



International Workshop “Transdisciplinary Approaches to Good Governance”

Dates: February 7 – 8, 2020
Venue: Kyoto Garden Palace, 2nd floor (“Gion” room)
605 Tatsumaecho, Shimochojamachi-agaru, Karasuma-dori, Kamigyo-ku, Kyoto

Taking the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as a framework for the improvement of human wellbeing across the globe, the issue of good governance immediately becomes a key condition for success across most goals. Without improvement in public institutions and stakeholders’ capacity to effectively mobilize resources, there is little chance that positive action in areas such as poverty reduction, good health, or natural resource management will become sustainable over the long term. In turn, the complexity of policy solutions pursued by local and international actors has by now long surpassed the traditional scientific methods of political science, the main field tasked with informing policy making. The new challenges confronted by scholars engaged in sustainable development makes cross-feeding of knowledge beyond academic boundaries an absolute necessity, and interdisciplinary conversations an extremely fertile ground for academic and industry efforts alike.

With this in mind, and following its mission to promote cutting-edge research in an interdisciplinary and collaborative environment, the Center for Southeast Asian Studies (CSEAS) of Kyoto University is organizing an International Workshop on “*Transdisciplinary Approaches to Good Governance*”. Combining specialized knowledge from selected fields with mathematical concepts to represent complex systems, the event aims to explore the construction of a dynamic model of future sustainable development in the region. Informed by ample experience in political inquiry from non-traditional approaches, invited presentations and panels to this workshop will offer exclusive insights from diverse disciplines into methodological and substantive issues concerning voice and accountability; political stability and absence of violence; government effectiveness; regulatory quality; and the rule of law. This interdisciplinary exchange on good governance will allow the opportunity to jointly map the state of transdisciplinary knowledge on the topic, and become an opportunity to explore valuable concepts and tools not commonly found within the traditional purview of political science.



PROGRAM

Day 1 – February 7, 2020	
9:40am – 10:05am	Registration
10:05am – 10:15am	Welcome Speech
10:15am – 11:00am	<p>Session 1: Politics and Systems Modeling</p> <p>Speakers: SHIBUYA Kazuhiko (Tokyo Metropolitan University)</p> <p>Title: <i>A Reevaluation for The Morgenthau's Prospects in the Digital Society</i></p>
11:00am – 11:15am	Break
11:15am – 12:00am	<p>Session 2: Politics and Psychology</p> <p>Speaker: KOBAYASHI Tetsuro (City University of Hong Kong)</p> <p>Title: <i>Understanding public opinion through experiments: Putting international policies into perspective</i></p>
12:00am – 1:30pm	Lunch
1:30pm – 2:45pm	<p>Session 3: Panel on Politics and Psychology</p> <p>Panelists: ONO Yoshikuni (Tohoku University)</p> <p>DAWOOD Rosemary (Waseda University)</p> <p>DUFFILL Paul (Rikkyo University)</p> <p>NABHAN Shibly (Independent consultancy)</p>
2:45pm – 3:30pm	<p>Session 4: Politics and Economics</p> <p>Speaker: PITAKDUMRONGKIT Kaewkamol (Nanyang Technological University)</p> <p>Title: <i>Good Governance and Sustainable Economic Development: A Negotiation Perspective</i></p>
3:30pm – 3:45pm	Break
3:45pm – 5:00pm	<p>Session 5: Panel on Politics and Economics</p> <p>Panelists: HEARN Eddie (Doshisha University)</p> <p>CHEY Hyoung-kyu (National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies)</p> <p>KUSAGO Takayoshi (Kansai University)</p> <p>WIE Dainn (National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies)</p>
5:00pm – 5:30pm	
5:30pm – 7:30pm	Banquet Dinner (“Kurama” room)



