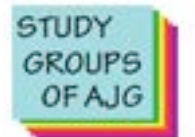




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## Nature and Society Study Group

### ✓ Objectives — Research Themes

Nature and Society Study is a fundamental research area for geography. However in Japan, research outcome are more often published or presented in the other academic societies such as area studies and agronomies. The aims of this study group are;

- to promote cross-cultural or cross-disciplinary conversation on how the nature-society relationships are framed and studied.
- to promote communication between physical and human geographers in seeking for better integrated research.
- to support graduate students and young scholars to participate in research projects and have more working opportunities in this research area.

The member conduct research in various places in the world, and their research interests include environmental history, environmental archaeology, ethno-biology, human ecology, cultural/political ecology, rural/urban geography, environmental sociology, environmental politics, etc.

### ✓ Members

**Chair:** *Akiko IKEGUCHI, Yokohama National University*

**Steering Committee Members:**

*Kazunobu IKEYA, National Museum of Ethnology*

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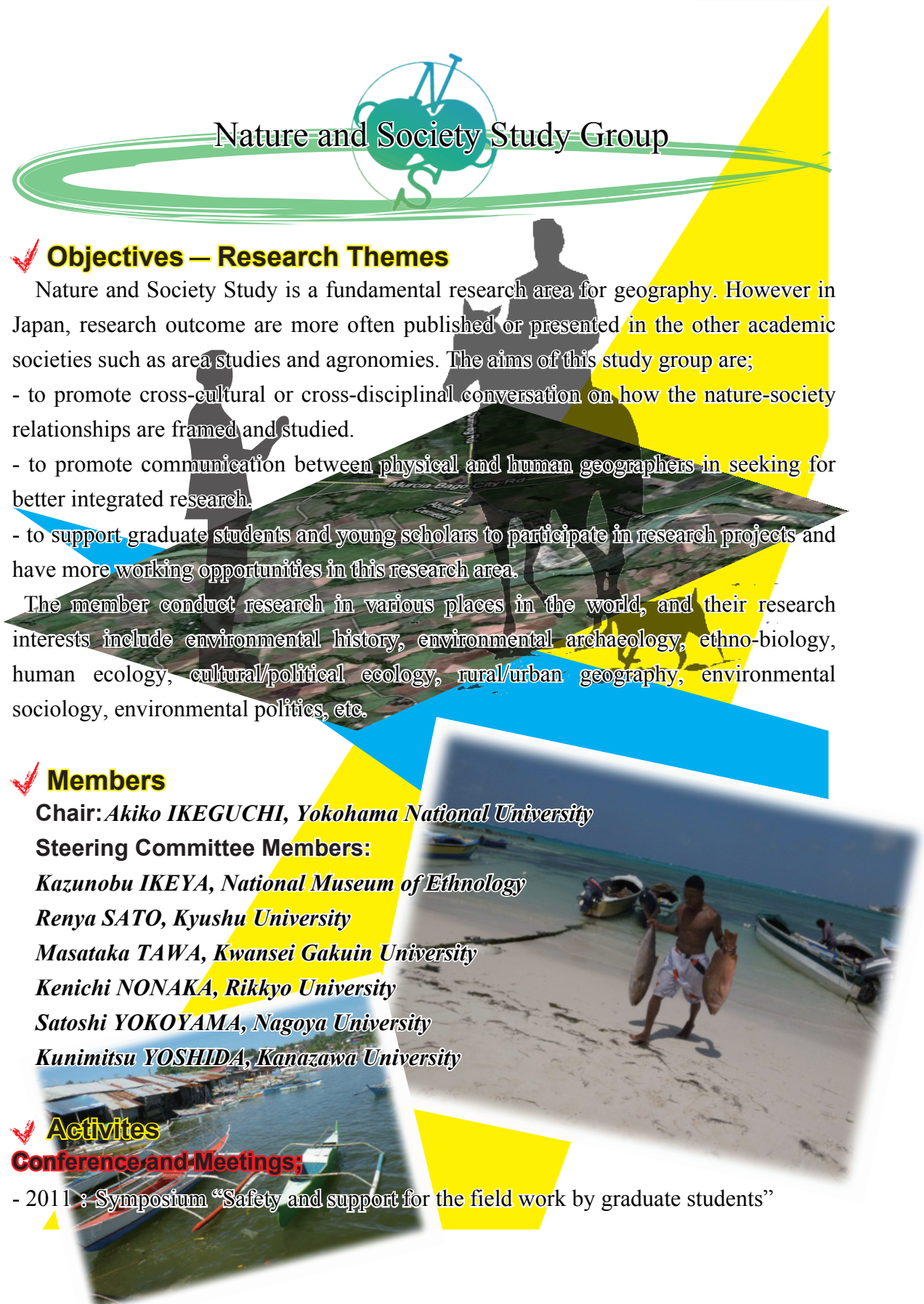
*Satoshi YOKOYAMA, Nagoya University*

