The Fourth International Symposium in cooperation with TICAD (Provisional Programme)
Africa and Asia Entanglements in Past and Present : Mainstreaming Africa in the Discourse of “Development”
“ Idea of Development through Bandung Conference “
Hosted by Asian and African Studies Group (AASG) of the Faculty of Economics of Kansai University
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Synopsis

This international symposium is the fourth one on the topic of “Africa and Asia Entanglements in Past and Present”. The first conference was hosted by Stellenbosch University, South Africa, on November 4-5, 2013, the second one was held at Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan, on July 26-27, 2014, and the third one was held at Kansai University, Osaka, Japan. We are very grateful to the organizers of the previous pathbreaking gathering, Professor Scarlett Cornelissen and Professor Yoichi Mine.

Africa’s economic growth has been faster than the world average since 2000, showing relative buoyancy during a period of economic recession, and groundbreaking events on the continent have taken place in recent times such as the AU’s adoption of its Agenda 2063. Although “slow but for the long term” is the conventional expression in relation to Japanese engagement in Africa, TICAD VI, took place late August 2016 in Nairobi, Kenya.

Today the centre of gravity of the world political economy is moving toward Asia, and this movement has had a profound effect on Africa. The rise of East and South Asia in general and China and India in particular is closely connected to the recent course of economic and political development in Africa. African interest in Asian development models and Asian interest in African resources has brought about deeper ties between the two regions and is building reciprocal relations between them.

In this backdrop this conference is organized in order to enlarge and deepen the scope of the study of Africa-Asia relations by addressing facets of those interactions that have been so far mostly neglected in contemporary scholarship. It aims to offer historically contextualized insights into the various ways in which African and Asian countries and studies engage with each other and explore those engagements from a variety of theoretical standpoints and frameworks. The conference explores histories, dynamics, and outflows of social interaction between the two regions and studies.

This conference also aims to review the concept of “development” and recent research in history and development studies and explore the methodological and conceptual challenges and the variety of topics they present. We aim to discuss reciprocal benefits that accrue from engagements between disciplines, between historians and developmentalists, where they cooperate to analyze development processes and social change in Africa and Asia.
Date: 18(Thursday)-19(Friday) May 2017
Venue: Kansai University, Senriyama Campus, Building 2-2, Faculty's Conference Room (6th Floor)

Speakers: Kweku Ampiah (University of Leeds), Scarlett Cornelissen (Stellenbosch University), Pedro Miguel Amakasu Raposo de Medeiros Carvalho (Lisbon School of Economics and Management, Universidade de Lisboa), Yoichi Mine (Doshisha University), Michiko Kitaba (Kansai University), Akiyo Aminaka (Institute of Developing Economies), Kumiko Makino (Institute of Developing Economies), Yasuo Mizobe (Meiji University)

Chairperson: Katsuhiko Kitagawa (Kansai University)

First Day: 18 May 2017
Session 1: Japan, China and Africa, 10:00~12:00

10:00~11:00

Pedro Miguel Amakasu Raposo de Medeiros Carvalho
The evolution of Japan's role in ‘Lusophone’ Africa:
From inertia to action

Michiko Kitaba
Expansion of China’s Economic Diplomacy to Africa and its Influence (Provisional)

Kumiko Makino
Asian-African Solidarity as a Missing Part in the documentation of Global Anti-Apartheid Movement

Scarlett Cornelissen
Corporate Social Responsibility as an emerging paradigm in Japan-Africa Relations

11:00~11:20
Discussant: Kweku Ampiah, Yoichi Mine

11:20~12:00
Discussion

Lunch 12:00~13:30
Session 2: Mainstreaming Africa in the Discourse of “Development” 13:30~17:00
13:30~15:00
Yasuo Mizobe
Japan-Africa Relations in the 1930s and 1940s (Provisional)

Akiyo Aminaka
Different Ideologies with Common Idea of Development: Looking through Historical Experiences of Angola and Mozambique

Kweku Ampiah
The Bandung Conference and the discourse of post-colonial economic development

Yoichi Mine
(In)finite Development: A Genealogy

Coffee Break 15:00~15:30

15:30~16:00
Discussants: Naoko Tsuyama, Scarlett Cornelissen, Pedro Miguel Amakasu Raposo de Medeiros Carvalho

16:00~17:00
Discussion

17:30~19:30
Social Gathering (venue announced later)

Second day: 19 May 2017
Round Table Discussion, 10:30~12:00
Remarking from Kweku Ampiah,
This Round Table attempts to establish “Academic Forum” to make TICAD sustainable within Japan toward TICAD 7 in Tokyo in 2019.
Discussion by all the participants

Lunch, 12:00~13:00