Day 2 – February 8, 2020	
8:50am – 9:15am	Registration
9:15am – 10:00am	<p>Session 6: Politics and the City</p> <p>Speaker: DAHIYA Bharat (Thammasat University)</p> <p>Title: <i>Practical Transdisciplinarity and Sustainable Urban Development: Innovative Practices of Good Governance in Asia</i></p>
10:00am – 11:15am	<p>Session 7: Panel on Politics and the City</p> <p>Panelists: GEERHARDT Kornatowski (Kyushu University)</p> <p>KAMEI Miho (Institute for Global Environmental Strategies)</p> <p>MORISHITA Akiko (Ritsumeikan University)</p> <p>H Aidar Ali (Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University)</p>
11:15am – 11:30am	Break
11:30am – 12:15pm	<p>Session 8: Politics and the Environment</p> <p>Speaker: ITO Takeshi (Sophia University)</p> <p>Title: <i>Industrial Progress and Ruin in Asia in the Longue Durée: Relational Reading of Economic Integration and Commons Enclosures in Thailand and Japan</i></p>
12:15pm – 1:45pm	Lunch
1:45pm – 3:00pm	<p>Session 9: Panel on Politics and the Environment</p> <p>Panelists: KAWAMOTO Mitsuru (Keio University)</p> <p>MERVIO Mika (Kibi International University)</p> <p>KOLI Anar (Soka University)</p> <p>NISHI Maiko (United Nations University)</p> <p>FARZANEH Hooman (Kyushu University)</p>
3:00pm – 3:45pm	<p>Session 10: Politics and Data</p> <p>Speaker: SASAKI Shiori (Musashino University)</p> <p>Title: <i>5D World Map System: A knowledge sharing system with collaborative memory creation and analytical visualization for evidence-based environmental policy making</i></p>
3:45pm – 4:00pm	Break
4:00pm – 5:15pm	<p>Session 11: Panel on Politics and Data</p> <p>Panelists: KIMURA Yasutomo (Otaru University of Commerce)</p> <p>CRABTREE Charles (Tokyo Foundation for Policy Research)</p> <p>MENDEZ Carlos (Nagoya University)</p> <p>MATSUDA Masami (Tokyo Kasei-gakuin University)</p>
5:15pm – 5:30pm	Closing Remarks



SPEAKERS & PANELISTS

SESSION 1

Speaker

SHIBUYA Kazuhiko (Tokyo Metropolitan University)

Title

A Reevaluation for The Morgenthau's Prospects in the Digital Society

Abstract

First, a brief lecture will be offered on system dynamics in social science. Then, the focus will switch on Morgenthau, who was a realist in international politics. His book *Politics among Nations: The Struggle for Power and Peace (1948)* definitively noted that world politics can hardly predict future trends, but his realism can still provide very clear perspectives for understanding international affairs in the current digital society. He also predicted that China's presence will be heighten by their population and technological advancements. All nations in East Asia have been entangled with their progress, and its explicit influences cannot be neglected. With these points in mind, the presentation will exhibit simulation models and discuss each point.

Biography

Dr. Shibuya specializes in Computational Social Science, meaning social science studies using computational techniques in wide areas such as advanced information technologies, science research policy (STS), sustainable environment policy, disaster resilience studies, and comprehensive risk studies. He received his Ph.D. degree at the University of Tsukuba (Japan). His research methodologies are mainly social system design, software development, agent-based social simulations, social survey, and statistical analysis.



SESSION 2

Speaker

KOBAYASHI Tetsuro (City University of Hong Kong)

Title

Understanding public opinion through experiments: Putting international policies into perspective

Abstract

As domestic public opinions bind international policies, it is crucial to understand how public opinions on international issues are formed. After introducing the general framework of experimental studies in political psychology, I will present two of my recent experimental studies. One is about the rally effect in the context of the territorial dispute between China and Japan, and the other is about the impact of economic downturns on Japanese public opinion in the context of the Japan-South Korea relationship.

Biography

Tetsuro Kobayashi is an associate professor at the Department of Media and Communication, City University of Hong Kong. He received his B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. from the University of Tokyo. His current research project is centered on media politics and political communication in East Asia. His papers have been published in journals such as *Political Communication*, *Communication Research*, *Human Communication Research*, and *Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication*.

SESSION 3

The panel on **Politics and Psychology** aims to foster a broad discussion on the creation, development, and transformation of opinions, attitudes and behavior relevant to social and political life, including discussions on voting behavior, gender issues, and learning processes.

ONO Yoshikuni (Tohoku University): Yoshikuni Ono is Professor of Political Science at



Tohoku University, Faculty Fellow at the Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry (RIETI), and Senior Fellow at the Tokyo Foundation for Policy Research. He completed his Ph.D. in Political Science at the University of Michigan. His research focuses on the comparative study of legislative politics and electoral behavior. Current research projects include studies of the effect of gender stereotypes on voter behavior and the effect of foreign threats on parliamentary speeches in Japan. His work has appeared in *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, and others.