*Kunimitsu YOSHIDA, Kanazawa University*

### ✓ Activities

#### Conference and Meetings;

- 2011 : Symposium “Safety and support for the field work by graduate students”



- 2010 : Symposium “Demography and life course in changing subsistence societies”
- 2009 : Symposium “Geography of people and the sea: fishing culture and changing nature-societies”
- 2009 : Workshop “Enchantment of Eco-tourism: can tourism save the nature?”
- 2008 : Symposium “Geography of people and the forest: forests in the world and dynamics of human activities”
- 2008: Workshop “Geography of people and the domesticated animals: society and culture of caring and slaughtering”

## Publications

“Nature and Society Series” published by Kaiseisha Press

Volume 1: Miyamoto, S. and Nonaka, K. eds. Environmental history of people and nature (forthcoming)

Volume 2: Ikeya, K. ed. Cultural geography of plants and animals (forthcoming)

Volume 3: Ikeguchi, A. and Sato, R. eds. Cultural ecology of human body and survival (forthcoming)

Volume 4: Yokoyama, S. ed. Geography of resources and subsistence activities (forthcoming)

Volume 5: Asano, T. and Nakashima, K. eds. 2013. Social geographies of nature



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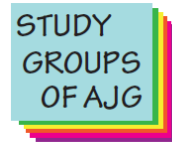
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## Study Group of Ethnic Geography

### ☐ Objectives — Research Themes

The study group of ethnic geography is organized by geographers who are interested in such themes as ethnic community, ethnic landscape, ethnic business, ethnic conflict, and international migration. There is a growing interest in ethnic geography among members of the Association of Japanese Geographers, and many articles and books on ethnic geographic themes are published.

### ☐ Main Members

ABE Ryogo, Aichi University of Education  
ARAMATA Miyo, Keisen University  
CHIBA Tatsuya, Tsuru University  
FUKUMOTO Taku, Miyazaki Sangyo-Keiei University  
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KATAOKA Hiromi, Kinki University  
NEDA Katsuyuki, Nara University of Education  
OISHI Taro, Kwansei Gakuin University, head of this study group  
SUGIURA Tadashi, Iwate University  
YAGASAKI Noritaka, Nihon University, Former President of the AJG  
YAMASHITA Kiyomi, University of Tsukuba  
YOSHIDA Michiyo, Setsunan University

### ☐ Activities

At annual meetings of the Association of Japanese Geographers in spring and autumn, this study group regularly holds business and research meetings.

Recent Publications of members :

KAGAMI Masahiro, KAWATE Keiichi and KUNI Yoshihiko. (2010) : *Introduction to the Study of Europe : Geography, History and Politics*. Gakubunsha, Tokyo. (Japanese)

YAGASAKI Notitaka (2010) : *Regional Geography of USA from the viewpoint of Food and Agriculture*. Tokyo Gakugei University Press, Tokyo. (Japanese)

YAMASHITA Kiyomi (2010) : *Ikebukuro Chinatown: Approaching the Reality of the Biggest Chinese Newcomers Area in Tokyo*. Yosensha, Tokyo. (Japanese)

ABE Ryogo (2011) : *Geography of Ethnicity*. Kokonshoin, Tokyo. (Japanese)

ARAMATA Miyo (2011) : *Paris Myth and Urban Landscape*. Akashishoten, Tokyo. (Japanese)

SUGIURA Tadashi (2011) : *Ethnic Geography*. Gakujutsushuppankai, Tokyo. (Japanese)

YOSHIDA Michiyo. (2011) : *Women, Citizenship and Migration : The Resettlement of Vietnamese Refugees in Australia and Japan*. Nakanishiya Shuppan, Kyoto. (English)

ISHIKAWA Yoshitaka ed. (2011) : *Mapping Foreign Residents in Japan*. Nakanishiya Shuppan, Kyoto. (Japanese)

YAMASHITA Kiyomi. ed. (2011): *Exploring Contemporary Ethnic Community : Theory and Fieldwork*. Gakubunsha, Tokyo. (Japanese)

YAMASHITA Kiyomi (2013) : Ikebukuro Chinatown in Tokyo : The First “New Chinatown” in Japan. Wong, B.P. and Tan, C.B. eds. *Chinatown around the World: Gilded Ghetto, Ethnopolis, and Cultural Diaspora*. Brill, Leiden, 247-262. (English)



Shinjuku Koreatown in Tokyo



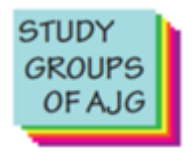
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## Agricultural and Rural Geography

### ☐ Objectives — Research Themes

This study group aims to:

- Discuss new methodologies and perspectives in agricultural and rural geography
- Exchange information on the studies on agricultural and rural geography
- Collaborate with the IGU Commission on the Sustainability of Rural Systems.

Major topics are as follows:

- Rural sustainability
- Rural society, settlement and the environment
- Governance and rural development
- Land use and its changes in rural area
- Agriculture, forestry, fishery and food.

