



**The 16th International Conference on the
“Regional Innovation and Cooperation in Asia” (RICA)
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Date: November 10 (Friday) and 11 (Saturday), 2023

Venue: EPOCH Ritsumei 21, Ritsumeikan University (BKC: Biwako-Kusatsu Campus), Kusatsu (Shiga Prefecture), Japan

Hosted by

College of Economics and Graduate School of Economics / Institute of Social System,
Ritsumeikan University (RU), Japan

Co-hosted by

School of Development Economics, the National Institute of Development Administration (NIDA), Thailand

BK21PLUS of Department of Economics & Institute of Economics and International Trade (IEIT), Pusan
National University (PNU), Korea

College of Economics, Jinan University (JNU), China

Program Overview

DAY ONE: Friday, November 10

Hall						
09:00 – 11:05	Opening and Key Session					
		RoomA: K309	RoomB: K310	RoomC: K304	RoomD: K305	RoomE: K306
11:30 – 13:00	M1	Covid 1	General 1	General 2	General 3	General 4
13:00 – 14:20	Lunch and Campus Tour					
14:20 – 15:50	A1	Covid 2	General 5	General 6	General 7	General 8
15:50 – 16:05	Coffee Break					
16:05 – 17:45	A2	Covid 3	General 9	General 10	General 11	
17:00 – 17:45	Meeting for the next Conference					
18:00 – 20:00	Reception (Buffet-styled Dinner)					

* Time Allocation for Parallel Sessions:

In all the parallel sessions, the presentation time is 20 minutes, and the Q&A discussion time is 10 minutes for each presentation.

DAY TWO: Friday, November 10

Time	Event
09:00 – 15:00	Study tour to Enryaku-ji Temple and Lake Biwa Museum
15:00 – onward	Free Time

Detailed Program

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Time	Event	
08:30 – 09:00	REGISTRATION	
09:00 11:05	OPENING AND KEY SESSION	
	Chair	Professor Jean-Claude Maswana
	OPENING SESSION	
	09:00 – 09:10	Opening Message by Dean Professor Ryoichi Nomura, Graduate School of Economics
	09:10 – 11:05	KEY SESSION
	09:10 – 09:30	RU
	Title	An Inquiry into the Performance of Health Care in Laos: A Survey of Private Clinics in Vientiane
	Presenter	Professor Souksavanh Vixathep Co-Author: Associate Professor Alay Phonvisay (National University of Laos)
	09:30 – 09:50	NIDA
	Title	Reducing the Risk of Severe Illness from COVID-19 Through Behavioral Economic Interventions: Case of Thailand
	Presenter	Dr. Rapeepat Manasontom
	09:50 – 10:05	Coffee Break
	10:05 – 10:25	JNU
	Title	Research on the Impact of Production Networks and Knowledge Transfer on Economic Resilience during COVID-19 Pandemic
	Presenter	Professor Peng Wang Co-Author: Min Zhong
	10:25 – 10:45	PNU
	Title	Analysis on Subsidy Policies by a Central Government and a Local Government
	Presenter	Professor Kookyong Han Co-Author: Professor Keunjae Lee
	10:45 – 11:05	Discussion for Key Session
11:05 – 11:30	Move to presentation rooms	

PARALLEL SESSION: MORNING 1 (M1)

SESSION: COVID 1 (Room A) K309

	Chair	Professor Yasukazu Ichino
	Paper 1	Challenge of Overtourism in the Past COVID-19: A Case Study on Cultural Heritages in Kyoto, Japan
11:30	Presenter (RU)	Zhu Ningxin (PhD Candidate)
	Paper 2	The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Thailand's Supply Chain
13:00	Presenter (NIDA)	Tasawan Khao-uppatum (PhD Candidate)
	Paper 3	Reshaping and Transformation of China's Manufacturing Global Supply Chain under the Impact of COVID-19
	Presenter (JNU)	Associate Professor Liu Xinrong

SESSION: GENERAL 1 (Room B) K310

	Chair	Professor Jean-Claude Maswana
	Paper 1	Remittances for Entrepreneurship Development: A Theoretical Perspectives
11:30	Presenter (RU)	Mishaël Joy Barrera (PhD Candidate)
		Co-Authors: Professor Jean-Claude Maswana, Professor Kazuo Inaba
13:00	Paper 2	Dynamic Correlations and Spillovers among the East Asian Currencies
	Presenter (NIDA)	Nonthaporn Seehapan (PhD Candidate)
	Paper 3	The impacts of plastics after COVID-19 – focusing on the case of Fiji
	Presenter (RU)	Tota Takagi (Graduate Student, Master's Course)

