

International Conference on Resources and Human Mobility

(Jointly organized by Mahidol University International College, Thailand and Chiba University, Japan)

Dates: 2nd and 3rd December 2019

Venue: Mahidol University International College (MUIC), Thailand



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Resources serve both as the bases of production and as the origin of conflict and crisis. Scarcity of tangible resources such as water, land and other forms of natural resources often result in territorial disputes among states, inter-ethnic violence, and marginalization and dislocation of the people. Likewise, intangible resources such as ideas and capitals including human capital would be the source of creation, innovation and wealth, but would also risk conflict and humanitarian crisis if flow of such resources are mismanaged.

Numbers of contemporary humanitarian crisis can be understood as dynamics revolving around the resource scarcity and human mobility, or the complex interplay of the two. For instance, refugees and migration often flow from economic resource poor countries/regions to resource abundant ones.

In other cases, political resources such as citizenship and safety are the core pull factor behind the decision to migrate. These flows of humans could create crisis when migrants or refugees become the target of segregation and discrimination due to their nationality, religion or ethnicity, or when effective authority fail to protect them from human traffickers. Meanwhile, flow of ideas and humans across the borders may incite challenges against the existing states.

Center for Relational Studies on Global Studies, Chiba University, and Mahidol University International College (MUIC) cohost an international conference “Resources and Human Mobility” at the Charinyarasami Hall, MUIC in Nakhon Pathom (near Bangkok), Thailand, on December 2-3, 2019, sponsored by The Relational Studies on Global Crises Project, (Japanese Grant-in-aid (KAKENHI), 2016-2021). The conference approaches conflicts and crises emanating from the resource scarcity and human mobility in Asia and the world. Through the cross-regional and cross-disciplinary research presentations and discussions, the conference tries to identify the contemporary crisis and unpack the dynamic and complex relations between resources and human mobility.



【Sponsor】The Relational Studies on Global Crises Project, (Japanese Grant-in-aid (KAKENHI), 2016-2021)

【Co-sponsors】Leading Research (Chiba University)

Timetable

Day 1, December 2

9:00—9:20 Start Accepting

9:20—9:35 Opening Remarks:

Chulathida Chomchai (Dean, Mahidol University International College)

Keiko Sakai (Dean, Center for Relational Studies on Global Crises, Chiba University)

9:35—10:05 Keynote Speech: Watcharas Leelawath

(Executive Director, Mekong Institute)

10:10—11:40 **【Panel 1】Cross-Border Mobility of Agro-based Workers**

Chair: Michiko Takagaki (Chiba University)

Discussant: Huynh Thi Ngoc Tuyet (Southern Institute of Social Sciences)

Nyein Chan (Kyoto University)

Teeranong Sakulsri (Institute for Population and Social Research, Mahidol University)

Akira Kato (Chiba University)

11:40—12:40 Welcome lunch

12:40—14:10 **【Panel 2】Territories and Environment as Resources**

Chair: Ken Ishida (Chiba University)

Housam Darwisheh (Institute of Developing Economies)

Mohamed Abdin (Gakushuin University)

Kampanad Bhaktikul (Faculty of Environment and Resource Studies, Mahidol University)

14:10—15:40 **【Panel 3】Land and Human Mobility in Africa**

Chair: Takehiko Ochiai (Ryukoku University)

Junko Maruyama (Tsuda University)

Toru Sagawa (Keio University)

Clemens Greiner (Global South Studies Center, University of Cologne)

15:40—15:50 Break

15:50—17:20 **【Panel 4】Labor Migration and Resources**

Chair: Reiko Ogawa (Chiba University)

Souknilanh Keola (Institute of Developing Economies)

Wimonsiri Hemtanon (Mahidol University International College)

Analiza Liezl Perez-Amurao (Mahidol University International College)

17:20— Campus Tour

18:30— Reception (Music Square)

Day 2, December 3

9:00—9:30 Start Accepting

9:30—11:00 **【Panel 5】Conflicts over Resources**

Chair: Ayame Suzuki (Doshisha University)

Francisco J. Lara Jr. University of the Philippines/ International Alert UK)

Vivian (Viv) L. (Forbes (University of West Australia)

Kensuke Yamamoto (Japan Society for the Promotion of Science/ Kyushu University)

11:00—12:30 **【Panel 6】Visualize the Symbolic Representation of Refugees**

Chair: Kota Suechika (Ritsumeikan University)

Dai Yamao (Kyushu University)

Oul Han (University of Koblenz and Landau)

Kohei Watanabe (University of Innsbruck)

12:30—14:00 Lunch

14:00—15:30 **【Panel 7】Human Trafficking and Migration: Situations in Asia**

Chair: Hikari Ishido (Chiba University)

Chulathida Chomchai (Dean, Mahidol University International College)

Reiko Ogawa (Chiba University)

Keane Shum (UNHCR)

15:30—17:00 **【Panel 8】Muslim Communities in the South East Asia and Their Networks with Middle East**

Chair: Keiko Sakai (Chiba University)

Ryoko Nishii (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies)

Suchart Sethamalinee (Payap University)

Hiroko Kinoshita (Kyushu University)

17:00— Closing Remarks (TBC, Mahidol University International College)

17:30— Farewell Dinner (Salaya Pavilion Hotel)