### ☐ Members

Chair: Takehiro MORIMOTO (Univ. of Tsukuba)

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Tadayuki MIYACHI (Kokushikan Univ.)

Takaaki NIHEI (Hokkaido Univ.)

Toshiaki NISHINO (Takasaki City University of Economics)

Akira TABAYASHI (Univ. of Tsukuba)

Makoto TAKAHASHI (Nagoya Univ.)

Mitsuru YAMAMOTO (Saitama Univ.)

GuiMin ZHANG (Ehime Univ.)

### ☐ Activities

- Presentations at the general meeting of AJG, March 29, 2012, Tokyo Metropolitan University  
Ena KONNO: Excrement disposal and role of contractors in large-scale dairy

producing areas

Tadayoshi TADA: Regional differentiation in reorganization of forestry sector in Northeastern Japan

- An presentation at the general meeting of AJG, March 30, 2013, Rissho University

Yasuo ICHIKAWA: An review of discussions on multifunctionality of agriculture and its application to field survey: through the investigation of farms in France

- An excursion titled “Agriculture, Food and Regional Development in Northern Saitama Area”, March 31, 2013



The excursion “Agriculture, Food and Regional Development in Northern Saitama Area”

(March 31, 2013)

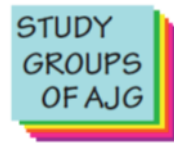
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## AJG Study Group on Regional Issues Related to the Birthrate Decline and Population Aging

### ☐ Objectives

This study group was established in 2010 to promote geographical research on regional issues in an aging society with a low birthrate and depopulation. The themes which the group addresses cover widely various topics: elderly care, childcare, women's welfare, housing, disability, health, and local governance. The group makes policy recommendations to society based on the research results.

### ☐ Members

Chairperson

MIYAZAWA, Hitoshi (Ochanomizu University)

Steering committee members

YUI, Yoshimichi (Hiroshima University)

NAKAJO, Akihito (Shizuoka University)

HATAKEYAMA, Teruo (Naruto University of Education)

HANIBUCHI, Tomoya (Chukyo University)

KUKIMOTO, Mikoto (Nara Women's University)

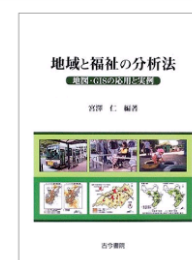
### ☐ Activities

The group holds a study meeting twice annually, coinciding with the General Meeting of the Association of Japanese Geographers in spring and autumn. Research results presented at the meetings have been published as journal articles or books. The group also operates the Official website and exchanges information among members using a mailing list.

Publications

Books

Hanibuchi, T. 2011. *NGO, NPO no chirigaku*



(*Geographies of NGO and NPO*). Tokyo: Akashi Shoten. (in Japanese)

Miyazawa, H. ed. 2005. *Chiiki to fukushi no bunseki hou: Chizu, GIS no ouyo to jitsurei* (*Applied cartography and GIS for welfare and well-being*). Tokyo: Kokon Shoin. (in Japanese)

Yui, Y. ed. 2012. *Josei shugyo to seikatsu kukan: Shigoto, kosodate, raifu kosu* (*Women's work and life spaces: Work, child rearing, and life course*). Tokyo: Akashi Shoten. (in Japanese)

#### Journal articles

Hanibuchi, T., Murata, Y., Ichida, Y., Hirai, H., Kawachi, I. and Kondo, K. 2012. Place-specific constructs of social capital and their possible associations to health: A Japanese case study. *Social Science & Medicine* 75: 225-232.

Hatakeyama, T. 2012. Reasons for regional disparities in care insurance community-based services. *Geographical Review of Japan* 85: 22-39. (in Japanese with English abstract)

Kukimoto, M., Wakabayashi, Y. and Yui, Y. 2011. Production of local childcare culture in Okinawa and the impact of policy change. *Geographical Review of Japan English Edition* 84(2): 60-70.

Miyazawa, H. 2013. Geographical studies of welfare issues in Japan since the 1990s. *Geographical Review of Japan English Edition* 86(1): 52-61.

Nakajo, A. 2010. The subsistence and "margin" of settlements at hilly and mountainous area in Shizuoka City. *Bulletin of the Faculty of Education, Shizuoka University. Social and Natural Sciences and Liberal Arts Series* 61: 65-78. (in Japanese)

Yui, Y. 2011. Revitalization of suburban housing estate in Koyo New Town, Hiroshima. *Annals of Japan Society for Urbanology* 45: 245-250. (in Japanese with English abstract)



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Research Group on

# Gender and Space / Place



fruit and vegetable market in Okinawa (phot. by Kageyama)



women in Samoa Islands (phot. by Kuramitsu)

## Research history in Japan

In early 1990, a few Japanese human geographers became involved in feminist geography. Although it was the feminist geographers in the English-speaking world who resolved to do away with the problems of spatial inequality resulting from gender relations, we cannot say with conviction that the study of feminist geography in Japan was initiated by feminists. However, it is true that there are only a few female geographers who have advanced their research significantly.

