CALL FOR PAPERS

The 12th Workshop on Social Capital and Development Trends in the Japanese and Swedish Countryside

Hida Earth Wisdom Center, Takayama, JAPAN
May 23-25, 2015
(With arrival 22nd May and post-workshop excursion 25th May)

Organized by
MARG (Marginal Area Research Group)

Title and Abstract Submission Deadline: 1st February, 2015
Finished Papers Submission Deadline: 31st March, 2015

BACKGROUND AND SCOPE

Under the current progressive movement of globalization enhanced by the development of transportation networks and innovations of information systems, the existence of rural regions stands on the edge of a precipice. Regional problems that rural areas are faced with are characterized by depopulation, aging society, degradation of natural resources, just to mention a few influencing factors. So far, the national and local governments have taken various policies to overcome these problems, while limits of governmental capacity have often been demonstrated. In this context, it is the time for us to build a new paradigm of community governance in order to enhance the substance of rural regions. One of the most important concepts that we should take into consideration is the concept of “social capital.” In general, social capital refers to networks filled with norms of one’s community that enhance trust, concern for one’s associates, and cooperation. In several fields of research and public policy making, the concept of social capital swept to prominence as a threat to community governance. Discussing and materializing the concept of social capital in a local community will contribute in enhancing the rural substance and development.

The objective of the workshop is to discuss common topics of rural regions of Sweden and Japan, with the concept of social capital as common denominator. This workshop is the sixth workshop with this theme. The former workshops were held in Östersund, Sweden, 2004, Nichinan, Tottori, Japan, 2005, Vindeln, Sweden, 2006, Kitami, Hokkaido, Japan 2007, and Jönköping, Sweden, 2008, Ishigaki, Okinawa, Japan 2009, Jönköping, Sweden, 2010, Nara, Japan, 2011, Österlen, Sweden, 2012, Amakusa, Kumamoto, 2013, Östersund, Sweden, 2014. The workshop of 2015 will be held in Takayama city, Gifu, and will continue the fruitful discussions on rural development issues and the role of social capital.

Topics of interest in this workshop include (but not limited):
1. Social Capital and its Management
2. Commons and its Management
3. Community Governance
4. Voluntarism, Partnership, and Local Engagement
5. Sustainable Management of Forest Resources
6. Development of Rural Regions
7. Tourism and Local Development
8. Tourism’s role in rural development
9. Social innovation in rural areas.
10. Climate changes’ threats and opportunities for the countryside
11. Urban-rural interaction

PARTICIPANTS
This seminar is open for participants from universities, research institutions, government institutions, practitioners, developer and for people who are concerned about social capital and rural development. The papers are also expected coming from various countries.

COSTS FOR PARTICIPANTS
Travel costs to and from Takayama station are paid by the participants. Meals and accommodation for the Swedish participants, during the period 22-25 May, are covered by the organizers. Other participants’ costs are paid by the participants themselves. All local participants are required to pay registration fee 15,000 Yen which includes workshop program materials: participant kit and a copy of paper presentation for 2-days workshop during the period May 23-24, 2015

VENUE
Hida Earth Wisdom Center
Tel:81-577-37-6111/ Fax:81-577-35-2251
Look at the Map on the next page

IMPORTANT DATES
1st Feb: Deadline for abstract submission
1st March: Information on acceptance of abstracts
31st March: Deadline for submission of finished papers
23rd-24th May: Workshop
25th May: Post-workshop excursion

ABSTRACTS
Abstracts should contain maximum 300 words, be written in English and in MS Word. The abstracts should include title, author(s), affiliation, complete address, telephone number and e-mail address. Send your abstracts to satiko@gifu-u.ac.jp

PUBLICATION
Selected papers from the workshop will be published as proceedings.

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**ACCOMMODATION**
A block reservation has been made at BEST WESTERN Hotel Takayama for May 22-26, 2015. Two bed room is 8,500 yen (per person per room per night including breakfast). If you want to make reservation, please let us know
1. Check in/ Check out days
2. the meal type you want (Vegetarian comport food, only sea food, no pork and so on)
by e-mail to Ms. Inoue, inoue.chikako.7a@kyoto-u.ac.jp
The deadline is 31st March, 2015.

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http://www.bestwestern.co.jp/english/takayama/

**ACCESS TO VENUE**
During the workshop, we will go to Hida Earth Wisdom Center by microbus.

**ACCESS TOTAKAYAMA**

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09:30 - 10:20 Opening and Greeting
10:20 - 10:40 Keynote Lecture 1
10:40 - 12:00 Keynote Lecture 2
12:00 - 13:30 Lunch
13:30 - 15:00 Session 1
15:00 - 15:30 Coffee Break
15:30 - 17:00 Session 2
18:00 - 20:00 Conference Dinner

DAY 2 (24 May 2015)

09:30 - 10:20 Session 3
10:20 - 10:40 Coffee Break
10:40 - 12:00 Session 4
12:00 - 13:30 Lunch
13:30 - 15:00 Session 5
15:00 - 15:30 Coffee Break
15:30 - 16:30 Session 6
16:30 - 17:30 Closing Remarks
18:00 - 20:00 Conference Dinner

DAY 3 (25 May 2015)

Excursion
09:00 - 17:00
Takayama City and Hida City

- Takayama Old Street
  (http://www.hida.jp/english/)
  Takayama Old Street (Sanmachi), Morning market, Takayama Jinya (Historical Government House) and so on.

- Shirakawa Village (World Heritage)
  (http://shirakawa-go.org/english/)

- Lunch
  Traditional Local Dish

- Hida Old House and street
  (http://www.hida-kanko.jp/kanko/foreign/en/)