Osaka-NTU Global History Workshop & Preparation for Book Publication: "Changing Dynamics and Mechanisms of Maritime Asia in Comparative Perspectives"

Date: 19th January 2018 (Friday)

Venue: Special Meeting room, Machikaneyama-kaikan, Osaka University Toyonaka-campus, Japan (building no. 80 in the campus map) http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/access/toyonaka/toyonaka.html

Workshop Program

10:00 – 10:10 Opening Remarks by Akita Shigeru (Osaka University) and Liu Hong (NTU)

Part I: Maritime History during the Late Early Modern Era (chaired by Momoki Shiro)

Young scholars trained in Osaka will deal with long-distance trade and diplomatic relations during the late early modern era and its transition to the modern era. Topics beyond maritime Asia in the narrow sense, such as trans-Atlantic and trans-Pacific relationship, and the link between maritime region and mountainous region, will shed new light on the recent scholarship that have been more and more interested in this period.

10:10 – 10:40 Atsushi GOTO (Kyoto Tachibana University, Japan)

Kaikoku (Opening of Japan) from a Perspective of the Asia-Pacific History

10:40 – 11:10 Yoshihiro TAGA (Keio University, Japan)

Rise of Silver Dollars in 19th century Vietnam and other Asian countries

11:10—11:40 Masashi OKADA (Osaka University, Japan)

The Link between Global Market Change and Local Strategy: the case of Vietnamese Cinnamon in the 18th and 19th Century

11:40—11:50 Tea/Coffee Break

11:50—12:20 Rie TAKAGAKI (Osaka University, Japan)

Bilbao merchant and their trade: Codfish trade with New England in the late 18th century

12:20—12:50 Kazuo KOBAYASHI (University of Tokyo, Japan)

A south-south economic history: Cowries from the Maldives in the 18th and 19th century

12:50 – 14:00 Lunch

Part II: Maritime Asia in Modern and Contemporary Eras (chaired by LIU Hong)

As a result of external pressures presented by the inroads of Western colonialism/imperialism and internal dynamics from within the region, Maritime Asia, both as the "geo-bodies" of the different Asian political and cultural entities and the thalassic and oceanic spaces and networks created through the movement of people, commodities, and ideas, underwent significant transformations in the 19th and 20th centuries. How were these forces intertwined in the reshaping of Maritime Asia? What were the main mechanisms and who were the key players in the process of this transformation? What was the role of national, regional, and transnational networks in connecting and sustaining Maritime Asia? The papers in this section will critically and comparatively address these questions from both temporal and spatial perspectives.

14:00 – 14:30 KOH Keng We (Nanyang Technological University, Singapore)

The Malay World and Changing Dynamics of Maritime Asia, with a special reference to Singapore

14:30 – 15:00 LIU Hong (Nanyang Technological University, Singapore)

Japan, China, and the Shaping of Maritime Asia in the 20th Century: Flows of Ideas and Transnational Knowledge Transfer

1500—15:30 Yukimura SAKON (Niigata University, Japan)

Sergei Witte and the shipping associations: rethinking the Russian Empire from a maritime viewpoint

15:30 – 16:00 Tea/Coffee Break

16:00—16:30 Takeshi ONIMARU (Kyushu University, Japan)

Maritime Port Cities as an Arena for Transnational Communist Underground in Asia

16:30-17:00 Kei KOGA (Nanyang Technological University, Singapore)
The Formation and Evolution of Institutional Foundations in Maritime Asia: Cases of ASEAN and ASPAC during 1960s/70s

17:00 – 18:00 General Discussion

19:00—21:00 Conference Dinner at Ishibashi-area