It goes without saying that the impact of *spatial turn* on the academia in Japan was very significant, and therefore, a few male geographers engaged in studying space and gender relations. Now, textbooks and classes on human geography for Japanese undergraduate students have begun taking the aspect of gender into account.

Human geographers in Japan tend to focus more on gender relations at a community level and in urban spaces than on the axes of differences (for example, sexuality, disability, and ethnicity) concerning bodies at a micro level.

## The group and its activities

Not much attention has been given to feminist geography in Japanese academic geography. The research group on gender and space/place in the Association of Japanese Geographers (AJG) started in April 2011 with six members. The group organizes a meeting biannually. This research group and the members of the research project "Constructing "gender and geography" and the global network with local sensitivity" under the Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research are willing to organize a pre-meeting of the IGU Commission on Gender and Geography to prepare for the IGU regional conference 2013 in Nara, Japan.



Nakamura Yukaku (red light district) in Nagoya  
(phot. by Kageyama)

# Members

**FUKUDA, Tamami** Ph.D. Professor, Osaka Prefecture University, Osaka, Japan

Research interests: representation of local culture, geographies of home.

**KAGEYAMA, Honami** Ph.D. Professor, Sugiyama Jogakuen University, Nagoya, Japan

Research interests: urban space and gender in Japan, Japanese community in Hawaii.

**KUMAGAI, Keichi** Professor, Ochanomizu University, Tokyo, Japan

Research interests: gender and development in Papua New Guinea, changing men and masculinities in Japan.

**KURAMITSU, Minako** Ph.D. Associate Professor, Tenri University, Nara, Japan

Research interests: social and cultural geography, Pacific studies, gender and development, globalization, localization and culture.

**MURATA, Yohei** Ph.D. Lecturer, Kinki University, Osaka, Japan

Research interests: masculinity and space in contemporary Japan, emotional geography and mental health.

**NAKAMURA, Yukiko** Ph.D. student, Ochanomizu University, Tokyo, Japan

Research interests: gender and development in India, globalization and change in rural areas.

**NISHIMURA, Yuichiro** Ph.D. Associate Professor, Nara Women's University, Nara, Japan

Research interests: socio-economic geography, time-geography of Asian people, critical GIS.

**OTA, Makiko** Ph.D. Researcher, Ochanomizu University, Tokyo, Japan

Research interests: informal settlements in Manila, women's employment and mega-urban regions, feminization of migration.

**SEKIMURA, Orie** Ph.D. Lecturer, Gunma Prefectural Women's University

Research interests: suburban community activities in Tokyo, feminization of volunteer activity, personal networks of retirees.

**YORIFUJI, Akiko** Lecturer, Matsumoto University, Nagano, Japan

Research interests: gender and gambling in Japan, masculinity, deviance and representation of space.

**YOSHIDA, Yoko** Ph.D. Professor, Nara Women's University, Nara, Japan

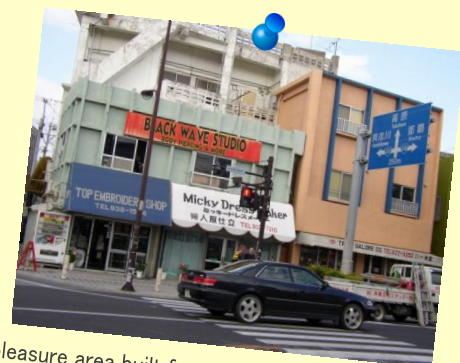
Research interests: gendered space and politics under the occupation, surveillance and security in urban space, women's employment and local labor market.



old shopping arcade in Osaka  
(phot. by Sekimura)



a meeting room of temporary housing at Rikuzentakata  
(phot. by Kumagai)



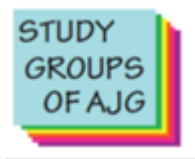
pleasure area built for the U.S.soldiers in Okinawa  
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meeting of the research group  
(phot. by Nishimura)



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## GIS and Society

### ☐ Objectives — Research Themes

With the dissemination of geographic information systems (GIS) and geospatial technologies, the influence of them on not only geographical research but also society has been discussed in English-speaking countries since 1990s. In Japan, as the production of geospatial data and diffusion of GIS have remarkably progressed, geospatial technologies are penetrating into business and daily life. The aim of this study group is to discuss the issues of GIS and society and to consider their implications for geography and the GIS studies in Japan.

Major topics:

- Participatory GIS (PGIS) / Public participation GIS (PPGIS)
- Qualitative GIS
- Social construction of GIS based on the perspective of STS (Science, Technology, and Society)
- Critical cartography
- Ethical or legal issues of surveillance and privacy.

### ☐ Members

Chair: Yoshiki WAKABAYASHI (Tokyo Metropolitan Univ.)

Vice-chair: Yuichiro NISHIMURA (Nara Women's University)

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Osamu IMAI (Univ. of Tokyo)

Kohei OKAMOTO (Nagoya Univ.)

