

## 2.6.8 Laboratory : Philosophy of Agricultural Science

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	Doctor's program	10
	Master's Program	9
	Undergraduate	6
	Other	1
	Researcher	2

### **A. Research Activities (2009.4-2010.3)**

#### **A-1. Main Subjects**

##### a) Philosophical Studies on Agricultural Science

Philosophical, ethical, and methodological studies on agriculture and food science. We also study the relationship between agriculture and society.

##### b) Socio-economic Studies on Modern and Traditional Rural Societies

Comparative studies on socio-economic structure of rural societies from a global perspective, especially transformations under the expansion of economic globalization.

##### c) Cultural, Historical, and Anthropological Studies of Food

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

#### **A-2.Publications and presentations**

##### a) Publications

###### Books

- Suehara, T., Culture, Agriculture and Food Problems in Civil Society, Jinbunshokan, Tokyo, 1-269p, 2009
- Akitsu, M., Consumed countryside and rural management, and Green tourism. in Torigoe, H. and Obitani, H. (eds.), Comprehensive Textbook of Environmental

Sociology, Minerva Shobo, Kyoto, 76-79, 2009

- Akitsu, M. (ed.), Renewing Japan's Rural Hamlets: The Real Situation in Remote Mountainous Areas and Islands and Practical Policy Suggestions, Nosangyosonbunkakyokai, Tokyo, .2009

- Oishi, K., Accepting young people and rural community -NPOs and agricultural corporations as coordinators-, Kanazawa, N., Oda, S., Masubuchi, R., A framework for career development in agriculture (Agricultural family Business Governance and Management), No.7, 301-312, 2009

#### Original Papers

- Akitsu, M., Toward the renovation of Japan's rural hamlets: the contribution from rural studies. in Akitsu, M. (ed.), Renewing Japan's Rural Hamlets (Annual Bulletin of Rural Studies Vol.45), Nosangyosonbunkakyokai, Tokyo, 199-235, 2009

- Akitsu, M., The diversified processes of and aids for becoming new farmers, Nogyo to Keizai (Agriculture and Economy), 75(10), 5-14,2009(non refereed journal)

- Akitsu, M., How is the future of Japan's rural society imaged?: System of rural policy and issue of ideology, Nogyo to Keizai (Agriculture and Economy), Special Issue, 75, 108-117(non refereed journal)

- Oishi, K., Urban agriculture as the cross-cultural forefront, Nogyo to Keizai (Agriculture and Economy) 75(5), 66-70, 2009(non refereed journal)

- Oishi, K.: The thoughts based on locality in founding agricultural businesses -The goals of the rural women network-. Nogyo to Keizai (Agriculture and Economy) 75(13), 27-36, 2009(non refereed journal)

#### Reviews

- Suehara, T., Japanese model of urban agriculture, Nogyo to Keizai (Agriculture and Economy), 75(5), 3, 2009

- Suehara,T., Book Review: Dialogues with a Forest People: The Songogola and their plant world in the tropical rainforest of Central Africa, Journal of African Studies, No.75, 69-70, 2009

- Suehara,T., Book Review: Agricultural history of Eurasia, Nihon-Nogyo-Shinbun, 2010.3.8

#### b) Conference and seminar papers presented

- Suehara,T., Chairperson, International Symposium "The Future of Anthropology",Key Note Speech: Maurice Godelier,International Symposium:The Future of Anthropology and

Ethnological Museum, main sponsored by National Museum of Ethnology, December 7-8, 2009

- Akitsu, M., The Annual Meeting in 2010 of the Agricultural Economics Society of Japan (Symposium Speaker)

### **A-3. Off-campus activities**

#### Membership in academic societies

- Suehara, Tatsuro, D.Agric.Sci : The Agricultural Economics Society of Japan (Executive Director, Chair of Kinki Branch), Japan Association for African Studies(Editor-in-Chief, Executive Director, Councilor), The Food System Research Association, Association for Regional Agricultural and Forestry Economics, Japanese Society of Cultural Anthropology  
- Akitsu, M.Ph.D : The Japanese Association for Rural Studies (Chair of Program Committee), Japanese Association for Environmental Sociology (Editorial Board), Association for Regional Agriculture and Forest Economics (Editorial Board)

#### Research grants

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

- Monbukagaku-shou Research Grant (A) : Niiyama, Y. (Co-researcher: Akitsu, M.) : Science Based Food Safety Policy; Establishing Risk Analysis, Profession, and Professional Code

### **A-4. International cooperation and overseas activities**

#### Membership in academic societies

- Suehara, T.: European Society for Agriculture and Food Ethics, Political and Ethical Knowledge on Economic Activities Research Programme

#### International meetings(country,roles)

- Suehara, T.: International Symposium "The Future of Anthropology", (Japan, Chairperson)  
- Akitsu, M. : Cultural Diversity of the Mekong River: Sharing Experiences from Japan and the Mekong Countries (Thailand, invited speaker), International Workshop on "What Kinds of Ethics Support Food Communities: Intimate and Public Confidence between Farmers and Consumers"(Japan, organizer and speaker)

## **B. Educational Activities(2009.4-2010.3)**

### **B-1. On-campus teaching**

a) Courses given

- Undergraduate level: Outline of Agricultural Science (Suehara), Philosophy of Agricultural Science (Suehara), Agriculture and Environmental Economics 2 (Suehara, Niiyama and Fukui), Food and Agriculture Ethics (Suehara, 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), Special Lecture on Sociology (Akitsu), Proseminar on Environmental Science (Oishi and others)
- Graduate level: Advanced Lecture on 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

- Suehara, T.: Faculty of Agriculture, Kobe University (Special Lecture on Agricultural Economics)
- Akitsu, M.: Faculty of Agriculture, Kinki University (Life and Ethics), Faculty of Agriculture, Kagawa University (Agricultural Economics), Faculty of Letters, Nara Women's University (Special Lecture on Environmental Sociology)

### Open lectures, etc.

- Akitsu, M.: The 72th Farm Accounting and Management Lectures at Kyoto University (2nd class)

## **B-3. Overseas teaching**

### International students

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

## **C. Other Remarks**

- Suehara, T.: Kyoto University Press. (Vice President), National Museum of Ethnology (research associate), International Association of Kyoto Studies (Director)
- Akitsu, M.: Planning Committee for 'Consuming Local Food' Policy in Kyoto Prefecture

(Counselor), Committee on Strategic Development of Nantan Region in Kyoto (Member),  
Kyoto Prefectural Chamber of Agriculture (Scientific Adviser)