2015 KIER International Conference
on
"Sustainability of Russian Economy: between Modernization and Crisis"

Organized by Institute of Economic Research (KIER),
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And Graduate School of Advanced Leadership Studies (Shishu-Kan), Kyoto University

1. Objective of Conference
This International conference is organized by KIER and supported by The Japanese Society for Comparative Economic Studies and Graduate School of Advanced Leadership Studies of Kyoto University for the following context: In this increasingly globalized world, sustainability has been taken up a matter for discussion on international political economy within several disciplines. With growth of world economy led by emerging markets, each country sets resource acquisition for stable energy supply as a prioritized matter of national policy, which might deteriorate the priority of other environmental and preservative perspectives. Governments and their state owned enterprises in resource-rich countries, growing their nationalism, come to
dominate the market and enhance political powers in global relations. One of the most typical examples is Russia and its political economy. The existence of post-socialistic countries in resource-rich ones suggests, moreover, some possibility of varieties of transition and growth pathways in the world economy. At the same time, the plenty of resources is so influential on other dimensions of its economy; environmental, energy, innovation, industrial structure, firm and labor behaviors. Taking this context into account, Russia can be one of the best subjects of research in this point while be as global players in these fields.

Therefore, this international conference has the following topic “Sustainability of Russian Economy: between Modernization and Crisis”, which tries to peruse Russia in world affairs, focusing on sustainability as innovation, firm, environment and energy in Russian economy while tracing the internationalization of its economy in this globalized world. The international conference, moreover, can provide some theoretical implications on analytical frameworks for other transitional and emerging countries. Through the international conference, we have the advanced topic on the above-mentioned subjects, and exchange our research result. English is used in the conference fundamentally.

2. Draft of the Program (Language: English)

Afternoon, 6th March 2015

13:00～13:15
Opening remarks by Satoshi Mizobata (Kyoto University, Japan)

Keynote Speech
13:15～14:45
Jonathan Oldfield (University of Birmingham, the UK)
“Russia’s Environmental History and Natural Resources”

Coffee Break
14:45～15:00

First session
Russian Contemporary Economy: Innovation and Industry in the Context of Modernization
15:00～18:00

Moderator : Victor Gorshkov (Kaichi International University, Japan)
Speaker 1 : Anna Kovaleva (Saint-Petersburg State University of Economics, Russia)
“Multi-level collaboration for development of innovations in contemporary Russia”
Speaker 2 : Katsumi Fujiwara (Osaka University, Japan)
“State control in Russia: does Russia practice state capitalism?”
Speaker 3 : Hiroaki Hayashi (University of Shimane, Japan)
“Motivation and Life Style in Russia”
Speaker 4 : Dai Yamawaki (Kyoto University, Japan)
“Resource Governance in Russia: Continuity and Discontinuity from the Perspective of Transformation of Economic Systems”
Discussant : Jonathan Oldfield (University of Birmingham, the UK) and Victor Gorshkov (Kaichi International University, Japan)

Reception
Morning, 7th March, 2015

Second session
Domestically Focused: Labor and Firm Specificity in Russian Economy
10:00~12:00
Moderator: Katsumi Fujiwara (Osaka University, Japan)
Speaker 1: Ichiro Iwasaki (Hitotsubashi University, Japan)
“Ownership Change and Corporate Governance Evolution: Russian Firms before and after the Global Financial Crisis”
Speaker 2: Olga Bobrova (Saint-Petersburg State University of Economics, Russia)
“Implementation of Industrial Policy as one of the Factors of Modernization in Russia”
Speaker 3: Yoshisada Shida (Hitotsubashi University, Japan)
Discussant: Anna Kovaleva (Saint-Petersburg State University of Economics, Russia) and Masahiko Yoshii (Kobe University, Japan)

Lunch

Afternoon, 7th March, 2015

Third Session
Roundtable: Sustainability of the Russian Economy: Where does Russia go?
13:15~15:15
Moderator: Ichiro Iwasaki (Hitotsubashi University, Japan)
Main Speaker: Steven Rosefielde (University of North Carolina, USA)
“Putin's Sanctions-Resilient Cold War Economy”
Panelist 1: Olga Bobrova (Saint-Petersburg State University of Economics, Russia)
“Can Russia modernize economy?”
Panelist 2: Jonathan Oldfield (University of Birmingham, the UK)
“Russia beyond energy cruise”
Panelist 3: Satoshi Mizobata (Kyoto University, Japan)
“Normalization or misuse of institutions”

Coffee Break
15:15~15:30

Forth session
Global Impact and Global Crisis: from Russia, Central and Eastern Europe
15:30~17:30
Moderator: Kazuho Yokogawa (Kanagawa University, Japan)
Speaker 1: Yoji Koyama (Niigata University, Japan)
“The EU Accession and Collapse of Casino Capitalism in Small Countries in Central and Eastern Europe: Focus on Cases of Latvia and Slovenia”
Speaker 2: Satoshi Mizobata (Kyoto University, Japan)
“Emerging Multinationals and De-offshorization”
Speaker 3: Victor Gorshkov (Kaichi International University, Japan)
“Motives of inward banking FDI and the role of institutional environment in Russia”
Discussant: Katsumi Fujiwara (Osaka University, Japan) and Ichiro Iwasaki (Hitotsubashi University, Japan)

Overall summary and closing
17:30~17:40
Satoshi Mizobata (Kyoto University, Japan)

Wrap-up meeting
18:30～20:30