DAWOOD Rosemary (Waseda University): Rosemary Dawood is an Assistant Professor of Contentious Politics and Gender Studies at Waseda University, School of International Liberal Studies, Tokyo, Japan. She is also an assistant professor on leave at Cairo University in Egypt. Dawood is a specialist in Japanese Politics, and she is now working on her book on the role of women in Japanese Social Movements in post 3.11 triple disaster. She has many publications on urban activism, political communication, as well as feminist studies. Besides her main expertise, she also has publications on Middle East, religious minorities and political representation in the Arab World.

DUFFILL Paul (Rikkyo University): Paul Duffill is a lecturer at Rikkyo University. He has held academic positions at Toyo University and the University of Sydney. His current research is on developing a meta-methodology for learning and teaching at the university-level using active learning and global issues simulations (student-centred advanced role-play exercises that can be used as course capstones). Other current research focuses on developing evidence-based policy on peacebuilding, integrating human rights and dialogue, and social movements, utilising Israel-Palestine as a case-study. He is a reviewer for two academic journals in those fields and is a recipient of the Isaac Roet Prize.

NABHAN Shibly (Independent consultancy): Shibly Nabhan Ph.D. is a communications consultant, journalist and media producer who writes on place branding, nation branding, public diplomacy, and refugee issues. His research often focuses on the dynamics of media and politics, and on the creation of media narratives in influencing public opinion. He received his doctoral degree in International Political Economy from the University of Tsukuba, Japan. His works have been published in *The Guardian*, *IHT/New York Times*, *Nation Branding*, *Japan Times*, and various trade journals.



SESSION 4

Speaker

PITAKDUMRONGKIT Kaewkamol (Nanyang Technological University)

Title

Good Governance and Sustainable Economic Development: A Negotiation Perspective

Abstract

Empirical evidence has suggested that good governance leads to sustainable economic development. However, less is known about how good governance can actually be achieved. This study examines domestic institutions' roles in altering the formulation of policies facilitating sustainable economic development. In short, it focuses on institutional capacity as a source of good governance. Taking a negotiation perspective, I argue that good governance stems from domestic institutional capacity, which is a function of a government's ability to negotiate with various domestic interests in order to coin policies supporting economic development. The case studies of medical tourism policies of Malaysia and Thailand were employed to validate the claim.

Biography

Dr. Kaewkamol "Karen" Pitakdumrongkit is a Deputy Head and Assistant Professor at the Centre for Multilateralism Studies, at S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS) of Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. Her research interests include international economic negotiation, Indo-Pacific governance and integration, regional-global economic governance dynamics, ASEAN Economic Community, and ASEAN's external economic relations. She has published in various outlets such as Asia-Pacific Bulletin, Australian Journal of International Affairs, Australian Outlook, The Diplomat, East Asia Forum, Eurasia Review, Global Asia, The International Relations of the Asia-Pacific, The Pacific Review, and The Singapore Economic Review.

SESSION 5

The panel on **Politics and Economics** aims to reflect on the political conditions



necessary to achieve economic development and the impact of trade and financial flows on public service provision and political stability, including discussions on research methodologies, concepts and approaches.

HEARN Eddie (Doshisha University): Eddie Hearn is an Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Global Communications at Doshisha University in Kyoto, Japan. He received a PhD in Political Science from the Florida State University. His research focuses upon the politics of economic globalization and examines how political support/opposition for open economic policies is formed and maintained in developed economies. Much of his recent research has explored how citizens conceptualize and form attitudes toward globalization and the use of experimental methods in international political economy research. His recent work has been published in *Research and Politics*, *The Japanese Journal of Political Science*, and *Politics and Policy*.

CHEY Hyoung-kyu (National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies): CHEY Hyoung-kyu is Associate Professor of International Political Economy at the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) in Tokyo. He worked as an Economist in the Economic Research Institute at the Bank of Korea (South Korea's central bank) prior to joining GRIPS in 2011. His main research area is the international political economy of money and finance. He is the author of *International Harmonization of Financial Regulation? The Politics of Global Diffusion of the Basel Capital Accord* (Routledge, 2014), and his papers have been published in major journals in the fields of international political economy and international economics such as *International Studies Review*, *New Political Economy*, *Regulation & Governance*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *Asian Survey*, and *The World Economy*.

