

Workshop on Study of Family-run Farming

“Theoretical Framework for Comparative Analysis on Family Farming”

March 17-18, 2016

**Venue: Large Conference Room (C102), Faculty of Agriculture Main Bldg.,
Kyoto University**

Organized by:

- Division of Natural Resource Economics, Graduate School of Agriculture, Kyoto University
- Social Sciences and Humanities Subunit of JGP (Japan Gateway: Kyoto University Top Global Program)
- Agropolis International

In association with:

- Food and Agriculture Ethics and Safety (Endowed Chair)
- The Norinchukin Bank Innovative Research for Farm Governance and Management (Endowed Chair)
- Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research (A): Development of a Risk Communication Model and Requirements for Profession for Food Safety

1. Purpose of the workshop

This workshop aims to discuss and propose innovative theoretical framework for comparative analysis on family farming in transitions in developed and developing world, including Europe (France and Germany), Asia (Japan and China) and Africa. Proposed theoretical insights are expected to serve as foundation to illuminate uniqueness and commonality in changes and transitions of family-run farms in struggle to cope with and adapt to global socio-economic changes.

Underlying the workshop purpose is our conviction that while drastic changes and diversification of family farms across the world are apparently urging reconsideration of the notion of family farming, family farming is still critical for food security and land preservation from the local to national/global levels. Faced with the global competition, however, small-scale family farms seem to be being forced out of market due to lack of efficiency compared to large-scale entrepreneurial farms.

We posit that survival of family farming could depend on either local specific conditions and/or common conditions across different localities. For instance, in some cases, country-specific policies, varying stage of economic development, or local traditional culture could be determinants responsible for family farm's survival; or in other cases, common

regional policies such as direct payment to farms in unfavorable areas, farm-scale expansion and securement/training of successors could help sustain family farms. Thus comparative analysis to elucidate uniqueness and commonality in changing family farms, and their background conditions (including agro-ecological and socio-economic-cultural factors and policy measures), can provide useful insights to identify factors contributing survival of family farms and reevaluate their roles in today's globalizing world.

The workshop is expected to be the first step towards deepening our academic cooperation and exchange among the participating institutions.

2. Workshop organization

To the “Theoretical Framework for Comparative Analysis on Family Farming” researchers from Agropolis International in France and from Goettingen University in Germany, both of which have the academic exchange agreement with Kyoto University, will be invited. The participants from Agropolis International will present insights from research on family farming in France and West Africa, and the participants from Goettingen University will present insights from research in Germany and China. This workshop will be open to the public with interpretation in Japanese and English.

Besides this main workshop by the senior researchers, an auxiliary workshop “2nd Future Leaders Global Workshop on Social Science of Agriculture, Food and Environment,” will be held featuring papers by graduate students from the three universities. They will bring up findings from their research on family farming in various countries and areas where they have conducted fieldwork. English will be used as the common language in this workshop.

3. Program

Day 1: Thursday 17 March

Workshop on Study of Family-run Farming: “Theoretical Framework for Comparative Analysis on Family Farming”

Time : 13:00-17:00

Venue : Large Conference Room (C102) Faculty of Agriculture Main Bldg.
Kyoto University

Language: English and Japanese. * Simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

Timetable :

13:00-13:05: Opening Remarks

13:05-13:15: Opening comments and the workshop agenda/ Yoko Niiyama (Kyoto University)

13:15-13:35: Facade and Reality of Structural Changes of Japanese Agriculture: Toward a

Comparative Analysis/ Haruhiko Iba (Kyoto University)

13:35-13:55: Changing family farming in France and proposal of theoretical framework for its analysis/ Pierre Gasselin (INRA)

13:55-14:15: Changing family farming in Germany and proposal of theoretical framework for its analysis /Bernhard Bruemmer (Goettingen University)

14:15-14:35: Changing family farming in West Africa and proposal of theoretical framework for its analysis/ Jean-Michel Sourisseau & Pierre-Marie Bosc (CIRAD International)

14:35-14:55: Scale effects, technical efficiency and land lease for Chinese Family Farms/ Xiaohua Yu (Goettingen University)

14:55-15:15: Changing family farming in Latin America and proposal of theoretical framework for its analysis /Tatsuya Shimizu (Institute of Developing Economies, Japan External Trade Organization)

15:15-15:35: *Break*

15:35-16:55: General Discussion

16:55-17:00: Closing Remarks

Day 2: Friday 18 March

2nd Future Leaders Global Workshop on Social Science of Agriculture, Food and Environment (Graduate students' presentations)

Time : 10:00-16:35

Venue : Large Conference Room (C102) Faculty of Agriculture Main Bldg.
Kyoto University

Language: English only (*No interpretation provided)

***Each presentation will last for 20 minutes followed by 10 minutes for questions and discussion, and a 60-minute general discussion will be scheduled at the end of the workshop.**

Timetable:

10:00-10:10: Opening Address/ Yoshihiro Adachi (Kyoto University)

10:10-10:40: Rural class structure and transitions in family farming: what do the Moderate Prosperity households in rural Itasy (Madagascar) tell us?
/ ANDRIANAMPIARIVO Tsiry (University of Bordeaux)

10:40-11:10: The Effects of Agri-Environmental Policy on the Populations of Wild Animals in Austria/ Dieter Kömle (University of Göttingen)

11:10-11:40: Diffusion process of particular farming operations: A case of farming method with no fertilizer and pesticide/ Yoshihiro Uenishi (Kyoto University)

- 11:40-12:10: Innovation and Transition in Family Farming: How dairy farming is emerging in the coffee agroforestry systems of Central Kenya/ Kinfe Asayehegn (SupAgro Montpellier)
- 12:10-13:10: *Lunch*
- 13:10-13:40: Risk attitudes for farm diversification in Germany/ Henning Schaak (University of Göttingen)
- 13:40-14:10: Survivability from a Managerial Economic Perspective: Dairy and Rice Farming in Japan/ Takuya Matsubara et.al. (Kyoto University)
- 14:10-14:40: Family farming in the Albanian mountainous areas. Local agro pastoral production systems and market integration perspectives/ Florjan BOMBAJ (UMR Innovation, Montpellier SupAgro)
- 14:40-15:10: Family farm succession to non-family successors by establishing agricultural corporations/ Tasuku Nagatani (Kyoto University)
- 15:10-15:30: *Break*
- 15:30-16:30: General Discussion
- 16:30-16:35: Closing Address/ Yoko Niiyama (Kyoto University)

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 Bernhard Bruemmer, Xiaohua YU / Goettingen University
 Jean-Michel Sourisseau, Pierre-Marie Bosc / CIRAD

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