

# Asia's New Ruralities

Online Conference @ University of Vienna | 12–13 August 2020

The conference addresses the complexity of rural change and decline in the context of debates on globalization and power differences. Therefore it questions the heuristic value of the rigid boundaries of urban/rural, progressive/backwardly, modern/traditional, here/there and even human/non-human at a time when rural areas are standing at the crossroads of globalization. Case studies from coastal fishery, mountainous villages, remote islands, metropolitan farming communities, and seed cultivation demonstrate new characteristics in Asia's countryside driven by structural changes and complex translocal relations on a global scale.

## Wednesday | 12 August | 10:00–13:00 (CEST)

Welcoming remarks | Wolfram Manzenreiter

Session I - “contested and cared-for”

- 1) **Contested Ruralities in Japan: Discussing (Well-)Being in Aso, Kumamoto** | Dionyssios Askitis, Stefan Hundsdorfer, Sebastian Polak-Rottmann
- 2) **Local Economies of Care: The Impact of Demographic Changes on Social Welfare in Rural Japan** | Isaac Gagné

Session II - “evictions and attractions”

- 3) **Wang Chau Village: (Non-)Indigenous Wisdom, Amidst Eviction** | Michael Leung
- 4) **Wine Tourism and Rural Revitalization in Yamanashi** | Hanno Jentsch

## Thursday | 13 August | 10:00–13:00 (CEST)

Session III - “farming land, sea and city”

- 5) **From ‘Landraces’ to ‘Native Crops’: Transformation of Social Values of Farmers’ Varieties in South Korea** | Heesun Hwang
- 6) **Remaking rurality in Japanese fishing villages** | Sonja Ganseforth
- 7) **Urban Ecotopia? Young Farmers, Food Localism, and Cosmopolitanism in Postcolonial Hong Kong** | Hao-Tzu Ho

Discussion

**Asia's New Ruralities: characteristics beyond the local/national/global divides**

Closing remarks



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