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PREFACE

This symposium is conducted as a part of the research project, titled “Comprehensive Area Studies on Coexistence and Conflict Resolution Realizing the African Potentials.” This is a 5-year project, started in 2011, funded by Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research [S]).

One of the most serious problems in Africa is the disruption of the social order due to civil wars and regional conflicts. Conflicts in the 1990s and beyond are especially notable in their production of enormous numbers of refugees and IDPs. Although African continent is capturing spotlight with its natural resources and economic growth now, it still suffers from the scars of unjust violence and conflict. It is essential to the stability and development of African societies to find effective means to ameliorate the varied problems these conflicts cause.

Both governmental and non-governmental international bodies have intervened in these conflicts in various ways, such as, peace keeping missions, supporting the establishment of post-war political institutions, and prosecuting violations of human rights and war crimes. These interventions have, however, achieved limited success, because they are based on ideologies, values and processes that are fundamentally Western in origin.

This research project, in contrast, emphasizes the knowledge, practices and institutions that African societies have themselves developed and utilized in resolving conflicts and maintaining co-existence. We thus aim to understand how this existing body of indigenous knowledge and institutions—which we term “African Potentials”—might most effectively be employed in settling conflicts, bringing about reconciliation, and healing post-conflict societies in Africa today.

In this project, we deal with different types of conflict in Africa, from large-scale civil war situations to small-scale “troubles” in everyday life in localities. African Potentials, some of which may be called “indigenous” or “traditional,” include: informal mechanisms to avoid conflicts, prevent aggressions and tolerate others, voluntary negotiations to attain co-existence, local dispute-settlement systems such as village and community courts, community-based NGOs, and various peace initiatives from below.

We focus upon informal mechanisms rather than formal judicial mechanisms. This emphasis does not mean that our research project would outright reject validity of “modern” systems and romanticize “traditional” practices, but rather that we shed light on hitherto underrated values of African Potentials in consideration of conflict resolutions.

These African Potentials have long been generated through encounters and clashes with European and Arabic Islamic societies and continue to undergo constant transformation, an ability we term “Interface Functions.” As we identify and evaluate African Potentials, we also will explore how they are articulated with the external factors through the work of Interface Functions.

For the details of this research project, please visit the following website.
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PROGRAM

October 5 (Saturday), 2013
Venue: Inamori Foundation Memorial Hall, Kyoto University

9:20 - 9:30 Opening Address Itaru OHTA (Kyoto University)

9:30 - 10:15 Keynote Speech: Decolonization and the Quest for Social Justice in Africa
Frederick COOPER (New York University)

10:15 - 10:45 Questions and Answers with Professor Cooper

10:45 - 11:00 Break

11:00 - 12:00 Core Time of “Poster Presentations” (Middle-sized Conference Room)

12:00 - 13:30 Lunch

13:30 - 16:00 Session 1. Revisiting Transitional Justice

16:00 - 16:20 Break

16:20 - 18:50 Session 2. Beyond Conflicts in Africa: How to Understand Nexus between Social Relations, Resource Scarcity and Economic Development

October 6 (Sunday), 2013
Venue: Inamori Foundation Memorial Hall, Kyoto University

9:30 - 12:00 Session 3. Whose Potential Can Contribute toward the Process of Conflict Resolution over Natural and Livelihood Resources?

12:00 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00 - 16:30 Session 4. Local Wisdoms and the Globalized Justice in a Process of Conflict Resolution

16:30 - 16:50 Break

16:50 - 18:00 General Discussion
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Revisiting Transitional Justice
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Chaired by
Shinichi TAKEUCHI (Institute of Developing Economies, Japan External Trade Organization)

13:30-14:00  The Role of Community Owned and Led Reconciliation Process in Post War Sierra Leone
John CAULKER (Fambul Tok International)

14:00-14:30  Transitional Justice under Pressure: South Africa’s Challenge
Zenzile KHOISAN (KhoiSan First Nation Status / Eerste Nasiie Nuus [First Nation News])

14:30-15:00  Is Transitional Justice a Potential Failure? Understanding Transitional Justice Based on Its Uniqueness
Toshihiro ABE (Department of Literature, Otani University)

15:00-15:30  Governing the Vulnerable Self at Home and Abroad: Peace and Justice in Northern Uganda and “KONY 2012”
Tamara ENOMOTO (Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, University of Tokyo)

15:30-15:40  Comment
Kyoko CROSS (Graduate School of Law, Kobe University)

15:40-16:00  General Discussion
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Beyond Conflicts in Africa:
How to Understand Nexus between Social Relations, Resource Scarcity and Economic Development
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Chaired by
Motoki TAKAHASHI (Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies, Kobe University)

16:20-16:50  **Understanding Pastoralism in Northern Kenya: The Imperative for Socio-Economic Transformation**
Othieno NYANJOM (Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis)

