

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM
International Collaboration and Conflict: Insights Arising from COVID Pandemic

Over the past few years (2020-2022), we have had unprecedented experiences as public life everywhere has accommodated the corona virus pandemic. It has been a global disaster. In particular, changes in communication styles have emerged, such as the widespread introduction of online meetings. Under these circumstances, conflicts between nations have become prominent in the international community, and on the other hand, there is solidarity within and between nations that oppose the emerging conflicts. Such internationalization of collaboration and conflict has also been seen in public protests of various kinds.

In various major metropolises, the corona pandemic has brought forward awareness of the serious extent to which people live in poverty, while at the same time, various organizations have been able to gather wide support for their public activities. For example, when we consider urban communities in Japan today, as they have responded to the pandemic, we confront a deeper awareness that support for the poor has been insufficient, even as we can witness through online means how support for vulnerable minorities is being carried out.

In this workshop, we focus upon several cases in the east Asian region and proceed with the reports and subsequent discussions. We sincerely hope that this workshop will contribute to further sociological research that can assist in forming public policy.

Venue: Tachikawa Hall of Rikkyo University, Ikebukuro campus.

Schedule: 13:00-17:00 on November 26th, 2022

Organizer: Rikkyo Sociological Association, and the College of Sociology, Rikkyo University

Program

13:00-14:00

Opening Ceremony: Welcoming remarks by Professor Tetsuo Mizukami (President of Rikkyo Sociological Association, Dean of College of Sociology, Rikkyo University)

Keynote Address: Professor Emeritus Hyun-Chin Lim (President, East Asian Sociological Association)

“New Cold War, Re-globalization and Global Value Chains in Post-COVID Asia”

14:00-15:30

Session I: Inter-Cultural Contact and Migration

Moderator and Discussant: Professor Ik-Ki Kim (Director, East Asian Welfare Institute of Older Persons, and Director, The Institute for Asia Strategy)

Paper Presentations:

1. “Participatory Culture of English-speaking Anime Fans: Creative Engagement or Piracy” (Provisional) by Mr. Michal Tucholski (Graduate School of Sociology, Rikkyo University)
2. “Initiatives and Continuity for International Mobility; High-Skilled Female Chinese’ Career Path in Japan” by Miss Ningjing Yang (Graduate School of Sociology, Rikkyo University)
3. “Resistance against “Cruel Power”: How Immigration Detainees Regain Their Rights?” (Provisional) by Mr. Sho Nakamura (Graduate School of Sociology, Rikkyo University)

Break 15:30-15:40

15:40-16:50

Session II: Media Studies. Moderator and Discussant: Professor Tadamasa Kimura (College of Sociology, Rikkyo University)

1. "COVID-19 Analysis Methodology for Smartphone Application Usage Trends in Disasters: Case Study for the First Half of 2020 among Android Device Users Focusing on Google Play Apps-" by Dr. Yasuko Kawahata (College of Sociology, Rikkyo University)
2. "On Factors Affecting the Smartphone Dependency: Self-Perception of Usage or Actual Log Data?" (Provisional) by Mr. Atsushi Yamanaka (Graduate School of Sociology, Rikkyo University)

16:50-17:00

Closing Address by Associate Professor Makiko Ota, Director for Rikkyo Institute for Global Urban Studies.