Koji ONISHI (Toyama Univ.)

Toshikazu SETO (Univ. of Tokyo)

Koshiro SUZUKI (Toyama Univ.)

Jun YAMASHITA (Kyushu Univ.)

Keiji YANO (Ritsumeikan Univ.)

## □ Activites

- Workshop on “Governance of ocean space and participatory GIS”, March 27, 2012, Tokyo Metropolitan University.
- Presentations at the general meeting of AJG, October 7, 2012, Kobe University  
Yoshiki WAKABAYASHI: The scope of “GIS and society” research  
Kazuto AOKI: Potential of participatory GIS for local government
- Symposium on “Current state and issues of participatory GIS”, March 30, 2013, General meeting of AJG at Rissho University

Presentations:

Osamu IMAI: Advancement of participatory GIS in Japan

Jun YAMASHITA: Trends on research and practice of participatory GIS outside Japan

Koji ONISHI: Safety maps and PGIS–A case study of Yokota elementary school district in Takaoka City

Kohei OKAMOTO and Yosuke MAEDA: Challenges of participatory GIS in the disaster prevention

Akiko IKEGUCHI: Critics to participatory development and GIS: Issue on nature reserve

Yuichiro NISHIMURA: Counter-mapping and the participation–Some Case Studies After The Great East Japan Earthquake



Symposium on PGIS held at Rissho Univ.  
(March 30, 2013)



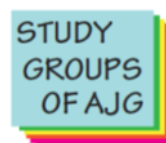
PPGIS workshop held at Tokyo  
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## Study Group on Recovery of the Areas Affected by the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake

### ☐ Objectives — Research Themes

Unsolved problems have been piled up at the area stricken by the huge earthquake and tsunami, although two years passed from the 9.0 magnitude earthquake off the Pacific Coast of the eastern Japan on March 11 in 2011. Reconstruction from the disaster has not been enough and the road to recovery is too much farther.

Our Group has conducted several collaborative studies on A) living environment and resident's health in temporary housing, B) commerce restoration monitoring in affected cities, C) distribution and consumption of the food after the disaster in the Tohoku Region, D) education sector's issue and re-construction process from the disaster, E) improvement living environment and planning for new resident's developments.

### ☐ Members

[Chairperson] TOYOSHIMA M (Professor, Iwate Prefectural Univ.)

[Steering Committee Members] IWAFUNE M (Professor, Kagoshima Univ.), SEKINE R (Assistant Professor, Tohoku Univ.), ISODA Y (Associate Professor, Tohoku Univ.),

### ☐ Activities

#### **Living environment and resident's health in temporary housing**

This collaborative study focuses on 1) room climate in temporary housing, 2) physical activities of daily living of the temporary housing residents, 3) mental health of the residents with various experience related with the tsunami disaster, 4) spatial characteristics of living behavior of the residents in Miyako city, Iwate prefecture, is supported by the Toyota Foundation as a 2012 research aid program (D12-EA-1017).

Characteristics of 1) room climate in temporary housing from autumn to winter are that the largest difference in temperature was observed between a living room and a bathroom at 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. after turning on heating, and that temperature of a lower

part at a height of 15cm above floor had been 5 to 10 °C lower than an upper at a height of 150cm. Talking 5 dead persons by heart attack or stroke from June 2011 to September 2012 in 8 temporary housing complexes into consideration, the extreme difference in temperature in rooms and heights is assumed to affect the person's health.



Temporary housing: a type of prefab building



Cold iron column with dew drops

### Commerce Restoration Monitoring in Affected Cities

Shops and high streets were almost entirely damaged in tsunami-inundated areas, and shop owners are restarting business in temporary shops most of which are provided by SME Support, JAPAN, a government agency for small and medium enterprises under METI. This collaborative study is conducting census/sample semi-structured interviews to shop owners in temporary shops in Miyako, Ofunato, Rikuzentakata (in Iwate Prefecture) and Kesen-numa, Minami-sanriku (in Miyagi Prefecture), documenting processes until resumption of business and plans towards restoration. Many shop owners are having difficulty making a plan due to lack of information and uncertainties about the future design and reality of the restored city. We continue monitoring the restoration of commerce to identify key information and conditions for owners to plan and act forward.