SESSION: GENERAL 2 (Room C) K304

	Chair	Professor Sasatra Sudsawasdi
	Paper 1	How does the Corrupt Behavior of Leaders and Peers Affect Civil Servants' Motivation to Serve the Public?
11:30	Presenter (RU)	Isaeva Elvia (PhD Candidate)
		Co-Author s: Associate Professor Mai Seki, Professor Makoto Kakinaka
13:00	Paper 2	Unfolding Inequality of Opportunity: Evidence from Thailand
	Presenter (NIDA)	Rathaporn Boonlert (PhD Candidate)
		Co-Authors: Assistant Professor Niramol Ariyaarpakamol
	Paper 3	Role of Remittances as a Source of Financing for Entrepreneurship during COVID-19
	Presenter (U of Dhakka)	Professor Muhammad Shariat Ullah
		Co-Author: Professor Kazuo Inaba (Ritsumeikan University)

SESSION: GENERAL 3 (Room D) K305

	Chair	Associate Professor Adis Israngkura
	Paper 1	The Change in Socio-economic Class and Sources of Income of Thai Household Between 2019 – 2021
11:30	Presenter (NIDA)	Assistant Professor Suwimon Hengpatana (Srinakhariwirot)
		Co-Authors: Assistant Professor Meechai Orsuwan (Kasetsart), Assistant Professor Niramol Ariyaarpakamol
13:00	Paper 2	Crisis and Confidence: Exploring Employment Realities and Strategies for University Graduates
	Presenter (PNU)	Hou Shuangshuang (PhD Candidate)
	Paper 3	The Contribution of Chinese E-Commerce to Food Supply during COVID-19, Taking Online Shopping and Ensuring Basic Materials as the Example

	Presenter (RU)	Zhang Zhengwen
	SESSION: GENERAL 4 (Room E) K306	
	Chair	Professor Koji Shimada
	Paper 1	Institutional Interaction and Trade Facilitation. The Role of Informal Rules in the Trade Facilitation Performance of the Kyrgyz Republic
11:30 13:00	Presenter (RU)	Elnur Kanybekov (PhD Candidate)
	Paper 2	Unretirement of the Retired Elderly in Korea
	Presenter (PNU)	Jung Jaehyun (Postgraduate)
	Paper 3	Intellectual-Property-Related PTAs and Value-Added Exports
	Presenter (RU)	Li Caicai (PhD Candidate)

13:00 – 14:20	Lunch and Campus Tour
13:40 – 14:10	Tour of the Biwako-Kusatsu Campus

PARALLEL SESSION: AFTERNOON 1 (A1)

	SESSION: COVID 2 (Room A) K309	
	Chair	Professor Linhai Mei
	Paper 1	Recovery for Tourism After the COVID-19 Pandemic: Protective Actions and Policies to Prevent the Outbreaks, and to Stabilize Traveling Businesses in Vang Vieng District in Laos
14:20 15:50	Presenter (RU)	Soulivanh Chansombuth (PhD Candidate)
	Paper 2	An Empirical Study on the Pulling Effects of Cross-border Tourism on Economic Recovery in Major Asian Economies in the Post-Covid-19 Era
	Presenter (JNU)	Professor Linhai Mei Co-Author: Congquan Huang
	SESSION: GENERAL 5 (Room B) K310	
	Chair	Professor Sorasart Sukcharoensin
	Paper 1	Concentrated Bank Market and SMEs' Collateral Issues: A Study of the Firms of Developing Asian Countries
	Presenter (RU)	Ei Ei Thein (PhD Candidate)
	Paper 2	Health promotion policies for the middle-aged population in Thailand
14:20 15:50	Presenter (NIDA)	Associate Professor Prasopchoke Mongsawad Co-Authors: Assistant Professor Thasanee Satimanon, Assistant Professor Monthien Satimanon (Thammasat University)
	Paper 3	The impact of regulation of housing supply on wealth inequality: Evidence from China
	Presenter (JNU)	Xinyu Zhang (PhD Candidate) Co-Authors: Xian Zheng, Xiaoyuan Zou
	SESSION: GENERAL 6 (Room C) K304	
	Chair	Associate Professor Liu Xinrong
	Paper 1	Role-congruence and Autonomy in Career Decision-Making: Experimental Evidence from Rural Philippines
14:20 15:50	Presenter (RU)	Melisa Fabella (PhD Candidate) Co-Authors: Professor Mai Seki, Professor Makoto Kakinaka
	Paper 2	Comparing resident and non-resident preferences of an urban park: a choice experiment analysis

