

# Chair                      Comparative Agricultural History                                  & Philosophy of Agricultural Science

## 2.6.8                      Laboratory : Philosophy of Agricultural Science

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Doctor's program	8
Master's Program	5
Undergraduate	8
Post-Doctoral fellow	1

### **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.

d) A Research for Japanese NOHON Thoughts and Bringing out its Trait as Subsistence Characters in Modern Age.

A research for a comparative consideration of agrarian thoughts 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, Sekaishissha, Kyoto, 57-76

- Suehara, T (2011), Life and Culture of the Hunter-gathering and Agricultural Peoples of Equatorial Rain Forest in Africa, Encyclopedia of Africa, New Edition, Heibonsha, Tokyo, 12-15

- Akitsu, M., Sociology of agriculture: who are engaged in Japanese agriculture and how do they?, in Soda, O. and Sugimura, K. (eds.), Handbook for Studing Food and Agriculture, Sekaishissha, Kyoto, 127-145, 2010

- 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)

- SueharaT.(2011), Contexteetévolution socio-économiques del"agriculture japonaise, Du Teikei aux Amap:, Lerenouveaudelaventidedeproduitsfermierslocaux, 23-28, Press universitaires de Rennes, France

- Suehara,T et Yamazaki.Y (2011), Dynamiquesde néo-rural: Le casde la fermeOkera, Du Teikei aux Amap: Lerenouveaudelaventidedeproduitsfermierslocaux, 113-122, Press universitaires de Rennes, France

- Akitsu, M.,The Agricultural Rice Policy and Rural Development Policy: Beyond the Discussion on Social Adaptability to the New System, Journal of Rural Economics, 82(2), 93-101, 2010, refereed

- 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

- Akitsu, M. and Aminaka, N., The Development of Farmer-Consumer Direct Relationships in Japan: Focusing on the Trade of Organic Produce, Asian Rural Sociology IV, 509-520, 2010, refereed

- Akitsu, M., Book Review: Yamashita, M., Practical Folklore: Economically Handicapped Areas and Folk Tradition, Japanese Journal of Rural Studies, 16(2), 2010, non-refereed

- Oishi, K., A Comparative Study of Agraian and NOHON Thoughts on Subsistence Characters, Iwasaki, M., A Contemporary Significance of NOHON Thoughts, The Report of Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (C):2008-2010:125-135, 2011

### Reviews

- Suehara, T., New Construction of Agri-Food Education System, Agriculture and Economy, Vol.77, No.1, 88-99, 2011

### Reports,others

- Akitsu, M., Comparative Study on Farmer-Consumer's Relationship: For Linking Theoretical Approach with Empirical Study, In What Kinds of Ethics Support Food Communities?: Intimate and Public Relationships between Farmers and Consumers, edited by Motoki Akitsu, Kyoto University Global COE Program for Reconstruction of the Intimate and Public Spheres in 21st Century Asia, Kyoto, Japan, 1-14, 2011

- Akitsu, M., A Japanese tradition of study on agricultural ethics: a critical review of the academic history of 'Philosophy of Agricultural Science', The Report of Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (A), Science Based Food Safety Policy; Establishing Risk Analysis, Profession, and Professional Code , 2010

### 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 1**

#### 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

- Global Center of Excellence : Ochiai, E. (Co-promoter: Akitsu, M.) : Reconstruction of the Intimate and Public Spheres in 21st Century Asia
- 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 Science1(Suehara), Philosophy of Agricultural Science(Suehara), Food, Agriculture and Environmentb 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.: Forum on Wildlife Management System, Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology, lecturer
- 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) Doctral 1 (U.S.A.) Research Students 1 (Thailand)