

International Workshop

Complexity of Innovative Colonial Milieu

Socio-Economic Transformation in the Colonial Ports and their Hinterlands in Modern Asia, 1850s-1940s

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Venue | Kyoto University, Institute for Research in the Humanities (Seminar Room 1, Ground Floor)

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Colonial ports in modern Asia, including the so-called treaty ports, unquestionably worked as the bridgeheads of colonial rule to infringe upon the authority, sovereignty, and economic self-reliance of the existing regional polities. Some recent historical works, however, have been energetically illuminating and emphasizing socio-economic transformation and cultural innovations that utilized new infrastructure and intra-regional order/networks of commerce, finance, migration, and information provided by the colonial ports.

The workshop will as a whole discuss two key questions below so as to explore “complexity of innovative colonial milieu”:

- To what an extent did socio-economic/ cultural transformations in these port cities and their hinterland provide the spaces for the creations of openness and public order?
- What sort of constraints and regulations of colonialism persisted within the socio-economic/cultural transformations?

The focus is to include Shanghai, Taipei, Kobe, Yokohama, Incheon, Singapore, Calcutta, Bombay in regard to ports, and banking, architectures, clothes, fashion goods, medicines, sanitation, for topics.

The 1st Day (10:00-17:30)

Orders and Infrastructure in the Colonial Ports

Speakers:

- Naoto KAGOTANI** (Kyoto University)
Mark METZLER (University of Texas at Austin)
Simon BYTHEWAY (Nihon University)
Ryota ISHIKAWA (Ritsumeikan University)
Susumu MIZUTA (Hiroshima University)
Ryuichi TANIGAWA (Kyoto University)

Discussants:

- Takeshi NISHIMURA** (Kansai University)
Tomotaka KAWAMURA (Kyoto University)

The 2nd Day (10:00-17:30)

Socio-Economic/Cultural Transformations

Speakers:

- Takashi OISHI**
(Kobe City University of Foreign Studies)
Lisa TRIVEDI (Hamilton College)
Srirupa PRASAD (University of Missouri)
Madhulika BANERJEE (University of Delhi)
Tomo ICHIKAWA (Nagasaki University)
Kensuke HIRAI (Konan University)

Discussants:

- Setsuko SONODA** (University of Hyogo)
Kohei WAKIMURA (Osaka City University)

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