

## JAMES Activities in 2006

(Edited by SAKAI Keiko)

### 1. Joint Conference of the 22nd JAMES Annual Meeting 2006, and 6th Asian Federation of Middle East Studies Associations Conference (May 13-14, 2006)

Joint Conference of the 22nd JAMES Annual Meeting 2006, and 6th Asian Federation of Middle East Studies Associations Conference, under the title of "Middle East Perspectives from East Asia: Diversifying the Middle East and Islamic Studies" was held at Tokyo University of Foreign Studies on May 13-14, 2006.

#### PROGRAM

*Saturday, May 13*

#### AFMA and JAMES joint conference

13:45~16:45 Open Panel

The Evaluation of Asian Diplomatic Policies:  
The Middle East: Experience in China,  
Korea, Mongolia and Japan.

KATAKURA Kunio (ex-Ambassador of  
Japan to Iraq and to Egypt)

"Japan and the Middle East: Moving toward  
a More Proactive Role"

YANG Guang (Director-General of Institute  
of West-Asian and African Studies, Chinese  
Academy of Social Sciences)

"An Overview of Sino-Arab Relations for the  
Last 50 Years"

CHOI Chang-Mo (President of KAMES,  
Konkuk University)

"Korean diplomatic policies on the Middle  
East"

SUKHRAGCHAA Nyamzagd (President of  
MAMES, Rector of Institute of Commerce  
and Business)

"Mongolian diplomatic policies on the  
Middle East"

Commentators:

KIMIYA Tadashi (The University of Tokyo)

MIFUNE Emi (Komazawa University),

Zahra TAHERI (Tokyo University of Foreign  
Studies)

Chair: SADAMORI Daiji (Asahi Newspaper,  
Editorial Writer)

17:00~18:00 Meeting of JAMES  
18:15~20:00 Reception at Student Hall.

Sunday, May 14

JAMES Conference

[Session 1]

(1-1) IMAHORI Emi (Ph.D. Student, Tokyo Metropolitan University)

"Handiwork as Dowry: An Example of Kashta (Embroidery) at Bukhara Region in Uzbekistan"

(1-2) KAWAHARA Yayoi (JSPS Research Fellow)

"Genealogy of the Khoqand Khans: A Study of Matrilineal Sayyids"

(1-3) HARAYAMA Takahiro (Ph.D. Student, the University of Tokyo)

"On Ibn Hassul's *Tafsil al-Atrak* (the superiority of Turks)"

(1-4) OKAWARA Tomoki (Tohoku University)

"Islamic Court Records Reconsidered: Archival Science and Potentiality of "Sijillology" "

(1-5) OGASAWARA Hiroyuki (JSPS Research Fellow)

"The Ottoman Dynasty as the legal heir of Rum Seljuk"

(1-6) MIYASHITA Ryo (Ph.D. Student, the University of Tokyo)

"Ottoman Poet's Istanbul: The View of Istanbul in Sixteenth Century's Ode of City"

(1-7) TAKAHATA Shoko (Ph.D. Student, Tohoku University)

"The Roles of Mission Schools in the Ottoman Era: From the memoirs of a President of Robert College"

[Session 2]

(2-1) NAGAOKA Shinsuke (Ph.D. Student, Kyoto University; JSPS Research Fellow)

"A Study of Financial Contracts in the Contemporary Islamic Finance: Focusing on Mudarabah, Musharakah, and Murabahah"

(2-2) IIYAMA Akari (Lecturer, Tokyo Woman's Christian University and Kokushikan University)

"Maslaha as Public Interest or Common Good in Islamic Legal Theory and Fatwas"

(2-3) MAEDA Kimie (Project Researcher, ILCAA, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies)

"The First Congress of Iranian Writers in 1946 and its Literary-Historical Aspects Related to Free Verse"

(2-4) NISHIO Tetsuo (National Museum of Ethnology)

"Changing Women's Body and their Discourse on the Belly-dance in the Modern World"

(2-5) OKAWA Mayuko (JSPS Research Fellow)