KUSAGO Takayoshi (Kansai University): Dr. Takayoshi Kusago is Professor of Social System Design, Faculty of Sociology, Kansai University. He is a leading scholar on collaborative action research and has engaged in projects and programs on people-centered sustainable community development in Japan. He obtained a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Development Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA. He was a senior policy adviser for UNDP (2001-2003) and a Visiting Professor, Institute for Resources, Environment and Sustainability, University of British Columbia (2015-2016). He has published books on sustainable development and action research and research articles in academic journals including *World Development*, *Social Indicators Research*,



and Development in Practice.

WIE Dainn (National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies): Dainn Wie is a professor at National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies in Tokyo, Japan since 2010. She was a visiting research fellow at Asiatic Research Institute and department of economics at Korea University from 2018 to 2019. She holds a PhD in economics from Harvard University and a BA from Korea University. Her key research areas are labor economics, development economics, economics of disasters, and household economics. Her works have been appeared in leading international journals such as *World Development*, *Feminist Economics*, and *Asian Economic Policy Review*.

SESSION 6

Speaker

DAHIYA Bharat (Thammasat University)

Title

Practical Transdisciplinarity and Sustainable Urban Development: Innovative Practices of Good Governance in Asia

Abstract

Within the larger context of Anthropocene, the humanity is confronted with an increasingly complex set of development challenges at the beginning of the 21st century. Concomitantly, there is a growing realization around the world that such problems cannot be resolved without taking the proverbial path of out-of-the-box thinking. Traditional disciplinary boundaries seem to inhibit the development of innovative solutions to address such challenges. Achieving sustainable urban development requires a clear focus on and application of transdisciplinary approaches. This process implies going beyond traditional disciplinary boundaries towards co-creation (or co-design) that emphasizes a holistic process including research, policy making and development practice. Focusing on the critical dimensions of voice and accountability, and government effectiveness, the presentation will discuss innovative practices of good governance in Asia.



Biography

An award-winning urbanist and one of the world's leading experts on sustainable urbanization, Prof. Bharat Dahiya combines research, policy analysis and development practice aimed at examining and tackling socio-economic, environmental, cultural and governance issues in the global urban context. Working with the World Bank, UN-Habitat, Asian Development Bank, UNDP, and UNU-IAS, he initiated, led, managed and contributed to international projects on sustainable urban development in a number of countries. He conceptualised and coordinated the preparation of United Nations' first-ever report on The State of Asian Cities. Reuters, Inter Press Service & SciDev.Net have quoted his work. His latest co-edited book is, *New Urban Agenda in Asia Pacific: Governance for Sustainable and Inclusive Cities* (Springer, 2020). He holds a Ph.D. in Urban Governance, Planning and the Environment from the University of Cambridge, United Kingdom.

SESSION 7

The panel on **Politics and the City** aims to explore how political life is affected by the conditions of modern urban settings, as well as the impact of urbanization and human action on our surroundings, including discussions on migrant communities, environmental sustainability, infrastructure development, and local government.

GEERHARDT Kornatowski (Kyushu University): Geerhardt Kornatowski is currently an Associate Professor in the Graduate School of Integrated Studies for Global Society, Kyushu University. His research focuses on the spatial manifestation of inequality and non-governmental means of welfare delivery in East-Asian city-regions. His projects include the spatial politics and practices of inner-city service hub neighborhoods amidst the various processes of urban restructuring, and tolerant governance approaches to informal communities (mainly in Hong Kong and Singapore). Recently, he uses the concept of 'incomplete developmentalism' to analyze their spatial persistence.

KAMEI Miho (Institute for Global Environmental Strategies): Miho Kamei is a researcher at Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES). Her main research focus is the development of long-term sustainable transition pathways on a city scale. She has contributed to a variety of sustainable built environment projects, including



climate mitigation, adaptation strategies and scientific-based future projections. Prior to IGES, she worked for the National Institute for Environmental Studies, where she was involved in the low carbon society research projects. She is also an experienced architect and urban planning practitioner.

