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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. in Area Studies** May 2019
Kyoto University, Japan
Dissertation title: Regeneration of Local Trading Networks and Social Change in Eastern DR Congo
- Master in Area Studies** March 2015
Kyoto University, Japan
Thesis title: Reorganizing the Distribution Networks in Post-conflict Society
- Master in Media and Governance** March 2011
Keio University, Japan,
Thesis title: Motivational Strategy through Learner's Self-Concept
- Bachelor of Arts in Policy Management** March 2009
Keio University, Japan

Ph.D. DISSERTATION

Title:

Regeneration of the Local Trading Networks and Social Change in Eastern DR Congo

Abstract:

In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, repeated conflicts have devastated the distribution infrastructure such as roads and bridges, which has stymied the rural economy. The current state of urban-rural distribution processes must be determined to rehabilitate local communities. However, the perspective of such determinations is unclear. My dissertation therefore, describes and analyzes the impacts of conflict on urban-rural distribution, periodic market functioning, and indigenous distributional activities based on qualitative and GPS data collected from an extensive area survey. Based on long term ethnographic research, this paper explores the interaction between land and river transportation and its implications for the development of local periodic markets systems in the upper Congo region. The study seeks to explain how

local people re-organize novel distribution networks. Through the research, it is revealed that local peoples are accelerating transboundary trading activities in order to compensate for the lack of income and commodities. At the same time, petty traders try to innovate mobility mixing indigenous knowledge and novel technologies from the global sphere. Through Chinese motorbikes, outboard motors and wooden baleinières, petty traders re-connect urban and rural worlds. As a result of these local innovations, periodic market systems continue to expand in the region. These observations suggest that Congo merchants have independently built a huge distribution system, linking geographical discontinuities by voluntarily creating new distribution means after the conflict.

Supervisor: Professor Daiji Kimura

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Auxiliary supervisor: Associate Professor Hirokazu Yasuoka

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Journals

Takamura, S. Reorganizing the Distribution System in Post-conflict Society: A Study on Orientale Province, the Democratic Republic of the Congo. *African Study Monographs Supplementary Issue*, 51: 77-91, 2015.

Bulletins

Matsuura, N., Yamaguchi, R., **Takamura, S.** Connecting the Forest with the River. *Newsletter of the Society for Ecological Anthropology*, 24: 126-129, 2018. (in Japanese)

Takamura, S. Pave the Way: Possibilities of Collective Impact through Community Organizations. *Newsletter of the Society for Ecological Anthropology*, 23: 6-8, 2017. (in Japanese)

Takamura, S. Prosperity of the Local Market System in Eastern Congo. *Newsletter of the Society for Ecological Anthropology*, 21: 20-23, 2015. (in Japanese)

Takamura, S. The Current State of River Trade in the Orientale Province, DR-Congo. *Newsletter of the Society for Ecological Anthropology*, 20: 63-65, 2014. (in Japanese)

Essays

Takamura, S. Moonlight and the Sound of Water: Memories of the Congo River. *Asian and African Area Studies*, 15-1: 146-150, 2015. (in Japanese)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

International Conferences

Takamura, S. Dynamics of Mobility and Periodic Market Systems in Eastern Congo: The Case of Autonomous Order from the State. Congo Research Network Conference, Oxford, England, April 27-28, 2018. (as part of the panel *Post-War Waterways: Trade and Transport in Transformation*, jointly organized with Peter Lambertz)

Takamura, S. Functions and Structures of the Periodic Market Systems in the North Eastern Congo. International Symposium France-Japan Area Studies Forum, Kyoto, Japan, December 1-3, 2017.

Takamura, S. Conflict, Detachment and Social Transformation: The Rise of Indigenous Distribution System in Eastern Congo. 7th European Conference on African Studies, Basel, Switzerland, June 29–July 1, 2017.

Takamura, S. Reorganizing the Distribution System in Post-Conflict Society: A Study on Orientale Province, the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Young Scholars International Workshop on Transdisciplinary Approaches to Asian and African Area Studies, Kyoto, Japan. 16 Jan. 2017.

Conferences in Japan

Takamura, S. The Emergence of Marginal Man's Logic in the Peripheral Region of DR-Congo. 55th Annual Conference of the Japan Association for African Studies, Hokkaido, Japan, May 26–27, 2018. (in Japanese)

Matsuura, N., Yamaguchi, R., **Takamura, S.** Empowerment of Local Associations for the Integration of Conservation and Development: Practice of a Fluvial Transportation Support Project in DR-Congo. 55th Annual Conference of the Japan Association for African Studies, Hokkaido, Japan, May 26–27, 2018. (in Japanese)

Matsuura, N., Yamaguchi, R., **Takamura, S.** Connecting the Forest with the River. 23rd Annual Conference of the Society for Ecological Anthropology, Okinawa, Japan, March 24–25, 2018. (in Japanese)

Takamura, S. Changes in Social Aspects of the Land-Water Network in Eastern DR-Congo. 54th Annual Conference of the Japan Association for African Studies, Nagano, Japan, May 20-21, 2017. (in Japanese)