Overseas visitors to temporary shopping town



Vacant lots in the tsunami stricken area

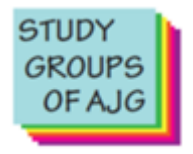
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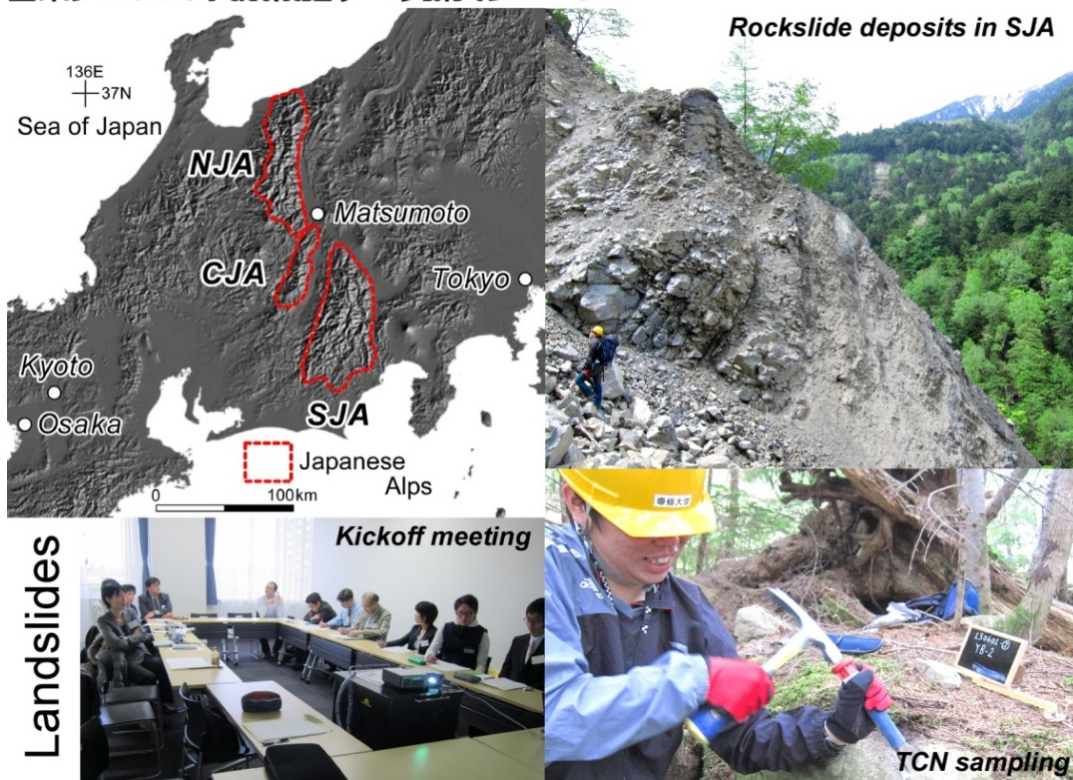


## Study Group for Investigating Large Landslides in the Japanese Alps

### □ Objectives — Gaining a better understanding of the nature and dynamics of large landslides in the Japanese Alps

The objectives of the study group (SG) are to clarify the geomorphic and geologic characteristic of large landslides (volume  $>10^7 \text{ m}^3$ ) in the alpine and subalpine zones of the Japanese Alps, and to evaluate the role of large landslides in the late Quaternary landscape evolution in this area. Gaining a better understanding of the distribution, geologic characteristics, trigger reconstruction, and precise dating of large landslides is of high interest because of its importance in landscape development and hazard assessment for high mountains with humid climates. The SG is composed of a wide variety of members from several specialty areas, including landslide geomorphology, glacial geomorphology, periglacial geomorphology, Quaternary geochronology, geospatial information science, and geoecology. Over the next two years, the SG will arrange business meetings, field workshops, and symposiums.

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## ☐ Members

Yoshihiko KARIYA (Representative, Senshu Univ.), Masafumi AOYAMA (Japan Map Center), Katsuhiko ASAHI (Shinshu Univ.), Satoru HARAYAMA (Shinshu Univ.), Tsuyoshi HATTANJI (Univ. Tsukuba), Atsushi IKEDA (Univ. Tsukuba), Shuji IWATA (Prof. Emeritus, Tokyo Metropol. Univ.), Yuki MATSUSHI (Kyoto Univ.), Shunji OUCHI (Chuo Univ.), Kuniyasu MOKUDAI (ProNatura Foundation Japan), Wataru MURAKAMI (Forestry and Forest Products Research Institute), Ryoko NISHII (Univ. Tsukuba), Hitoshi SAITO (Kanto Gakuin Univ.), Natsuki SASAKI (Univ. Tokyo), Go SATO (Teikyo Heisei Univ.), Hiroshi P. SATO (Japan Map Center), Masayuki SETO (Rissho Univ.), Takeyuki UEKI (Chiba Institute of Science) as of July 1st 2013

## ☐ Activities

This SG has been launched recently in 2013. The first field workshop was held at Mount Houou in May 2013; it dealt with “*Historical large landslides in the southern Japanese Alps*”. In the workshop, Y. Kariya introduced his latest papers describing the geology and geomorphology of a rock avalanche event that occurred in the eighth century. S. Takaoka demonstrated tree-ring coring to perform  $^{14}\text{C}$ -based dendrowiggle matching for the high-precision dating of the rock avalanche. Y. Matsushi explained a field method of rock sampling for *in-situ* terrestrial cosmogenic nuclides dating ( $^{10}\text{Be}$ - $^{26}\text{Al}$ ). All the participants discussed the cause, age, and kinematic behavior of the rock avalanche. The first symposium on “*Catastrophic landslides: their implications for development of Quaternary landscapes in the Japanese Alps*” will be held on December 7 2013 in Matsumoto. More than 10 oral presentations and relevant short comments are expected to be presented. The recent advances in this research field will be published in the special issue of *Chigaku-Zasshi* (the Japanese Journal of Geography published by the Tokyo Geographical Society) in October 2013. Some of the SG members will contribute to this special volume. To promote the exchange of information and opinion among members, the SG has a dedicated mailing list.

