

**Title: International Workshop on “Transformation of Politics, Society, and Culture in Eurasia”**

**Date:** 8–9 October

**Venue:** Conference Room (AA447), 4<sup>th</sup> floor, Research Bldg. No. 2 (Faculty of Engineering Bldg. No.4), Yoshida Main Campus, Kyoto University

**Organizers:**

- Kyoto University Global COE Program
- Center for Islamic Area Studies at Kyoto University  
(In Search of Sustainable Humanosphere in Asia and Africa)
- Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research(A), JSPS: Tokyo University of Foreign Studies  
(Conflict, Collapsed State, and Social Movements in the Contemporary Middle East and Asia)
- Program for Enhancing Systematic Education in Graduate Schools  
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**Day 1: October 8th**

10:00–10:30      Opening Remarks

Professor KOSUGI Yasushi (Kyoto University), Professor SAKAI Keiko (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies)

10:30–12:00      Special Lecture

Dr. Ranjit Singh (Associate Professor, University of Mary Washington)

“Some Reflections on the Arab Spring”

12:00–13:00      Lunch

13:00–15:15      Panel 1

1. IMAI Shizuka (Kyoto University)

“Transformation of Jordan’s External Trade in the 2000s: An Analysis of Economic Policies Dealing with the Challenge of Globalization”

2. Nutan Sharma (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies)

“Grass to Guns: Women in the Maoists Insurgency in Nepal”

3. KAWABATA Aruma (Kyoto University)

“Halal Meat Market in the Islamic World”

15:15–15:45 Break

16:45–18:00 Panel 2

1. KAWAMURA Ai (Kyoto University)

“Dispute Resolution in Islamic Finance: A Case Study of the United Arab Emirates”

2. HAGIHARA Jun (Kyoto University)

“Saudi Arabia as a Petrodollar-Driven Consumer Society: Review of Preceding Works and Proposal of a New Perspective”

3. Patrick Mason (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies)

“A Safety Net for the Conflict Trap: Social Networks and Small Business Development in Afghanistan”

**Day 2: October 9th**

10:00–12:15 Panel 3

1. SUNAGA Emiko (Kyoto University)

“Tafseer Literature in Print Media: A Survey of the Quranic Interpretation in South Asia”

2. ZOU Yi (TOKYO UNIVERSITY OF FOREIGN STUDIES)

“Students Anti-Japanese Sentiment and Policy Implementation toward Anti-Foreign Policies in Contemporary China: A Case Study in Yunnan Province”

3. OHASHI Kazuhiro (Kyoto University)

“Islamic Revival in Early Modernity: A Preliminary Study on Al-Shawkani in Yemen”

12:15–13:15 Lunch

13:15–14:45 Panel 4

1. Ladislav Lesnikovski (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies)

“Identity Politics in the Balkans: The Slavic Muslim Minority in Kosovo”

2. Nicolas Ballesteros Lopez (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies)

“Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian Communities in Kosovo and the Impact of the International Community (1999–2008)”

14:45–15:00 Break

15:00–16:30 Panel 5

1. Muhammad A. Ahmad Duhoki (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies)

“Ethnonationalism in Contemporary Context: the Kurdish Question in Turkey under the AKP’s Government”

2. SATO Marie (Kyoto University)

“Life of the Iraqi Refugees in Jordan: A Field Research Report”

16:30 - 16:45      Closing Remarks

**Participants:** October 8<sup>th</sup> 20 people / October 9<sup>th</sup> 20 people

This two-day joint workshop was held to discuss a variety of matters related to Islamic, Middle Eastern, and Eurasian studies, including politics, economics, and ethnic disputes, among others. The workshop had a total of five sessions, with a special lecture by Dr. Ranjit Singh from the University of Mary Washington

At the beginning of the workshop, Dr. Ranjit Singh gave a special lecture on the Arab spring in the Middle East. He focused on an analysis of the royal family in Bahrain based on his personal experience in the country. Although he picked up on some narratives on Bahrain\*\*2\*\*, his analytical scope was very large and he was able to shed light on and enhance our understanding of the current situation in Arab countries.

After Dr. Ranjit Singh gave his special lecture, the first session that related to achieving an international point of view commenced. The first speaker discussed the transformation of Jordan's external trade under the globalization, and then described the impact that had given economic development for Jordan in 2000s. The second speaker talked about women soldiers in Nepal during and after the civil war. She explained how the Maoist party had given women equal opportunities during the war and how women’s social status after the war had changed as a result (women are no longer just mothers or wives). The last speaker presented on the halal food industry in Malaysia and Thailand based on the results of his field research. He discussed how non-halal food and halal food are dealt with differently in these countries.

The second session related to economies in the Middle East. The first speaker discussed the legal system in Islamic finance in the UAE, and explained the practical obstacles related to the dispute resolution system in terms of Islamic finance. The next speaker analyzed the economy and society of Saudi Arabia, and introduced a new analytical framework of a petrodollar-driven consumer society that challenges the existing literature. The last speaker discussed theoretical aspects of the social network for microfinance in Afghanistan. He pointed out the issues of the conflict trap and presented a new analytical framework of a relational network to identify the social network of microfinance.

The third session related to sociology and literature. The first speaker discussed the Islamic

literature of Tafsir in South Asia, with a particular focus on publications by Mawdudi. The next speaker discussed the anti-Japanese movement in Yunnan province, China by presenting the cases and theorizing on them. The last speaker talked about the Islamic revival of Yemen by focusing on the legal thought of al-Shawkani.

The fourth session related to “identity” and ethics issues in Balkans. The first speaker talked about the ethical complexities of the Gorans and Bosniaks in Macedonia. The second speaker discussed ethical issues in the Roma community by pointing out that although there are also Ashkali and Egyptian communities in Kosovo, the international community did not recognize the difference between them.

In the last session, the first speaker discussed ethnic nationalism among the Kurdish people who live in Turkey. The second speaker focused on Iraqi refugees who live in Jordan, and analyzed the characteristics of the concept of refugees in the Islamic world and the Middle East.

Each session included discussions and comments from various perspectives. It was a great opportunity for all speakers and audience members to share their perspectives in order to improve their research. (569 words)

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**Additional Note:**

- This is a clear and comprehensive overview of this workshop that incorporates a great deal of information in a small amount of space.