

Whose Creative Energy?

Action and Reflection in the Construction of Value

The current spread of globalization and the homogenizing power of Western culture, as exemplified by the spread of neoliberalism, challenge pluralistic values. Ethnographic fieldwork in Asia and Africa, however, has revealed complex responses to these macro-level currents. Such responses transcend the analytical scope of simple adaptation or resistance. In this Satellite Workshop, we will examine these local responses as instances of value encounters. By focusing on actions and reflections that construct multiple and potentially conflicting values, we aim to set out the foundation for a new theory of social transformation.

10:00-10:10 Opening remarks / FUJIKURA Tatsuro

【Session I】 10:10-12:00

The Role of "Local Value" for Autonomic Rural Development in the Lower Senegal River.

/ TAKAHASHI Ryuta

Reconsidering Economic Theory in Islam: Value, Capitalism, and Modernity.

/ NAGAOKA Shinsuke

Sisters and Daughters of Baburam Bhattarai: Gendered Development and Self-Actualization in Nepal.

/ Lauren Leve

12:00-13:00 Lunch time

【Session II】 13:00-14:00

Discourse, Social Relationships, and Value related to Land Tenure

: A Case Study on Claim for Land Rights. / SHIRASHI Soichiro

Negotiating the Value of Things: Gifts and Commodities in Rural Ethiopia.

/ MATSUMURA Keiichiro

14:00-14:10 Coffee break

【Session III】 14:10-15:10

Artfulness at Manipulating Social Familiarity: The Change in Business Practice among Petty Trader in Urban Tanzania. / OGAWA Sayaka

Whose Lake? Whose Creative Energy? :Relations between the Attribution of Success and Failure in Fishery and the Construction of Value in Rural Malawi. / NAKAYAMA Setsuko

15:10-15:20 Coffee break

【Session IV】 15:20-16:10

Value and Debt: A New Antinomy for 21st Century Social Theory?

/ David Graeber

16:10-16:20 Coffee break

16:20-16:50 Comments / MATSUDA Motoji

16:50-17:30 General Discussion

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