"Arabness in Oman and Zanzibar: An Analysis of African Omanis' Ethnicity"

(2-6) NAWATA Hiroshi (Arid Land Research Center, Tottori University)

"Adaptive Mechanisms and Historical

Survival Strategies of the Beja in Eastern Sudan"

(2-7) KOSUGI Maria (Ph.D. Student, Ritsumeikan University)

"The Qur'an Seem from a "Cultural Device Approach": Prospects for Anthropological Inquiries"

(2-8) TOYAMA Kenji (Ph.D. Student, Tsukuba University)

"From France to Morocco of Paul Bowles: Surrealism and Ethnography"

[Session 3]

(3-1) NISHIKIDA Aiko (Ph.D. Candidate, the Graduate University for Advanced Studies)

"Diasporic Identity of Jordanian-Palestinians"

(3-2) TOBINA Hiromi (Ph.D. Student, Kyoto University)

"Palestinian Resistance Movement in East Jerusalem during the Intifada Period: The Politics of Memory over the "Sacred Land" "

(3-3) TSURUMI Taro (Ph.D. Student, the University of Tokyo)

"Zionism and the Russian Empire: A Historical-Sociological Study on Nationalism"

(3-4) KOJIMA Hiroshi (National Institute of Population and Social Security Research)

"Attitudes toward Immigration among Muslims in Europe"

(3-5) TOMINAGA Masato (M.A. Student, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies)

"Causes and Contexts for Deletion of Case/Mood Vowels in Modern Standard Arabic"

(3-6) Zoya Abdul Latif (Ph. D. student, Tokyo Metropolitan University)

"The Shaping Factors of the Rapid Urban Change in the Eastern Sector of Old Saida (Lebanon)"

[Session 4]

(4-1) SEKIGUCHI Yoko (M.A. Student, the University of Tokyo)

"A False Image and an Actual Situation of the Commando Training Camps"

(4-2) YONEYAMA Tomoko (Ph.D. Student, The Graduate University for Advanced Studies)

"Deployment of Alevis religious dance Semah in modern Turkey"

(4-3) MIYAZAWA Eiji (Visiting Scholar, Institutes of Asian Cultures, Sophia University)

"The Circassian "Diaspora" in Turkey: From Displacement to Re-placement"

(4-4) MARUYAMA Hideki (National Institute for Educational Policy Research (NIER))

"Education Reform in Turkey"

(4-5) MATSUNAGA Yasuyuki (CISMOR Fellow, Doshisha University)

"Iran's Islamic State in Comparative Perspective"

(4-6) IWASAKI Yoko (Institute of

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Developing Economies)

"Sar-qofli and Haqq-e kasb o pishe o tejarat in Iran's Legal System of Shop-lease Contract"

(4-7) YONEDA Ken'ichi (Kagoshima University Law School)

"Contract as Norms: From the Research Results of 797 University Students in Iran: Comparing with 22 Countries/Areas"

**AFMA Conference**

[Session 1]

Urban Non-Elites in Middle Eastern Societies: Three Case Studies from Istanbul and Cairo between the 17th and Early 20th Centuries

Chair: NAGASAWA Eiji (University of Tokyo)

Panelists:

AKIBA Jun (Chiba University) "I Don't Read or Write": Life Histories of the Lower Employees at the Ottoman Şeyhülislam's Office"

Hanan KHOLOUSSY (New York University) "Elite Portrayals versus Subaltern Practices of Marriage in Ottoman Egypt"

YI Eunjeoung (Seoul National University) "Making Their Voices Heard - Negotiating Power of the Seventeenth-Century Istanbul Guildsmen vis-a-vis the Government"

[Session 2]

Middle Eastern Literature(s): From East

Asian Perspectives

Chair: OKAMOTO Kumiko (Osaka University of Foreign Studies)

Panelists:

FUKUDA Yoshiaki (Lecturer at Osaka University of Foreign Studies) "Turban or Tarbush: That Is the Question"