	Presenter (NIDA)	Aekapat Laksanacom (PhD Candidate)
	Paper 3	Government Environmental Regulation Policies and Corporate Environmental Performance
	Presenter (JNU)	Zizhen Huang (Postgraduate) Co-Authors: Xian Zheng, Kangqi Jiang
SESSION: GENERAL 7 (Room D) K305		
	Chair	Associate Professor Xianbin Wang
	Paper 1	Do Remittances Fuel or Fight against Corruption in Developing Countries?
	Presenter (RU)	Rubel Islam (PhD Candidate) Co-Author: Professor Kang-Kook Lee
14:20 15:50	Paper 2	The impact of sustainability score on mutual fund performance: Evidence from Thailand
	Presenter (NIDA)	Associate Professor Suthawan Prukumpai (Kasetsart) Co-Author: Associate Professor Yuthana Sethapramote
	Paper 3	Research on the Influence of Financial Digitalization on Industrial Co-agglomeration – an Empirical Study from the Urban Agglomeration of the Pearl River Delta
	Presenter (JNU)	Kaibang Hong (PhD Candidate) Co-Author: Yun Zhong
SESSION: GENERAL 8 (Room E) 306		
	Chair	Professor Hyunsok Kim
	Paper 1	Impact of Renewable Energy Resources and Human Capital in Sustainable Industry on the Lao PDR's Economic Growth
14:20 15:50	Presenter (RU)	Linsomphou Phouwichay (PhD Candidate)
	Paper 2	Distributional Effects of Monetary Policy on Income and Wealth Inequality in Developing Asia
	Presenter (NIDA)	Warawut Ruankham (PhD Candidate) Co-Author: Associate Professor Yuthana Sethapramote
	Paper 3	Risk Analysis for Securitization to The Marine Industry
	Presenter (PNU)	Professor Hyunsok Kim
15:50 – 16:05 Coffee Break		
PARALLEL SESSION: AFTERNOON 2 (A2)		
	SESSION: COVID 3 (Room A) K309	
16:05 17:45	Chair	Associate Professor Amornrat Apinunmahakul
	Paper 1	Why did Zero COVID-19 Infections continue for so long in Iwate, Japan?
	Presenter (RU)	Professor Tajima Kuwata
	Paper 2	Research on the Survival Resilience and Industry Heterogeneity of Chinese Enterprises under the Impact of COVID – 19
	Presenter (JNU)	Liyan Li (Postgraduate) Co-Author: Shuyu Chen (Postgraduate)
	Paper 3	Validation of the impact of COVID-19 prevention and control on urban carbon emissions in China – Based on a regression discontinuity model
	Presenter (JNU)	Professor Linhai Mei

Co-Author: Shuyu Chen (Postgraduate)

SESSION: GENERAL 9 (Room B) K310		
16:05 17:45	Chair	Professor Peng Wang
	Paper 1	ESG, Analyst Coverage and Firm Innovation
	Presenter (RU)	Jin Zhiwei (PhD Candidate)
	Paper 2	On the Portuguese model of drug decriminalization and the dynamics of demand for illicit drugs
	Presenter (NIDA)	Assistant Professor Tongyai Iyavarakul
	Paper 3	Government Transfer and Labor Incentive: Evidence from New Rural Pension Scheme
	Presenter (PNU)	Jiaxin Xu (PhD Candidate) Co-Author: Giseung Kim
SESSION: GENERAL 10 (Room C) K304		
16:05 17:45	Chair	Associate Professor Yuthana Sethapramote
	Paper 1	Counterfactual Thinking, Trading, and Market Inefficiency
	Presenter (RU)	Professor Jie Qin
	Paper 2	Willingness to Pay for Travel Safety Zone and Sustainable Tourism Development
	Presenter (NIDA)	Assistant Professor Monthien Santimanon (Thammasat University) Co-Authors: Assistant Professor Thasanee Satimanon, Associate Professor Nada Chunsom
	Paper 3	A Distributional Approach to Gender Wage Disparity in Korea : Evidence from matched data
	Presenter (PNU)	Seri Park (PhD Candidate) Co-Author: Myounghwan Kim
SESSION: GENERAL 11 (Room D) K305		
16:05 17:45	Chair	Assistant Professor Niramol Ariyaarpakamol
	Paper 1	Deciphering Long-Term Economic Growth: An Exploration with Leading Machine Learning Techniques
	Presenter (RU)	Zin Mar Oo (PhD Candidate) Co-Authors: Professor Ching-Yang Lin (IUJ), Professor Makoto Kakinaka
	Paper 2	Liquidity prediction on Thailand Stock Market using deep learning model
	Presenter (NIDA)	Nirun Aramratanapan (PhD Candidate)
RICA Committee Meeting: Room F: K303		
17:00 17:45	Content	Discussion and agreement on the next conference
RECEPTION (Main Hall EPOCH)		
18:00 20:00	Reception	Reception Dinner Greeting Address Memorial Photo Session

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09:00 – 15:00	STUDY TOUR Study tour to Enryaku-ji Temple and Lake Biwa Museum