MORISHITA Akiko (Ritsumeikan University): Akiko Morishita is Associate Professor at Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto, Japan. She earns her PhD in Area Studies from Kyoto University (2006). Her dissertation is published as 天然資源をめぐる政治と暴力: 現代インドネシアの地方政治 (Politics and Violence over Natural Resources in modern Indonesia) (2015). She edited a journal volume, “Global Powers and Local Resources in Southeast Asia: Political and Social Dynamics of Foreign Investment Ventures”, Southeast Asian Studies 5:3 (2016). Her research interests include social movement in Southeast Asia, political elite in post-Suharto Indonesia, and comparative studies on the politics of natural resources in Southeast Asia.

HAIDAR Ali (Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University): Dr. Ali Haidar has worked in Universities in Bangladesh, Papua New Guinea, Malaysia and Australia, and currently is Professor at Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University where he conducts research on managerial values, managerial commitment and local governance. He did his PhD research at the Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand and post-doctoral research at the Hitotsubashi University, Japan. He has edited the journals of International Employment Relations Review and Ritsumeikan Journal of Asia Pacific Studies, and published in the Australian Journal of Political Science, Australian Journal of Public Administration, and Local Government Studies, among others. He has also co-authored a book on Strategic Management.

SESSION 8

Speaker

ITO Takeshi (Sophia University)

Title

Industrial Progress and Ruin in Asia in the Longue Durée: Relational Reading of Economic Integration and Commons Enclosures in Thailand and Japan



Abstract

Life-making of humans and non-humans creates unpredictable encounters and unintended outcomes. Commons enclosures and re-commoning which could otherwise be interpreted as mirroring effects or uneven development of capitalism are, in fact, co-produced as industrial progress and ruin in the process of capitalist expansion. By taking Thailand and Japan as case studies, this paper shows how the longue duree process of regional economic integration relationally connects localities of extraction, production, and consumption, and rework simultaneously environment-society relations in both places through its transborder process.

Biography

Takeshi Ito is an Associate Professor of Political Science at the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Graduate School of Global Studies, Sophia University. His research, situated at the intersection of ecology, capitalism, and state, explores how interactions on multiple scales between human and non-human actors embedded in particular institutional and ecological settings produce social and ecological inequality with a focus on sustainability.

SESSION 9

The panel on **Politics and the Environment** aims to consider the multiple interdependencies between policy making and natural resources, including discussions on environmental governance, land use, international regimes, and human–wildlife coexistence.

KAWAMOTO Mitsuru (Keio University): Mitsuru Kawamoto is currently Project Assistant Professor, Keio University Graduate School of Media and Governance, Japan. Prior to Keio, he studied international relations at The University of New South Wales as well as the global environmental law and governance at Kyoto University Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies. Specialized in international environmental law and governance, he is currently working on the UN Sustainable Development Goals with a particular attention to multi-scale of governance including engagement of business enterprises for enhancing the effectiveness of sustainable development governance. He has published his academic literatures on the concept of effectiveness of global environmental treaty regimes, the changing functions of self-reporting under



the climate change treaty regime amongst others.

MERVIO Mika (Kibi International University): Mika Markus Merviö is Professor of International Relations at the Kibi International University, Okayama. Previously he has been working at the University of Tampere, Finland where he also received his Ph.D. He moved then to the International Christian University, Tôkyô (JSPS researcher). After that he has worked as a Professor at the Miyazaki International University, the University of Shimane and the Kibi International University. His research interests include international relations, art, culture, political and social issues, history, and the environment. He is also Editor-in-Chief of the 'International Journal of Public and Private Perspectives on Healthcare, Culture, and the Environment'.

KOLI Anar (Soka University): Dr. Anar Koli is an Associate Professor at Soka University, Tokyo, Japan. Before joining Soka University, she was an assistant professor at University of Tsukuba, Japan. She obtained her PhD in international political economy from the University of Tsukuba, Japan in 2011. She has been working on the global environmental politics research particularly on climate change, social vulnerability, and political economy of the environment. At present she is working on post-structural discourse analysis of climate change politics.

NISHI Maiko (United Nations University): Maiko Nishi is a Research Fellow for the International Satoyama Initiative of the United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS). She holds a PhD in Urban Planning from Columbia University. Her area of research interest includes social-ecological system governance, local and regional planning, and agricultural land policy. In particular, her interest lies in the notions of multi-level governance, land tenure and use, and perspectives and subjectivities of institutional actors in the processes of governing natural resources.

