A. Research Activities (2010.4-2011.3)

A-1. Main Subjects

a) Philosophical Studies on Agricultural Science

Philosophical, Ethical and Methodological studies on Agriculture and Food Science. We also study on the relationship between agriculture and society.

b) Cultural, Historical and Anthropological Studies of Food

Cultural, historical and anthropological studies on food, food production, food distribution and consumption in the community and national levels from a global perspective.

c) Sustainability of Rural Society, and New Intentional Settlers and Community in Rural Areas

Japan's rural hamlets located in remote areas are suffering from crucial depopulation. While some discuss withdrawal from those small scale and aging hamlets, we have to struggle to make them sustainable in order to maintain rural natural and social resources. Our study explores sustainability possibilities that are provided by coming-back family members and/or new settlers, and revitalization of old residents. We identified several patterns in the way to rural renovation. We study on new rural intentional communities as well, which are generated from the concern to agriculture and environmental sustainability. We just start comparative study on this issue in Asian Scale.
A research for a comparative consideration of agrarian thought and practices among American agrarianism and Japanese NOHON thoughts, and bringing out its trait as subsistence characters in modern age.

A-2. Publications and presentations

a) Publications

Books

- Suehara, T (2011), Japanese Agriculture as Subsistence and A Community Based Agricultural Management, Globalization and Subsistence World, Institute for Advanced Studies on Asia, The University of Tokyo, Tokyo, 209-245

- Suehara, T (2010), Population and Agricultural Production, Introduction to Agriculture and Food Science, Sekaihisosha, Kyoto, 57-76


- Akitsu, M., The NGO Activities from the Bottom: Focusing on a local NGO’s programs for conserving local cultures and resources in Northern Thailand, Cultural Diversity of the Mekong River: Sharing Experiences from Japan and the Mekong Countries, Mekong Sub-region Social Research Center [MSSRC], Ubon Ratchathani, Thailand, 94-117, 2010

Original Papers (including book-reviews)


- Akitsu, M., Diversified Entry Patterns to Farming and the Expectations to the Extension Service, Journal of Agricultural Extension Research, 15(2), 4-10, 2010, non-refereed


Reviews

Reports, others


b) Conference and seminar papers presented
- Annual Conference of Synthetic Anthropology (1)
- Annual Conference of the Agricultural Economics Society of Japan (2)
- 4th International Conference of Asian Rural Sociology Association (1)
- Summer Seminar of the Agricultural Extension Research Society of Japan (1)

A-3. Off-campus activities

Membership in academic societies

- Suehara, T.: The Agricultural Economics Society of Japan (Vice President), Japan Association for African Studies (Editor-in-Chief)

- Akitsu, M.: The Japanese Association for Rural Studies (a member of the board of directors), The Japanese Association for Environmental Sociology (a member of the editorial board), The Association for Regional Agricultural and Forestry Economics (a member of the editorial board)
A-3. Off-campus activities 2

Research grants

1. Grants-in-aid for Scientific Research (KAKENHI)

- Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research (A), Japan Society for the Promotion of Science: Sugimura, K. (Co-researcher: Suehara, T) : A Comparative Study on Rural Development based on African Moral Economy

- Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research (S), Japan Society for the Promotion of Science: Niiyama, Y. (Co-researcher: Akitsu, M.) : Perception of food related risks, risk communication, and establishment of food-agricultural profession and its ethics

2. Other Research Grants


- Monbukagaku-shou subsidy of “Open Research Center” for Private Universities: Miyaura, T. (Co-researcher: Akitsu, M.) : Open Research Center for the Study of SATOYAMA and Community Life

A-4. International cooperation and overseas activities 1

Membership in academic societies

- Suehara, T.: European Society for Agriculture and Food Ethics

B. Educational Activities (2010.4-2011.3)

B-1. On-campus teaching

a) Courses given

- Undergraduate level: Outline of Agricultural Science 1 (Suehara), Philosophy of Agricultural Science (Suehara), Food, Agriculture and Environment in the World (Suehara and others), Food and Agriculture Ethics (Suehara and Akitsu and others), Training of Research Method 1, 2 (Suehara, Akitsu and Oishi), Seminar in Philosophy of Agricultural Science 1, 2 & 3 (Suehara, Akitsu and Oishi), History of Economic Thought (Akitsu), Rural Sociology / Special Lecture on Sociology (Akitsu), Prejudice, Discrimination and Human Rights (Akitsu and others), Job Orientation (agriculture) (Akitsu), Proseminar on Environmental Science (Oishi and others)

- Graduate level: Philosophy of Agricultural Science 1, 2 (Suehara), Advanced Seminar on Philosophy of Agricultural Science 1, 2 (Suehara, Akitsu and Oishi), Advanced Lecture on Comparative Study of Rural Sociology / Special Lecture on Sociology (Akitsu)

B-2. Off-campus teaching etc.

Part-time lecturer

- Akitsu, M.: Faculty of Letters, Nara Women's University (Special Lecture on Environmental Sociology)
Open lectures, etc.


- Akitsu, M.: Annual Training Meeting of Advanced Farmers in Tango, Kyotango City, lecturer

- Akitsu, M.: Regional Annual Research Meeting on Farming Toward Internationalization, Kyoto City, lecturer

B-3. Overseas teaching 1

**International students**

- International students: Master 1 (China) Doctoral 1 (U.S.A.) Research Students 1 (Thailand)