16:50-17:20  **Social Conflicts as a Motive for Desirable Change: The Case of Farmer’s Primary Societies in Moshi, Tanzania**
David G. MHANDO (Sokoine University of Agriculture)
Juichi ITANI (Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies, Kyoto University)

17:20-17:50  **Potential of a Green Revolution in Sub-Saharan Africa and the Role of Communities in Technology Adoption**
Yuko NAKANO (Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Tsukuba)
Takuji TSUSAKA (International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics)
Shimpei TOKUDA (Japan International Cooperation Agency)
Kei KAJISA (School of International Politics, Economics and Communication, Aoyama Gakuin University)

17:50-18:20  **Farmer-Herder Conflicts and Conflict Prevention in Sahel Region of West Africa**
Shuichi OYAMA (Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies, Kyoto University)

18:20-18:30  **Comment**
Jun IKENO (Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies, Kyoto University)
Takahiro FUKUNISHI
(Institute of Developing Economies, Japan External Trade Organization)

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Whose Potential Can Contribute toward the Process of Conflict Resolution over Natural and Livelihood Resources?
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Chaired by
Masayoshi SHIGETA (Center for African Area Studies, Kyoto University)

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MAMO Hebo (Department of Social Anthropology, Addis Ababa University)

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Conflicts over Land and Water Resources in the Kilombero Valley Basin, Tanzania
Stephen J. NINDI, Hanori MALITI, Samwel BAKARI, Hamza KIJA and Mwita MACHOKE (Tanzania Wildlife Research Institute)

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Contribution of Local Praxis to Conflict Resolution in Conservation Issue: Lessons from the Management of Conservation Areas in Ethiopia
Nobuko NISHIZAKI (Faculty of Administration and Social Science, Fukushima University)

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The Potential for Changing Attitudes and Self-Representations: Resolving Multilayered Conflicts Regarding Wildlife
Toshio MEGURO (JSPS Research Fellow PD / Graduate School of Frontier Sciences, University of Tokyo)

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Gen YAMAKOSHI (Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies, Kyoto University)

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Motoji MATSUDA (Graduate School of Letters, Kyoto University)

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Mikewa OGADA (Center for Human Rights and Policy Studies)

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Egalitarian Conflict Management among the Îgembe of Kenya
Shin-ichiro ISHIDA (Department of Social Anthropology, Tokyo Metropolitan University)

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The Colors of Justice: Village Chiefs, Secretaries and Community Leaders in Conflict Resolution in Northern Mozambique
Euclides GONÇALVES (Department of Archaeology and Anthropology, Eduardo Mondlane University / Centro de Estudos Sociais Aquino de Bragança)

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Misa HIRANO-NOMOTO
(Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies, Kyoto University)

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Rumi UMINO (Tokyo Metropolitan University)

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Midori DAIMON (Center for African Area Studies, Kyoto University)

Social Ties and Food Exchanges in a Multi-Ethnic Agricultural Community in Northwestern Zambia
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Tree Management and Sharing Customs for Famine Food in the Hausa Society of the Sahel Region, West Africa
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The Powers of Neoliberal Communities: The Pursuit of Safe Living Environments in Post-Apartheid Johannesburg
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How Did People Become “True” Christians? The Kuku Migration and the Christian Revival Movement in Greater Sudan
Yuko TOBINAI (Graduate School of Global Studies, Sophia University)

Prophets, Prophecies, and Inter-Communal Conflicts in Post-Independence South Sudan
Eri HASHIMOTO (Graduate School of Social Sciences, Hitotsubashi University)

Large-Scale Capitalist Farming of Agro-Pastoral Sukuma in Tanzania: Their Economic Relationship with Wanda Small-Scale Farmers
Naoaki IZUMI (Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies, Kyoto University)

A Study of Local Protest within the Framework of “Divide and Rule” in Apartheid South Africa: Being “Basotho” to Protest “Ethnic Antagonism”
Sayaka KONO (Graduate School of International and Cultural Studies, Tsuda College)
Gift-Giving for Developing Personal Friendship among Women in Rural Zambia: A Case Study of the Burgeoning Ceremony Called *Chilongwe*
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Social Discrimination and Minority Rights: Petitions by the Manjo in the Kafa and Sheka Zones of Southwest Ethiopia
Sayuri YOSHIDA (JSPS Research Fellow PD / Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Osaka Prefecture University)

Interpretations of Death and Relationships with the Dead among the Acholi in Post-Conflict Northern Uganda
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Inter-Village Wars in Northwest Cameroon: The Role of Urban Dwellers
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Potentials of Informal Financial Systems in Extending Access to Financial Services in Africa: A Study on Rotating Savings and Credit Associations and Accumulating Savings and Credit Associations in Kenya
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