

# **CALL FOR PAPERS**

## **The 17th workshop on "Social Capital and Development Trends of Countryside in Knowledge Society"**

**Craigmonie Hotel  
Inverness, Scotland**

**July 24-25, 2023**

**Organized by  
MARG**

**(Marginal Area Research Group)**

**in Collaboration with**

**The IGU Commission on  
Globalization, Marginalization,  
and Regional and Local  
Response**

**\*Title and Abstract Submission  
Deadline: 30th April, 2023**

**\*Finished Papers Submission  
Deadline: 30th June, 2023**

### **BACKGROUND AND SCOPE**

In this globalization era which is enhanced by the development of transportation networks and innovations of information systems, the existence of countryside stands on the edge of a precipice. Regional problems that rural areas are faced with are characterized by depopulation, aging, regional deprivation, spatial sprawling, planetary urbanization, degradation of natural resources and environments, just to mention a few influencing factors. So far, the national and local governments have taken various policies and innovation to overcome these problems, while limits of governmental capacity have often been demonstrated. In this context, it is the time for us to build a new paradigm of community governance in order to enhance the substance of rural regions. Especially, collaborative management of a local community supported by various stakeholders, e.g. local residents, voluntary associations, tourists, and so on is required. One of the most important concepts that we should take into consideration is the concept of "social capital." In general, social capital refers to networks filled with norms of one's community that enhance trust, concern for one's associates, and cooperation. In several fields of research and public policy making, the concept of social capital swept to prominence as a key issue for community governance. Discussing and materializing the concept of social capital in a local community will contribute in enhancing the rural substance and development.

The objective of this workshop is to discuss common topics of rural regions of several

countries such as in Europe, Japan, Southeast Asia and so on, with the concept of social capital as common denominator. This workshop is held as one of the workshop series on social capital held by MARG. The workshop series have been held in Östersund (Sweden) 2004, Nichi'nan (Japan) 2005, Vindeln (Sweden) 2006, Kitami (Japan) 2007, Jönköping (Sweden) 2008, Ishigaki (Japan) 2009, Jönköping (Sweden) 2010, Nara (Japan) 2011, Österlen (Sweden) 2012, Amakusa (Japan) 2013, Östersund (Sweden) 2014, Takayama (Japan) 2015, Kiruna (Sweden) 2016, Tonga 2017, Kyoto (Japan) 2018, and Bali (Indonesia) 2019. This workshop will be held in Inverness, Scotland, and it will continue the fruitful discussions on rural development issues and the role of social capital, as the new wave after the previous 18-year workshops, following the newer theme on social capital and rural regime after the last workshop in Bali.

Topics of interest in this workshop include as below (but not limited):

1. Social Capital and its Management
2. Commons and its Management
3. Community Governance
4. Regional Smartness and Smart Villages
5. Voluntarism, Partnership, and Local Engagement
6. Sustainable Management of Forest, Mountain, and Water Resources
7. Development of Rural Regions
8. Tourism and Local Development
9. Tourism's Role in Rural Development
10. Social Innovation in Rural Regions
11. Climate Changes' Threats and Opportunities for the Countryside

12. Urban-rural Interaction and Relationship
13. Cultural Experience and Tourism
14. Innovation and Knowledge Society in Rural Regions
15. Degradation and Preservation of Natural Environments

### **PARTICIPANTS**

This seminar is open for participants from universities, research institutions, government institutions, practitioners, developer and for people who are concerned about social capital and rural development. The papers are also expected to come from various countries.

### **COSTS FOR PARTICIPANTS**

All participants are required to pay registration fee GBP70 which includes workshop program materials: participant kit, for 2-days workshop during the period July 24-25, 2023. All participants are responsible for their accommodation and travel costs (to and from the venue).

### **VENUE**

Craigmonie Hotel (Culduthel Suite),  
9 Annfield Road, Inverness, Scotland  
Zip code IV2 3HX  
Tel: +44 1463 231649  
[https://www.craigmoniehotelinverness.co.uk/?utm\\_source=GMB&utm\\_medium=IBEPAGE](https://www.craigmoniehotelinverness.co.uk/?utm_source=GMB&utm_medium=IBEPAGE)

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

30th April: Deadline for abstract submission  
21st May: Information on acceptance of abstracts

30th June: Deadline for submission of finished papers  
24th-25th July: Workshop

### **ABSTRACTS**

Abstracts should contain maximum 300 words, be written in English and in MS Word. The abstracts should include title, author(s), affiliation, complete address, telephone number and e-mail address. Send your abstracts to Dr. Emi TOHYAMA  
E-mail: [marg-office@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp](mailto:marg-office@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp)

### **PUBLICATION**

Selected papers from the workshop will be published as proceedings.

### **ORGANIZING COMMITTEE**

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### **ACCOMMODATION**

You may book by yourself or find your own hotel, although we recommend the hotels in Inverness city area for the term.

### **TENTATIVE PROGRAM**

#### DAY1 (24 July 2023)

08:00 – 08:30 Registration  
08:30 – 08:40 Opening greeting  
08:40 – 09:00 Keynote lecture by Prof. Kobayashi from KU  
09:00 – 09:20 Keynote lecture by Prof. Westlund from KTH  
09:20 – 09:40 Discussion (moderated by Prof. Matsushima from KU)  
09:40 – 10:00 Coffee break  
10:00 – 12:00 Session 1  
12:00 – 13:30 Noon recess  
13:30 – 15:00 Session 2  
15:00 – 15:10 Coffee break  
15:10 – 16:40 Session 3  
16:40 – Closing Remarks for the first day

#### DAY2 (25 July 2023)

08:00 – 08:20 Registration for new participants  
08:20 – 09:50 Session 4  
09:50 – 10:00 Coffee break  
10:00 – 12:00 Session 5  
12:00 – 13:30 Noon recess  
13:30 – 14:10 Closing Remarks and Information