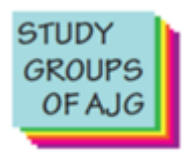
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## Regional Geography of Water and People

### ☐ Objectives — Geography education and Regional Studies

The purpose of this research group is to study the regional geography of water and people. Regional water environments reflect the nature of the areas. To understand the water environments of each area, it is necessary as well to study the cultural and social environments including natural elements. And it is important that we explain the relationships of water and people. Therefore, we study local objects, maintenance of the resources of the earth science, education and activity of regional development which we can use at school and in lifelong education. And this research group also makes textbooks on geography education, and geographical guidebooks of local regions.

### ☐ Members

Chair persons: MIYAOKA Kunihide (Mie University)

Steering Committee Members: HASEGAWA Naoko (Ochanomizu Univ.), MOTOKI Masatoshi (Tokiwa Univ.), OYAGI Hideo (Nihon Univ.), TANIGUCHI Tomomasa (Mie Univ.), TODA Manatsu (Aoyama Gakuin Univ.) , YAMASHITA Takumi (Josai Univ.) and YOKOYAMA Shun'ichi (Oyama National College of Technology)

### ☐ Activities

#### **Publications**

Hasegawa, N., Oyagi, H. and Taniguchi, T. 2013. A suggestion for output concerning Geo-heritage based on a reconsideration of the significance of geography and regional geography. *Annals of Ochanomizu Geographical Society*, 52: (in press).

Taniguchi, T., Hasegawa, N., Oyagi, H. and Miyaoka, K. 2013. The choice of Geo-heritage with a viewpoint from a water environment. *Limnology in Tokai Region of Japan*, 55 : (in press).

#### **Conference and meeting information**

Presentation at the IGU 2013 Kyoto Regional Conference

Hasegawa, N., Poster A (Water Resources), Density current and oxygen

concentration in the north basin of Lake Biwa.

Miyaoka, K., CS40-3 (Water Sustainability), Effect of land use change on groundwater environment in the river basin where water resource wells installed.

Motoki Masatoshi, CS40-3 (Water Sustainability), Springs preservation management : the case study of the Okinoerabu Island, Kagoshima Prefecture.

Oyagi, H., CS40-2 (Water Sustainability), Long-term Changes of Transparency in Five Lakes around Mt. Fuji.

Taniguchi, T., Poster A (Water Resources), Changes of Urban Development, Water Source and Groundwater use in Asia.

### Photo Gallery



Watermelon-cooling artesian Spring, Mie Prefecture



Spring in Okinoerabu Island, Kagoshima Prefecture



Lake Biwa, Shiga Prefecture



Tamagawa Spa, Akita Prefecture

### Attention, please

We search for books concerning regional geography intended for general readership all over the world. If you know of any, contact us please!

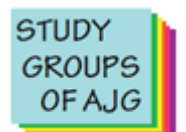
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## Geography of Popular Culture Study Group

### ☐ Objectives — Research Themes:

The purpose of this study group is to provide an arena where geographers who are interested in popular cultural issues can discuss their research. Although organizers have conducted research on themes such as culture of youth, cultural industries, ethnicity, gentrification, and streets and performance, there were no places to share and discuss such academic interests. We organize this study group to discuss our findings and interests on researches of geography of popular culture.

List of our interests include following:

- Youthful place and landscape in postmodern context
- Cultural practice and spatial control on urban streets
- Ethnicity, multiculturalism, and urban culture
- Cultural politics of urban space
- Food and culture in urban context
- Underlying ideology of urban landscapes
- Amusement places
- Social and spatial control on everyday life (leisure activities for youth)
- Agglomeration of creative industry and its subcontracting system
- Gambling space in gender and class perspective

### ☐ Members

**Chair: OSHIRO Naoki (Meiji University)**

Steering Committee Members: ABE Ryogo (Aichi University of Education), ARAMATA Miyo (Keisen University), USHIGAKI Yuya (Tokyo Gakugei University), KATO Masahiro (Ritsumeikan University), SUGIYAMA Kazuaki (Ryutsu Keizai University), HANZAWA Seiji (Meiji Gakuin University), FUTAMURA Taro (Doshisha University), YAMAGUCHI Susumu (Meiji University), YORIFUJI Akiko (Matsumoto University)

□ Activities (List of members' publications):

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#### Conferences and meetings information

We will hold the inaugural meeting at next annual meeting of the Association of Japanese Geographers (Sept.29, 2013, Fukushima University)

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## Research Group for Environmental Geographic Education (EGE)

### ☐ Objectives — Research Themes

This research group's purposes are for the geography to clarify the role of accurately perceive and understanding regarding the environmental issues and environmental education.