KIM Jeong A (Hankuk University of Foreign Studies) "Kitab al-Bukhala' and Food -Satire on Miser through Food-"

SONG Kyung Sook (Hankuk University of Foreign Studies) "A Crisis in Contemporary Palestinian Literature-case of Fadwā L AËqān"

Discussant:

OKAZAKI Hideki (International Buddhism University)

[Session 3]

Trade and Economy in the History of the Middle East

Chair: SHIM Ui Sup (Myongji University), "Trans-Yellow Sea Global Trade during the Middle Ages as an Extension of Maritime Silk Road to Korea"

MATSUI Masako (Lecturer at Keio University), "Sadık Rifat Paşa and his Economic Thought: in the Shadow of Free Trade Treaties in the Mid-nineteenth Century"

GANTUMUR Munkhnasan (Institute of Commerce and Business), "The Issue of Current Relation between Mongolia and

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Middle East Countries"

WANG Lincong (Institute of West Asian and African Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences) "Clashings and Communication: the Talas War between the Tang Dynasty and the Arab and the Spreading of Chinese Papermaking Technology to the West"

[Session 4]

Comparative Studies on the Social Value in the Middle East and East Asia

Chair: KURODA Yasumasa (University of Hawaii at Manoa) / SUZUKI Tatsuzo (Institute of Statistical Mathematics), "East and West Asian and Western Values and Their Structures: An Empirical Assessment" Michael PENN (Kitakyushu University), "Meiji Japan and Qajar Persia, 1880-1914"

KIM Jong-Do (Myongji University), "Comparative Studies on Proverbs of Koreans and Arabs: Emphasizing on their views of lives"

[Session 5]

The Middle East and East Asia in Global History

Chair: USUKI Akira (Nippon Women's University)

MARUYAMA Naoki (Meiji Gakuin University), "Three Asian Nations Support the Zionist Movement"

SAMDANDASH Oyunsuren (National University of Mongolia), "The History of

Islam in Mongolia and Some Current Issues"

HUANG Minxing (Northwest University), "Pax Islamica" and "Order of China and Foreign Countries": The Relations between Abbasid Empire and China in the Tang Dynasty"

Discussant: CHOI Changmo (Konkuk University; President of KAMES), "Jews in Korea from 1885 to 1945"

[Session 6]

Islamic Movements, Civil Society and Democracy

Chair: SAWAE Fumiko (Lecturer at the Osaka University of Foreign Studies), "Islamic Movements and Their Civil/Public Dimensions: Preliminary Analysis of the Turkish Cases"

JANG Ji-Hyang (Hankuk University of Foreign Studies), "Islam and Liberal Democracy in the Globalization Era: The Political Implications of Islamic Capitalism in Turkish Muslim Democracy"

ZHANG Xiaodong (Institute of West Asian and African Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences; President of CAMES), "The Democratization in the Middle East after 9.11 Attack"

[Session 7]

Nationalism, Ethnicity and Islamic Networks in the Middle East

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Chair: KURITA Yoshiko (Chiba University)  
XIAO Xian (Yunnan University), "The Islamic Linkage between the Middle East and Southeast Asia"

OBA Ryuta (Kyoto University), "Between Kurdish Nationalism and Islam: Reevaluating Said Nursi"

PUREV Lkhagvasuren (MAMES), "Customs Specifications of Heap Ceremony of Khoton Ethnicity of Turkish Origin Nations in Mongolia"

[Session 8]

Gender in the Middle East

Chair: SAKURAI Keiko (Waseda University)

GOTO Emi (University of Tokyo), "Popular Preachers and the Hijab: Reasons Behind the "New Veils" in Contemporary Egypt"

CHO Hee Sun (Myongji University), "A Study on Women's participation in New Media and its Influences on Social Changes in Gulf Region - focused on Satellite TV."