FARZANEH Hooman (Kyushu University): Hooman Farzaneh is an associate professor at Kyushu University, Japan. He is particularly interested in issues related to quantitative and qualitative analysis and focusing on policy implementations designed to tackle air pollution problems at both regional and local scales. Prior to joining Kyushu University, Hooman worked at the Institute of Advanced Energy, Kyoto



University and the United Nations University. Dr. Farzaneh has more than ten years of experience teaching energy-science-related subjects at various universities in Iran and Japan. He has received prestigious research awards from the Hitachi Global Foundation (2019-2020) and the Asia-Pacific Network (2017-2019) together with a scientific research grant from the Japan Society for Promotion of Science (2016-2019) for his research on multiple benefits assessment of the Low emission development strategies in Asian cities. His recent books include: "Energy Systems Modeling Principles and Applications- 2019" and "Devising a clean energy strategy in Asian cities-2018".

SESSION 10

Speaker

SASAKI Shiori (Musashino University)

Title

5D World Map System: A knowledge sharing system with collaborative memory creation and analytical visualization for evidence-based environmental policy making

Abstract

Our “5D World Map System” developed in Keio University and utilized in UN organizations and partner universities provides a multi-dimensional global knowledge platform to collect and analyze ‘real time’ data on SDGs-related phenomena. The system integrates the analytical visualization of sensing data into a knowledge sharing with multimedia (images, videos, documents etc.), which helps community-based data sharing, awareness building and evidence-based decision making.

Biography

Shiori Sasaki received her M.A. degree in Law & Politics in 1998 and Ph. D. degree in Media and Governance in 2010 from Keio University. She has been a project assistant professor of Graduate School of Media and Governance, Keio University from 2004 and an associate professor of Faculty of Data Science, Musashino University from 2018. Her research interests are in the field of Information Modelling, Knowledge Database, Multimedia Retrieval and Analysis, Cross-Cultural Communication, Information Visualization, Document Analysis, International Relations and Educational Technology. She is currently involved in several



national and international research projects.

SESSION 11

The panel on **Politics and Data** aims to review the current landscape of tools and methods potentially available for data collection and analysis of political events, including discussions on classification algorithms, social media data, network analysis, spatial statistics, and computer simulations.

KIMURA Yasutomo (Otaru University of Commerce): Yasutomo Kimura was born in Hokkaido Prefecture, Japan in 1974. He graduated from the Department of Electronic Information Engineering, Hokkido University and received his Ph.D. degree in 2004. He joined the Department of Information and Management Science at Otaru University of Commerce as an Associate Professor in 2005. He became a Professor at Otaru University of Commerce in 2018. His research interests are natural language processing, information extraction, dialogue system and creating political corpus. Recently, he created political corpus, which collected assembly minutes of all 47 prefectures between April 2011 and March 2015. And he is an organizer of the shared task (QA-Lab PoliInfo) for political information.

CRABTREE Charles (Tokyo Foundation for Policy Research): Charles Crabtree is a Senior Data Scientist at the Tokyo Foundation for Policy Research, and a Visiting Scholar in the Department of Government at Dartmouth College, where he will be an Assistant Professor next academic year. His research focuses on fairness in politics, with applications to the study of discrimination, repression, human rights, policing, and immigration. Methodologically, he is interested in research design, experiments, and using computational tools to better understand the social world. He has published my research in the American Journal of Political Science, the British Journal of Political Science, the Journal of Politics, among other journals.

MENDEZ Carlos (Nagoya University): Carlos Mendez is a tenured associate professor of development economics at Nagoya University in Japan. His research interests focus on the integration of econometrics, data science and machine learning methods to understand and inform the process of economic growth and development of countries,



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regions, industries, and firms. In particular, my current research deals with (1) regional inequality and convergence beyond GDP; (2) economic growth and structural change; and (3) firm productivity dynamics and resource misallocation.

MATSUDA Masami (Tokyo Kasei-gakuin University): Professor of public health, in Dep. of Health Nutrition. He Obtained Dr. Health Sc. from the University of Tokyo, Faculty of Medicine. He was Visiting Professors of Kyoto University, Surrey University, UK. He was a visiting fellow, Kennedy Institute of Bioethics, Georgetown University, USA and an editorial member of International Journal of Nursing Ethics, UK. He is a board member of Japanese Society of Health and Welfare Policy. He engaged in JICA in Thailand, Yemen and Honduras for Tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, Primary health care. His interest are public health ethics and biopolitics in big data era.