Takamura, S. Pave the Way: Possibilities of Collective Impact through Community Organizations. 22nd Annual Conference of the Society for Ecological Anthropology, Kyoto, Japan, March 17–18, 2017. (in Japanese)

Takamura, S. Social Transformation under the Conflict: The New Distribution System in Eastern DR-Congo. 53rd Annual Conference of the Japan Association for African Studies, Kanagawa, Japan, June 4-5, 2016. (in Japanese)

Takamura, S. Reconstruction of the Distribution Networks in Post-conflict Society: A Case of Orientale Province, DR-Congo. 52nd Annual Conference of the Japan Association for African Studies, Aichi, Japan, May 23-24, 2015. (in Japanese)

Takamura, S. Prosperity of the Local Market System in Eastern Congo. 20th Annual Conference of the Society for Ecological Anthropology, Akita, Japan, March 26–27, 2015. (in Japanese)

Takamura, S. The Current State of River Trade in Orientale Province, DR-Congo. 19th Annual Conference of the Society for Ecological Anthropology, Shizuoka, Japan, March 16–17, 2014. (in Japanese)

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Online Articles

Takamura, S. Carry Each Other's Burdens. *Newsletter of AFRIC Africa*, January 2019. (<https://afric-africa.org/inafrica/waiwai/waiwai10/>) (in Japanese)

Takamura, S. How to Catch Fish. *Newsletter of AFRIC Africa*, September 2018. (<https://afric-africa.org/inafrica/waiwai/waiwai07/>) (in Japanese)

Takamura, S. Crossing the Border: Diffusion of Local Knowledge and Skills. *Newsletter of AFRIC Africa*, April 2018. (<https://afric-africa.org/inafrica/waiwai/waiwai03/>) (in Japanese)

Takamura, S. Build the Bridge, Pave the Way. *Newsletter of AFRIC Africa*, May 2017.
(<https://afric-africa.org/essay/country/congo-essay/generation28/>) (in Japanese)

Takamura, S. Pray for Peace: Living in the African Post-conflict Society. *Newsletter of AFRIC Africa*, August 2015. (https://afric-africa.org/essay/country/congo-essay/alphabet_k2/)(in Japanese)

Takamura, S. The Ancestral Songs for Bongando. *Newsletter of AFRIC Africa*, May 2014.
(<https://afric-africa.org/essay/country/congo-essay/senior03/>) (in Japanese)

Lectures

Takamura, S. Post-Conflict Reconstruction: A Study on Orientale Province, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, presented at Keio University Shonan Fujisawa Campus, Kanagawa, Japan, August 22, 2018. (in Japanese)

Takamura, S. Living in Africa, presented at Atami Momoyama Elementary School, Shizuoka, Japan, July 6, 2018. (in Japanese)

Takamura, S. Africa and Japan, presented at Atami Junior High School, Shizuoka, Japan, July 6, 2018. (in Japanese)

Takamura, S. Exploring Africa: Thinking of My Home from the Outback in DR-Congo, presented at Atami City Library, Shizuoka, Japan, October 21, 2017. (in Japanese)

Takamura, S., Tanaka, M. Traveling the Congo River, presented at Sakaimachi Gallery, Kyoto, Japan, May 22, 2016. (in Japanese)

Takamura, S. Transformation of Land-water Networks in Eastern Congo, presented at Embassy of Japan, Kinshasa, DR-Congo, January 12, 2016. (in Japanese)

Takamura, S. The Current State of River Trade in Orientale Province, DR-Congo, presented at Hyogo Prefectural Nishinomiya-Imazu Senior High School, Hyogo, Japan, January 13, 2014. (in Japanese)

Takamura, S. Reconsideration and the Actual State of River Trade in Eastern DR-Congo, presented at Office of Japan International Cooperation Agency, Kinshasa, DR-Congo, October 5, 2013. (in Japanese)

FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

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| Tshopo, Tshuapa, Equator Province, DR-Congo | June 2017 - October 2017 |
| Tshopo, Tshuapa Province, DR-Congo | July 2016 - December 2016 |
| Tshopo, Tshuapa Province, DR-Congo | August 2015 - February 2016 |
| Tshopo Province, DR-Congo | July 2014 - October 2014 |
| Tshopo, Tshuapa Province, DR-Congo | August 2013 - October 2013 |

TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE

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| Coordinator for the Japanese language course Institut Supérieur Pédagogique de la Gombe, Kinshasa, DR-Congo | May 2011 - March 2013 |
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GRANTS AND AWARDS

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| JSPS Doctoral Research Fellowship Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JPY 7,200,000 (approx. € 55,000) in total) | April 2015 - March 2018 |
| JSPS Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JPY 2,800,000 (approx. € 22,000) in total) | April 2015 - March 2018 |

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Japanese: fluent

English: proficient

Lingala: proficient

French: daily conversation is possible

MEMBERSHIPS

- Japan Association for African Studies 2014 - present
- The Society for Ecological Anthropology 2014 - present