

Designing the Project of Comparative Regionalism

The 1st International Workshop Institute of Social Science (ISS), University of Tokyo

CREP (*C*omparative *Re*gionalism *P*roject) is an innovative project which aims at comparing and analyzing regionalism in Asia, Europe, and Americas. This is the first scholarly systematic attempt to analyze regionalism in Asia in a comparative perspective. CREP also adopts a challenging "trans-disciplinary" approach in the research. That is, researchers in Law, Political Sciences, and Economics will conduct their research on the common specific topics in discipline-specific manners and methodologies so that they will eventually identify common as well as different findings and assessments in the shared topics.

For the purpose of accomplishing this ambitious Comparative Regionalism Project, the first CREP international workshop will serve as a solid base to plan and implement the CREP; namely, the first CREP international workshop will set up common themes and frameworks and will plan concrete research agenda per region and per discipline. The two-day conference has three workshop sessions and a general discussion time for each day. Each workshop session (90 minutes) will begin with speaker's 30-minute presentation and will be followed by discussions for remaining time.

Date: September 12 -13, 2005

Venue: Large Meeting Room, Institute of Social Science (ISS), University of Tokyo

Monday, September 12, 2005

- 9:20 am Opening Remarks: Tamio Nakamura, CREP Director, ISS
- 9:30am -11:00am Americas/Political Economy

"The Political Economy of Regionalisms in the Americas."

Presenter: Isidro Morales Moreno, Las Americas University

Chair: Junji Nakagawa, ISS

Discussants: Tomoo Marukawa, ISS & Gaspare Genna, University of Texas at El Paso

11:15am-12:45pm Europe/Economics

"EU Enlargement and Relocation: A Comparative Analysis between British and Japanese MNEs into Central and Eastern European Countries."

Presenters: Ken'ichi Ando, Shizuoka University and Odile E. M. Janne, University of London

Chair: Akira Kudo, ISS

Discussants: Kazushi Shimizu, Kyushu University

& Martin Schulz, Fujitsu Research Institute

1:00pm-2:00pm Lunch at Sanjo Kaikan

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2:10pm-3:40pm Europe/Politics

"Multi-level Norm Seekers under the EU Climate Change Programme: Green Politics on Global Warming, an Aspect of Regionalism?"

Presenter: Yoichiro Usui, Niigata International Information University

Chair: Kenji Hirashima, ISS

Discussants: Stephen Day, Oita University & Gaspare Genna, University. of Texas at El Paso

- 3:40pm-4:10pm Tea Break
- 4:10pm-5:40pm General Discussion: How and What Should We Analyze on "East Asian Regionalism"?
 Chair: Dan Sasaki, ISS
- 6:00pm **Dinner**

Tuesday, September 13, 2005

9:30am-11:00am **East Asia/Law**

"Asian FTAs and Their Consistency with National and International Legal Systems."

Presenters: Wang Guiguo, City University of Hong Kong

& Seung Wha Chang, Seoul National University

Chair: Tamio Nakamura, ISS

Discussants: Takao Suami, Waseda University & Shigeru Minamino, Kyushu University

■ 11:10am-12:40pm **Americas/Law**

"Comparing Dispute Resolution Systems: NAFTA and WTO"

Presenter: Junji Nakagawa, ISS Chair: Tamio Nakamura, ISS

Discussants: Wang Guiguo, City University of Hong Kong & Seung Wha Chang, Seoul National University

- 1:00pm-2:00pm Lunch at Gakushi Kaikan, Hongo
- 2:10pm-3:40 pm Theory & Methodology of Comparing Regionalism
- "Power Preponderance, Institutional Homogeneity and the Likelihood of Regional Integration"

Presenter: Gaspare Genna, University of Texas at El Paso

Chair: Tomoo Marukawa, ISS

Discussant: Toshihiro Matsumura. ISS

- 3:40pm-4:10pm Tea Break
- 4:10pm-5:40pm General Discussion: How Should We Compare Regionalism in Asia, Europe and Americas? (Building our methodology and analytical framework)

Chair: Gregory W. Noble, ISS

Concluding Remarks Tamio Nakamura, ISS



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List of Presenters, Chairs and Discussants

Ando, Ken'ichi (Associate Professor, Shizuoka University)

Chang, Seung Wha (Professor, Seoul National University)

Day, Stephen (Associate Professor, Oita University)

De Prado Yepes, Cesar (United Nations University (Bruges, Belgium)

Genna, Gaspare (Assistant Professor, University of Texas at El Paso)

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