Discussant: Fariba ADELKHAH (Centre d'etudes et de Recherches Internationales)  
"Women, Pilgrimage and Formation of Public Sphere"

**Overcoming the Three Hurdles**

MIURA Toru, *President of Japan Association for Middle East Studies*

The annual meeting of Japan Association for Middle East Studies (JAMES) and the

6th Asian Federation of Middle East Studies Associations (AFMA) Conference in May adjourned to a successful run with more than 300 participants. Furthermore, more than twenty members of JAMES attended the 2nd World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies (WOCMES) held in Amman from June 12-16 where we presented three panels. In all, there were 126 panels at the conference that primarily focused on a contemporary research theme (including Palestinian issue, Gulf research, and gender issue), attracting 1200 participants from 77 countries (details will be given in the next newsletter). Having known that the two conferences, AFMA and WOCMES, would fall in the same year, I had apprehensions over this major responsibility when I was chosen as the eleventh president back in June. However, thanks to the project grants from the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science to AFMA and the Japan Foundation to WOCMES, I was able to overcome the hurdles. I would like to express my gratitude to Mr. Usuki, Ms. Sakai and Mr. Akahori, Directors in charge of international exchanges, and Secretary-General Mr. Iizuka for having overseen the administrative details which included the paperwork for project applications.

Prof. YANG Guang, Director-General of Institute of West-Asian and African Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, who

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visited Japan to attend the AFMA voiced his excitement over the wide array of Middle East research being conducted in Japan and Korea. Prof. CHOI Chang-Mo, President of Korean Association for Middle Eastern Studies (KAMES), praised the way in which our association members united to operate the conference. Smilingly, he revealed KAMES' intent to make their international conference in the autumn an event of greater significance, following in the footsteps of JAMES. The chairman and secretariat for the next 2007-2008 AFMA conference will move to the Mongolian Association of Middle Eastern Studies with the decision having been made to hold the 7th conference in 2008 in Ulan Bator. In addition, it was also decided that the 3rd WOCMES will be held in 2010 and host-candidates are currently being accepted.

As I stated in my message at the annual conference, Middle Eastern research and studies in Japan now cover a broader genre. Furthermore, our current membership exceeds 700, having welcomed 25 new members during the last year.

This year sees the start of two major area-study projects on the Middle East and Islam ("Islamic Area Studies" project promoted by National Institutes for the Humanities and "Area Studies that Address Specific Needs" by Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology will commence as

five-year projects). However, both research and studies continue to rely largely on the individual play of scholars and above all, the common theme remains the building of an educational system that can address the heightening enthusiasm. We have also been conducting an open-lecture, "Exploring the Middle East in the Everyday Setting" (Tokyo, Yamaguchi Prefecture) on a trial basis.

As for the operation of the association, we are in the midst of a system-building process, and from a fiscal point of view, revenue from current membership dues is deemed insufficient. Thanks to scientific research grants and subsidies from the Japan Foundation, we are able to issue the AJAMES, host international meetings like AFMA, and engage in Middle Eastern literature data base projects. We take turns to man the association office and to sit on the annual newsletter editorial committee while administrative duties of the office are carried out by part-timers. At the recent general meeting, I proposed an increase in membership dues to strengthen the fiscal and operation foundations of the association and it was approved. History may remember me as the "guy who increased the membership fees," but I was relieved with the understanding of so many members. I'd like to take this opportunity to express my hope that the association's activities will come to benefit a

greater number of people.

## 2. The 2nd World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies (WOCMES-2) Participation Report

JAMES presented the following panels at WOCMES-2 that was held in Amman, Jordan from June 11 to 16, 2006. Academic exchange conference grant from the Japan Foundation made it possible for an unprecedented large number of our association members to attend this meeting.

