

CGHE East Asia Researchers' Meeting

Advancing higher education research and collaboration in East Asia amid national, regional, and global challenges



DATES

Sunday, 19 March to Tuesday, 21 March 2023 (JST)

VENUE

Research Institute for Higher Education, Hiroshima University, Japan

FORMAT

In person & Online

FREE REGISTRATION

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HOST: Research Institute for Higher Education (RIHE),
Hiroshima University, Japan

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the University of Oxford, the UK.

RATIONALES AND CONTEXT

The global crisis, the changing geopolitics, the ongoing neo-nationalism, and various local and institutional factors are challenging the advancement of higher education and research worldwide. Higher education and research in East Asian countries and systems are also facing many new issues. It is important to analyze and identify the common and specific challenges with which higher education and research in East Asian countries and systems are confronted. What is the appropriate response at institutional level? What are the tasks for research and scholarship, and in teaching about higher education? What are the implications for collaboration and cooperation in all these areas?

The goal of this international meeting is to create a dynamic interactive discussion and communication, so that both early career researchers and senior researchers can address the local, national, regional and global dimensions of issues in higher education and research in Japan, China PRC, Hong Kong SAR, Taiwan, and South Korea. These include issues of internationalization/Westernization, indigenization and decolonial approaches in the global East, North and South, regional cooperation in East Asia, and the geo-political environment for higher education and research in East Asia, as well as problems of reduced university autonomy, academic freedom, collaboration and knowledge exchange. It is hoped that together we will be able to develop a forward agenda for colleagues in East Asia, in cooperation with CGHE as a global centre of higher education research, including strategies and methods of sustaining cooperation and mutual support under the present difficult conditions of geopolitical contestation.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

Day 1: Open session for papers or presentations by early career researchers

Each early career researcher is invited to give a 20-minute presentation on what she/he sees as the emerging issues and research topics that should be considered by the research field of higher education studies (including, but not

confined to, international and global aspects). The 20 minutes presentation will be followed by 10 minutes discussion of each paper.

Researchers are strongly advised not to focus only on their own current favorite topics, such as their doctoral study, and their current personal areas of expertise, but to think broadly and be innovative in relation to the field as a whole. Please take a step back and think about the possible intellectual development of higher education research and scholarship, and the potential for new ideas and new lines of research. You might think about the research needs of stakeholders, and the ways international cooperation can advance the work. But most importantly, give thought to the issues and problems already before us in higher education and/or emerging in future.

9:30~12:00 Morning Session

MC: Futao HUANG, Hiroshima University, Japan

- 9:30~9:40 Opening remarks
Shinichi KOBAYASHI, Hiroshima University, Japan
- 9:40~10:10 Opening paper: The purposes of higher education
Simon MARGINSON, University of Oxford, the UK
- 10:10~10:30 Coffee Break
- 10:30~12:00 Presentations
Thomas BROTHERHOOD (Rikkyo University, Japan)
Lilan CHEN (Osaka University, Japan)
Xin LI (Seoul National University, Korea)

12:00~13:30 Lunch Break

13:30~16:30 Afternoon Session

MC: Ka Ho Joshua MOK, Lingnan University, Hong Kong

- 13:30~15:30 Presentations
Ying-Yan LU (Kaohsiung Medical University, Taiwan)
Xin XIE (Peking University, China)
Weiyang XIONG (Lingnan University, Hong Kong)
Lili YANG (University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong)
- 15:30~15:50 Coffee Break
- 15:50~16:30 Plenary Discussion

Day 2: National and regional higher education issues, in the context of problems of Westernization and decolonization

Day 2 will be the opportunity to present 'national/system case studies', in regional and global context. However, if speakers have a burning desire to present on another specific topic, they can do so. As with day 1 it is anticipated that each person can present for 20 minutes followed by 10 minutes of discussion.

9:30~12:00

Morning Session

MC: Jung Cheol SHIN, Seoul National University, Korea

9:30~11:00

Session 1

Robin CHEN (National Chengchi University, Taiwan)

Tsukasa DAIZEN & Yangson KIM (Hiroshima University, Japan)

Zhuolin FENG (Shanghai Jiaotong University, China)

11:00~11:20

Coffee Break

11:20~12:30

Session 2

Futao HUANG (Hiroshima University, Japan)

Wenqin SHEN (Peking University, China)

12:30~14:00

Lunch Break

14:00~ 17:00

Afternoon Session

MC: Niancai LIU (Shanghai Jiaotong University, China)

14:00~15:30

Session 3

Jun Cheol SHIN (Seoul National University, Korea)

Wen WEN (Tsinghua University, China)

Akiyoshi YONEZAWA (Tohoku University, Japan)

15:30~15:50

Coffee Break

15:50~16:20

Session 4

Xin XU (University of Oxford)

16:20~17:00

Session 5

Simon MARGINSON (University of Oxford) – brief remarks on Day 2 followed by Plenary Discussion

Day 3: Closed session for selected researchers from CGHE and all participating systems

It is expected that discussions be made between all the researchers in the room the kind of pressures we experience from government and institutions concerning international links, and how to maintain good cooperation – especially into and out of PR China – in the difficult geo-political setting, which is likely to deteriorate in future. A more detailed programme for Day 3 will be developed at a later stage.

9:30~12:00

Morning Session

MC: Simon MARGINSON (University of Oxford, the UK)

All participants in the room

12:00~13:30

Lunch Break

13:30~16:20

Afternoon Session

MC: Akiyoshi YONEZAWA (Tohoku University, Japan)

All participants in the room

16:20~16:30

Closing Remarks

Simon MARGINSON (University of Oxford, the UK)

Futao HUANG (Hiroshima University, Japan)