

City Making in the 21st Century

Global Challenges and Local Practices

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Maison franco-japonaise

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In 2050, 70% of the world's population will live in cities. However, it is clear that urban issues are radically different in the various regions of the world. Indeed, the current context of globalization means all cities face the same issues (metropolization, transformations of mobilities, migrations, climate change, etc.), but these processes are deeply rooted in local dynamics. Therefore, this represents a real challenge for the local development of cities.

This international symposium is organized for the 10th anniversary of the Fondation France-Japon de l'EHESS (FFJ) in collaboration with the French Research Institute on Japan at Maison franco-japonaise (IFRJ-MFJ). It aims to examine the relationships between the local and the global scales by discussing the ways in which metropolitan regions are dealing with new urban issues and examining the diversity of local responses.

This event will bring together figures from the worlds of academia, institutions and business in order to engage in an interdisciplinary discussion on urban studies with a focus on France and Japan.

Scientific Committee: Beatriz Fernandez (EHESS), Éloi Ficquet (EHESS), Sébastien Lechevalier (EHESS)

Programme

9:15 | Welcome to the participants

10:00 | Opening address

10:20 | Keynote speech by Louis Schweitzer

10:50 | Round table n°1 "Urbanization and transformation of African territories"

12:50 | Lunch break

14:00 | Keynote speech by Kizo Hisamoto

14:30 | Speech by H.E. Mr. Laurent Pic

14:40 | Round table n°2 "How does French-Japanese cooperation contribute to urban dynamics?"

16:50 | Round table n°3 "Metropolitan regions and globalization"

18:50 | Closing address

10:00 | **Opening address**

Norihiko Fukui, Fondation Maison franco-japonaise in Tokyo, President

Sébastien Lechevalier, EHESS, Professor and President of the Fondation France-Japon

10:20 | **Keynote speech**

Louis Schweitzer, President of the MCJP Advisory Board

10:50 | **Round table n°1 “Urbanization and transformation of African territories: movement and exchange between rural and urban areas”**

While rapid urbanization and the emergence of major megalopolises over the past two decades are the most remarkable facets of the urban issue in Africa, urban growth cannot be separated from rural and development issues. This round table thus proposes to reflect on mobilities, transport and exchanges between urban and rural areas. The objective is to identify the main challenges of the 21st century for African regions.

Chair

Yoichi Mine, Doshisha University, Professor

Speakers

Jérôme Klôh Weya, Ambassador of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire in Japan

Kae Amo, Kyoto Seika University, Research Coordinator

Armelle Choplin, University of Geneva, Associate Professor

Éloi Ficquet, EHESS, Associate Professor

Yasuo Fujita, JICA Research Institute, Deputy Director

Oussouby Sacko, Kyoto Seika University, President and Professor

12:50 | **Lunch break**

14:00 | **Keynote speech**

Kizo Hisamoto, Mayor of Kobe

14:30 | **Keynote speech**

Laurent Pic, Ambassador of France in Japan

14:40 | **Round table n°2 “How does French-Japanese cooperation contribute to urban dynamics?”**

Social housing, urban renewal, mobilities and transport, urban shrinkage... The contributions of Franco-Japanese cooperation to urban studies over the past 10 years are numerous and varied. By combining the views of Japanese and French experts who have worked on both countries, this round table's objective is to look back on the main recent contributions, as well as reflect on the specificity of the Franco-Japanese perspective. Furthermore, it will discuss the research that will take centre stage in the coming years.

Chair

Bernard Thomann, Institut français de recherche sur le Japon at MFJ, Director, Professor at Inalco

Speakers

Sophie Buhnik, Institut français de recherche sur le Japon at MFJ, Researcher

Bernard Delmas, Michelin, Senior Advisor

Hidetada Higashi, Yamanashi Gakuin University, Professor

Chikako Mori, Doshisha University, Professor

Rémi Scoccimarro, Institut français de recherche sur le Japon at MFJ, Researcher

16:40 | **Break**

16:50 | Round table n°3 “Metropolitan regions and globalization: developments, challenges and mobility issues for the cities of tomorrow?”

In recent years, attention has focused on metropolitan regions as the favoured places for growth. They are considered the economic drivers of their countries, even the winners of globalization. However, nowadays, as Japanese cities show, population dynamics, economic growth and urbanization can be divergent. Moreover, metropolitan areas concentrate increasing socio-spatial inequalities. New urban issues have led to significant transformations not only in terms of governance, but also in the ways in which inhabitants and local actors make the city on a daily basis. With an interdisciplinary approach, this round table aims to bring to light the diversity of local solutions to the urban challenges of the 21st century.

Chair

Sébastien Lechevalier, EHESS, Professor and President of the Fondation France-Japon

Speakers

Michel Agier, EHESS, Professor

Beatriz Fernández, EHESS, Associate Professor

Nobuhiko Koga, Toyota Motor Corporation, Chief Officer of the Frontier Research Center

Norihiro Nakai, Tokyo Institute of Technology, Professor

Asato Saito, Yokohama National University, Professor

18:50 | Closing address

Sébastien Lechevalier, EHESS, Professor and President of the Fondation France-Japon