

Social sciences, and even more so natural sciences and engineering, tend to neglect local conditions, i.e. how ecological, social, political or economic issues are perceived and addressed in the specific context of a country or region and how solutions are sought for and implemented. Area studies can correct these shortcomings, because they pay close attention to local conditions and regional differences. Nevertheless, it is far from common practice that area studies specialists and researchers from other sciences collaborate.

Our conference aims at highlighting possible contributions of area studies to the sciences, innovation and public policy by discussing concrete examples in highly relevant thematic fields. We would like to invite you to the public part of our conference which will refer to the outcomes of our preceding “closed” sessions.

15 November 2016
Sanjo Kaikan, The University of Tokyo

Admission Free, Registration Required

The Relevance of Area Studies

for the Sciences and Public Policy



Examples from Europe & Asia

Program

13:30- 13:40 Welcome Addresses

Masashi HANEDA (The University of Tokyo, Vice President)
Patrick KÖLLNER (GIGA Institute of Asian Studies, Director)

13:40-14:40 Keynotes – Area Studies, Innovation and Public Policy in Europe and Asia

Yuko HARAYAMA (CSTI, Cabinet Office Japan, Executive Member)
Yuichiro ANZAI (JSPS, President, Member of Foundation Council of JDZB)
Keiko SAKAI (Relational Studies on Global Crisis, Project Leader)
Franz WALDENBERGER (DIJ, Director)

14:40-15:00 Break

15:00-17:00 Roundtable – Why Area Studies Matter

Chair: Iris WIECZOREK (GIGA, Senior Researcher; Leibniz Japan, Representative)

Panelists:

Yuko HARAYAMA (CSTI, Executive Member)
Yuichiro ANZAI (JSPS, President, Member of Foundation Council of JDZB)
Patarapong INTARAKUMNERD (GRIPS, Professor) - *Innovation*
Jin SATO (The University of Tokyo, Professor) - *Ecology & Energy Transition*
Patrick KÖLLNER (GIGA Institute of Asian Studies, Director) - *Public & Foreign Policy*
H. D. KRUNARATNE (University of Colombo, Professor) - *Health and Food Security*
Susanne BRUKSCH (DIJ, Senior Researcher) – *Engineering, Robotics and IoT*
Eiji NAGASAWA (The University of Tokyo, Professor) – *Ideological, Political, and Social Forces in the Era of*

Globalization

17:15-19:15 Reception

Please register at
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Registration deadline:

11/11



Venue Access: (map) Sanjo Conference Hall
7-3-1 Hongo Bunkyo-ku



Closed Sessions

(Participation by Application via E-Mail)

November 14 (Mon)

09:30 – 10:30

Setting the Scene

Welcome Addresses

Osamu TAKAMIZAWA (The University of Tokyo, Director of IASA)

Franz WALDENBERGER (DIJ, Director)

Introduction to the Rationale of the Conference

Iris WIECZOREK (GIGA, Senior Researcher; Leibniz Japan, Representative)

Key Notes: *Area Studies - What it is, What it can Do*

Hiroyoshi KANO (The University of Tokyo, Professor emeritus)

Patrick KÖLLNER (GIGA Institute of Asian Studies, Director)

Itty ABRAHAM (National University of Singapore, Associate Professor)

10:30 – 12:00

Area Studies in Practice

Session 1: Innovation

Chair: Patarapong INTARAKUMNERD (GRIPS, Professor)

Margot SCHÜLLER (GIGA, Senior Researcher)

Patarapong INTARAKUMNERD (GRIPS, Professor)

Hideyuki HORII (The University of Tokyo, Professor)

12:00 – 13:30

Lunch

13:30 – 15:00

Session 2: Ecology & Energy Transition

Chair: Jin SATO (The University of Tokyo, Professor)

Daniel KREMERS (DIJ, Senior Researcher)

Weert CANZLER (Leibniz Research Alliance “Energy Transition”, Speaker)

Hiroyuki YAMAMOTO (Kyoto University, Associate Professor)

15:00 – 15:15

Break

15:15 – 16:45

Session 3: Public & Foreign Policy

Chair: Patrick KÖLLNER (GIGA Institute of Asian Studies, Director)

Henner FÜRTIG (GIGA Institute of Middle East Studies, Director)

Yaqing QIN (China Foreign Affairs University, President)

Shinichi KITAOKA (GRIPS, Senior Professor) (tbc)

16:45 – 17:00

Break

17:00 – 18:30

Session 4: Health & Food Security

Chair: H D KARUNARATNE (University of Colombo, Professor)

Chiho WATANABE (The University of Tokyo, Director of ASNET)

Reiner BRUNSCH (Leibniz Institute for Agricultural Engineering and Bioeconomy (ATB), Scientific Director)

K. KARUNATHILAKE (University of Kelaniya, Professor)

November 15 (Tue)

09:00 – 10:30

Session 5: Engineering, Robotics and IoT

Chair: Susanne BRUKSCH (DIJ, Senior Researcher)

Pablo García DEL VALLE (EPFL, Scientist) and Marc LAPERROUZA (EPFL, Scientific Collaborator)

Stephane GRUMBACH (IXXI, Complex System Institute, Director)

Hiroaki KITANO (Sony Laboratories Inc., President & CEO) (tbc)

10:30 – 10:45

Break

10:45 – 12:15

Session 6: Ideological, Political and Social Forces in the Era of Globalisation

Chair: Eiji NAGASAWA (The University of Tokyo, Professor)

Emi GOTO (The University of Tokyo, Associate Professor)

Claudia DERICHES (Philipps Universität Marburg, Professor)

A.B. SHAMSUL (The National University of Malaysia, Institute of Ethnic Studies, Founding Director)