar"

14:45-15:00 Coffee break

15:00-16:15 SESSION 4: Gender

Chair: Hayami Yoko

Fan Ruolan, "Gender and Islam in Democratic Transitions: Cases of Indonesia and Malaysia"

Caroline S. Hau, "Commodifying Chineseness: Southeast Asian Female Ethnpreneurs and the Politics of Cultural Arbitrage"

16:15-16:30 Coffee break

16:30-17:45 SESSION 5: Culture

Chair: Zhou Min

Francis Khok Gee Lim, "Eluding Religious Management, Constructing Territoriality: The Case of the Yiguan Dao, a Chinese Syncretic Religion"

Nathan Badenoch, "Language Networks: Identity and Resources in Regionalization"

18:00-20:00 RECEPTION

DECEMBER 18, SUNDAY

9:00-10:30 SESSION 6 Economy

Chair: Euston Quah

Lin Mei, “Indonesian Economic Development and Policies after President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono”

Yohanes Eko Riyanto, “Using Economic Experiments to Understand Social Preferences and Some Potential Applications of Economic Experiments for Cross-Cultural Studies”

10:30-10:45 Coffee break

10:45-12:00 SESSION 7: Challenges for the Region

Chair: Kono Yasuyuki

Kobayashi Satoru, “Seeing Genocide and Reconciliation in Cambodia through a Village”

Euston Quah, “How to Balance the Pursuit of Economic Growth and Yet Protect the Environment: Asia Dilemma”

12:00-13:30 Lunch break

13:30-15:00 Roundtable Discussion and Wrap-Up

Chairs: Liu Hong and Caroline S. Hau