### ☐ Members

Prof. Hye-Sook Park (Mie University, Chairperson) • Prof. Kunihide Miyaoka (Mie University) • Prof. Tomomasa Taniguchi (Mie University) • Mr. Matsuhide Umemura (ERIC) • Prof. Yuki Morinaga (Meiji University) • Associate Prof. Hyun-Jin Kim (Hokkaido University of Education) • Ms. Chiharu Mizuki (Mie University, Coordinator)

### ☐ Activities

#### Publications

##### Books

1. Hye-Sook Park and Kenichi Nonaka (2003) *View of Enviornmental Geography*. Showado, 244p.
2. Tatsuhiko Ueno and Hye-Sook Park (2004) *Toward the Environmental City; Suggestion from YOKKAICHI Air Pollution*. Chuohouki, 342p.
3. Hye-Sook Park and Manabu Utagawa (2005) *Living Way for Earth*. Kaihousyuppan, 127p.
4. Hye-Sook Park, Tatsuhiko Ueno, Shingo Yamamoto and Atsushi Seno (2005) *YOKKAICHI Studies; Enviromental Science for the Future*. Fubaisha, 232p.
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#### Conferences and meetings information

1. A Photo Exhibition of YOKKAICHI Air Pollution  
Date: June 1 to July 31, 2012  
Venue: 1st Floor of the Mie Environmental and Informational Platform (MEIPL)
2. International Symposium on the 40 Years after the Judgment against YOKKAICHI Air Pollution  
Date: July 21, 2012  
Venue: 1st Floor of the Mie Environmental and Informational Platform (MEIPL)

3. Mie University UNESCO Associated Schools Project Symposium 2012  
Date: December 8, 2012  
Venue: 1st Floor of the Mie Environmental and Informational Platform (MEIPL)

#### Projects and partners

##### Projects

1. Developing of Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) as environmental geographic education
2. Research concerning the practical environmental geography with school teachers

##### Partners

1. UNESCO Schools in Japan
2. Ministry of Environment of ROK

#### Photo Gallery



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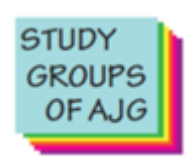
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## **AJG Study Group on the Geography of Information**

### **□ Objectives — Research Themes**

One of the factors that have changed economic and social system recently is informatization. Geographical studies on information have been conducted from the following three viewpoints: spatial effect of informatization, its impact on economic system and location of facilities, and cyberspace. The objectives of our group are as follows: to conduct case studies in Japan, to publish papers on our new findings abroad and discuss them with overseas researchers, and to support the studies by young Japanese researchers.

### **□ Members**

Chair Persons: Shinji Hara (Kagawa Univ.), Takashi Wada (Prefectural Univ. of Hiroshima)

Steering Members: Yoshio Arai (The Univ. of Tokyo), Kenji Hashimoto (Waseda Univ.)

Harumichi Yamada (Tokyo Keizai Univ.), Mikoto Kukimoto (Oita Univ.)

Tsutomu Nakamura (The Univ. of Tokyo), Kenta Yamamoto (Kyushu International Univ.)

### **□ Activities**

#### ***1. Regular meetings at AJG conference***

We have had regular meetings at AJG conferences twice a year since 2006. The titles reported at the meetings in these three years are as follows.

- Development of broadband in remote islands and political support
- Great East Japan earthquake and location-based service
- The feasibility of the animation industry in local regions
- Bombing casualty and location-based service

#### ***2. IGU Commission on the Geography of the Global Information Society***

We have attended the annual meetings of IGU commission on the geography of global information society since 2006. The five members of our group attended the meeting in Cologne last year (2012).

### ***3. Joint research***

We have conducted joint research since 2011. The research theme is “geographical study on generation, distribution, and use of information in the digital age”. This research project is founded by Grant-in-Aid for scientific Research (No.23320187) of The Japan Society for the Promotion of Science.

### ***4. Public symposium***

We held a public symposium at Hiroshima University in 2012. The theme was “Generation, distribution, and use of information in the digital age”. The nine members of our group reported each research result and discussed from the viewpoints of “digital community” and “digital content”. The collection of the papers (in Japanese) was published last month. The titles of the papers are as follows.

- Expansion of municipalities and changing modes of regional informatization in Japan
- Optical network developments and the impacts on the Internet use in business activities in Higashikawa town, Hokkaido
- Diffusion process of regional medical information sharing system: a case study of ID-Link
- The role of the Internet and online community among mothers with small children in Tokyo metropolitan area
- Establishment of a networked business school using ICT and the development of its environment: example of Honsuu-juku in Saga
- The feasibility of the animation industry in local regions in Japan: a case study of a studio in Okinawa
- Movie industry and regional development: challenges and prospects
- Regional revitalization using characters in animation works: case study of Shimane

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