



**What is CREP?**

CREP (Comparative Regionalism Project) is an innovative, interdisciplinary project which aims to compare and analyze regionalism in Asia, Europe, and the Americas.

This is the first scholarly, systematic attempt to analyze regionalism in Asia from a comparative perspective.

Researchers in Law, Political Science, and Economics will conduct research on a set of common topics, using discipline-specific methodologies, to identify and assess how the regionalisms in the three areas are similar, as well as how they differ.

**What we have done so far**

Our project started with the following three objectives:

- (1) to identify similarities and differences among the three major regional arrangements in legal, economic and political terms, and
- (2) to clarify their impact upon local, national, regional and global governance.
- (3) Finally, regarding East Asia, we would also like to discuss possible courses of action in the near future, by building some models of regional arrangements befitting regional needs.

To achieve these three objectives, from September 2005 to February 2006 we held the following workshop and monthly seminars:

- 1) The First International Workshop (September 12-13, 2005)  
 "Designing the Project of Comparative Regionalism"
- 2) The 5<sup>th</sup> Monthly Seminar (October 28, 2005)  
 "Overlapping Regionalisms in Asia: A Preliminary Examination"
- 3) The 6<sup>th</sup> Monthly Seminar (November 22, 2005)  
 Research Progress Reports
- 4) Special Seminar (November 25, 2005)  
 "Modern Japan's View of the East Asian International Order:  
 Focusing on Kijyuro Shidehara"
- 5) The 7<sup>th</sup> Monthly Seminar (December 16, 2005)  
 "Changes in Chinese Law and the Subject of Globalization"
- 6) The 8<sup>th</sup> Monthly Seminar (January 24, 2006)  
 "The First East Asian Summit: Evaluation and Prospects"
- 7) The 9<sup>th</sup> Monthly Seminar (February 21, 2006)  
 "National Sovereignty and Regionalism"

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**Report on the 1st International Workshop  
(September 12-13, 2005)**  
**"Designing the Project of Comparative  
Regionalism"**



Our research schedule includes the following three phases, covering the period from the year 2005 to 2008.

- (1) April 2005 – March 2006 (Year ONE):  
Stocktaking and Research
  - Monthly stocktaking and research workshops will be held at ISS.
- (2) April 2006 – March 2007 (Year TWO):  
Research and Analysis
  - International joint workshops will be held to exchange participants' preliminary research results.
- (3) April 2007 – March 2008 (Year THREE):  
Theory and Application + Publication
  - International Symposium will be held in Tokyo to present our research results.
  - Research results will be published in books both in English and in Japanese.

For the purpose of achieving the first phase of our project (Year ONE), the first CREP international workshop was held in September of 2005. This international workshop served as a base for planning and implementing CREP; at this workshop we set up common themes and frameworks and planned concrete research agendas per region and discipline.

The proceedings of the Workshop will be published as an ISS Research Series.

**Report on the 5th Monthly Seminar  
(October 28, 2005)**  
**Overlapping Regionalisms in Asia: A  
Preliminary Examination**  
**Presenter: Mie Oba (Associate Professor,  
Tokyo University of Science)**



**(Prof. Mie Oba)**

Dr. Oba provided detailed information on the recent evolution of regionalisms in the Asian and Pacific region.

**Report on The 6th Monthly seminar  
(November 22, 2005)**  
**Reports on Research Progress**  
**Presenters:**  
**Daisuke Shimizu (Research Associate, ISS,  
University of Tokyo)**  
**Yuko Nikaido (Research Associate, ISS,  
University of Tokyo)**  
**Shun Kaku (Research Assistant, ISS,  
University of Tokyo)**

Two research associates and one research assistant reported on the progress of their research progress. Dr. Daisuke Shimizu gave a talk entitled "Incentives for ASEAN Countries." The second presenter, Yuko Nikaido gave a talk entitled "Literature Survey on the Economic Effects of Regional Trade Agreements." The last presenter, Shun Kaku, presented his paper entitled "*Chiiki shugi ni okeru 'kyodotai' no ichi* (The Relationship Between Local Communities and Regionalism)."



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**Special Seminar (November 25, 2005)**  
**Modern Japan's View of the East Asian**  
**International Order: Focusing on Kijiyuro**  
**Shidehara**

**Presenter:**

**Ryuzo Hattori (Associate Professor, Chuo**  
**University)**



**(Prof. Ryuzo Hattori)**

Professor Hattori offered a detailed account of Kijiyuro Shidehara's views and policy stance on the East Asian International Order.

**The 7th Monthly Seminar**  
**(December 16, 2005)**  
**Changes in Chinese Law and the Subject**  
**of Globalization**

**Presenter: Nobuyuki Tanaka (Professor,**  
**ISS, University of Tokyo)**



**(Prof. Nobuyuki Tanaka)**

In Professor Tanaka's talk, "Changes in Chinese Law and the Subject of Globalization," he paid special attention to the impact that the transition of the Chinese economy from a socialist economic system to a market economic system had on Chinese law.

**The 8th Monthly Seminar**  
**(January 24, 2006)**

**The First East Asian Summit: Evaluation**  
**and Prospects**

**Presenters:**

**Takio Yamada (Director, Regional Policy,**  
**Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau,**  
**Ministry of Foreign Affairs)**

**Mie Oba (Associate Professor, Tokyo**  
**University of Science)**

**Shin Kawashima (Associate Professor,**  
**Hokkaido University )**

**Sung Chull Kim (Associate Professor,**  
**Hiroshima City University )**

**Kazushi Shimizu (Associate Professor,**  
**Kyushu University )**



Dr. Oba gave a talk entitled "The First East Asian Summit: Evaluation and Prospects." The second presenter, Professor Shin Kawashima gave a presentation entitled, "East Asian Community and China." The third presenter, Dr. Sung Chull Kim gave a talk entitled, "Appraisal of the East Asia Summit 2005: From A Security Perspective." The fourth presenter, Dr. Kazushi Shimizu, gave a talk entitled, "The 1<sup>st</sup> East Asian Summit's Evaluation and Prospects: From the Viewpoint of Intra-ASEAN Economic Cooperation." Finally, Mr. Takio Yamada commented on Japanese policy from the stance of a bureaucrat.



**The 9th Monthly Seminar**  
**(February 21, 2006)**  
**National Sovereignty and Regionalism**  
**Presenters:**  
**Yoshiaki Sato (Hiroshima City University)**  
**Tamio Nakamura (University of Tokyo, ISS)**  
**Hajime Yamamoto (Tohoku University)**



Professor Sato gave a talk entitled "NAFTA's Conformity to the U.S. Constitution: 'Precision' and 'Delegation' in Legalization." The second presenter, professor Nakamura provided a presentation entitled, "National Sovereignty and European Integration." The third presenter, professor Yamamoto, gave a talk entitled, "Delegation of Authority to International Organizations as an Issue of Constitutional Amendment."

### **Event Information**

#### **2006 CREP International Conference**

**Title: "The Dynamics of East Asian Regionalism in Comparative Perspective – Private-led Spontaneous Regionalism"**

**Date: 15-16 July, 2006**

**Place: Koshiba Hall, University of Tokyo**

**Working Language: English**

**Open to Public, Pre-registration required.**

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