### WOCMES Panel Report

#### 1. Study of Rural Societies from Multi-Perspective Views: Case of Egypt

There were four panel presentations:

- (1) KATO Hiroshi and IWASAKI Erina (Hitotsubashi University), Attempt of Linking Two Approaches: Household Survey and GIS-Residential pattern of rural migrants on the edge of Greater Cairo
- (2) TANADA Hirofumi (Waseda University), Regional Diversity in Urban-Rural Relationship
- (3) KATO Hiroshi and IWASAKI Erina, Abu Senita: A Community Study of a Village in Lower Egypt
- (4) Mohamed Abdel Aal (Cairo University), Tenants and Land Owners: Struggles for Land and Rights

By utilizing various data and information, we conducted an analysis of the Egyptian society as a complex society made up of various regions while simultaneously breaking down the stereotyped social image, a country of irrigation and water systems where homogeneity and centralization of power are emphasized. The first presentation, the introductory panel, discussed the usefulness of integrating the three kinds of data and information-micro household data, semi-micro population data and geographical information-into the GIS for analytical purposes. In the second presentation, district union-data from the city of Cairo were used to point out the different patterns of various urban-rural relationships that migration has bred. In the third presentation, interview survey data of and information on farming villages were used to analyze the regional differences in the impact that the land leasing law over the past couple of years has had on the land-ownership of farmers. The fourth presentation, based on micro household survey data and geographical information, analyzed structural differences of farming villages in southern and northern Egypt by focusing on family composition of villagers, marital relationships and residential patterns. The four presentations were in clear understanding of the panel objectives and gist and were well interrelated.

(KATO Hiroshi)

#### 2. The Logic of Succession around Surfs and Saints

Following the first congress held four years ago in Mainz we decided upon participating in a second one, namely the Second World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies (WOCMES-2) and organizing two jointed panels there. The purpose here was to publicize the outcome of our joint research on Sufism, saint veneration, and tariqah that we have conducted for the past ten years. The panels were centered on the theme, "The Logic of Succession around Sufis and Saints," with AKAHORI Masayuki and TONAGA Yasushi as organizers.

The panels consisted of a total of 7 presentations, 2 commentaries, and a general discussion. Of the presentations three were on the succession of the shaykh of tariqahs, and four concerned the succession of saintliness, in the broad sense of the term. I personally felt we succeeded in bringing out various aspects associated with the question of succession, and raising points pertaining to this issue. In particular, the panel was rewarding due to the French colleagues who preceded us in their own joint research of Sufism, saint veneration, and tariqah. At WOCMES-2 there were two other panels on Sufism, and we were pleased to note the active involvement of their presenters in our panels. The papers presented are scheduled for publication as academic articles, along with other

presentations at international meetings we organized earlier, in two journals, which are *Orient and Asian* and *African Area Studies*.

#### Presentations:

- (1) MORIMOTO Kazuo (The University of Tokyo), "And I Saw the Prophet in a Dream": Anecdotal Admonitions to the Believers in Manaqib-Fada'il Literature on Sayyid-Sharifs
- (2) NAKANISHI Tatsuya (Kyoto University), Creating the Silsila, or the logic of succession, in the case of Chinese Muslims
- (3) Alexandre PAPAS (EHESS-College de France), The Succession of Naqshbandi Shaykhs in Premodern Central Asia: Controversies and Changes
- (4) TAKAHASHI Kei (Sophia University), Divisions within the Tariqas in Modern Egypt: A Case of a Conflict over the Independence of al-Habibiyya from al-Rifa'iyya (1905-1925)
- (5) Thierry ZARCONE (CNRS), Shaykh Succession in Turkish Sufi Lineages (19th and 20th century): Conflicts, Reforms and Transmission of Spiritual Enlightenment
- (6) KOMAKI Sachiyo (Takasaki City University of Economics), Politics, Poetics and Pop in the Succession of Holy Relics: Examples from South Asian Muslim Society
- (7) AKAHORI Masayuki (Sophia University), The Transformation of Saintliness in the Process of Succession: Saints and their

Descendants in the Western Desert of Egypt  
Discussions:

GOTO Akira (Toyo University)

Eric GEOFFROY (Universite Marc Bloch)

Chair: TONAGA Yasushi (Kyoto University)  
(TONAGA Yasushi)

### 3. New Trends in Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies from East Asia

Moderated by USUKI, the panel titled "New Trends in Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies from East Asia" was presented in the afternoon of June 14 at Amman Meridien Hotel. Five presenters were originally scheduled, but one presentation was cancelled due to the sudden illness of OKAMOTO Kumiko. The first presenter was SATO Tsugitaka on "New Islamic Area Studies in Japan" in which he discussed the new five-year project due to recommence. This was followed by Hee Soo Lee who discussed the new major projects on Middle East area studies in Korea that had been prompted by the 9/11 attack. MIURA Toru then discussed Middle Eastern and Islamic research and education in Japan, based on questionnaire survey results, while Mojtaba SADRIA proposed the role that intellectuals should play in the formation of the post-Said intellectual system. A question and answer session followed each presentation. Overall, the event proved to be a timely occasion to reconsider the required role of East Asia in Middle

Eastern and Islamic studies.

#### Presentations:

(1) SATO Tsugitaka (Waseda University),  
New Islamic Area Studies in Japan

(2) Hee Soo LEE (Hanyang University), The  
9/11 Events and New Research Projects on  
Middle East Area Studies in Korea

(3) MIURA Toru (Ochanomizu University),  
A Comparative Study of Asia: Interactive  
Understanding of Islam and Middle East in  
Japan

(4) Mojtaba SADRIA (Chuo University),  
Post-Said Knowledge Construction: Margin's  
Impact

(5) OKAMOTO Kumiko (Osaka University  
of Foreign Studies), The Picture of Harun al-  
Rashid and his Palace: From the Thousand  
and One Nights

Chair: USUKI Akira (Japan Women's  
University)

(USUKI Akira)

#### WOCMES Amman Conference - Participation Report

17 years had passed since my last visit to Amman back in 1989. I was caught in a heavy traffic jam on the way to the hotel from the airport and was amazed at how much the place had changed (urban development is said to have been under the self-supporting third sector's charge). The pri-

mary venues of the six day-conference were the Meridien Hotel and Marriott Hotel. The venues of the special programs varied with some being held at the Royal Cultural Center, others at municipal halls, etc. The colored conference pamphlet featured the 165 panels and special programs. There were two types of panels that lasted two hours each: special-project panel and general panel consisting of several individual presenters. Mimicking the style of Middle Eastern Studies Association of North America (MESA) and WOCMES-1, a film festival and book fair were held concurrently. As in the previous occasion, the main language was English or French. 99% of the presentation titles were in English although Arabic was occasionally heard during the question and answer session.

From Japan, in addition to the three panels planned by JAMES and the panel titled "The Current Situation of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies in Japan" (planned by Samir Nouh, presented by SUGASE Akiko, NAKAMURA Asuka and Idris Danismaz), TAKEISHI Reiji, AKIBA Jun and MORIYAMA Fumio presented their research results. I was astounded by the large turnout of Japanese graduate students studying in Egypt, Syria, etc.

Many of the panels were based on a contemporary theme with the majority on Palestinian, Gulf, gender issues and such. In

comparison, there were only a few panels on pre-contemporary history, literature and thoughts. Panel discussions began from 8:30 in the morning and lasted until 18:30. During the five days, I hopped across 22 panels. Overall, panels on modern day politics or by famed scholars proved popular while panels attracting less than ten attendees were not an uncommon sight. The total number of conference participants was said to be 1200 but it looked as if many took advantage of the stay to go on excursions. The presentation contents were mixed. Surprisingly, many presentations were given by young scholars who were in the PhD program or were PDs and occasionally, they were bombarded with severe questioning from experts in the respective fields, (a kind of presentation-training) that I welcome for Japanese scholars in both domestic and international settings. The panel titled, "Middle Eastern Studies in US Colleges" showed web sites featuring textbooks on the Middle East and examples of debate-style classroom situations that used the TV conference system, successfully reinforcing the common theme - how we can teach Middle Eastern studies in our current educational setting?

Amongst the special projects, I was particularly enthused by the lecture given by HRH Prince El Hassan bin Talal, the director of the Royal Institute for Inter-Faith Studies (RIIFS), conference sponsors, and also the