

Call for Application

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The 16th Next-Generation Global Workshop International Conference on Migration and Quality of Life: Harnessing the Potential for Social Prosperity

Organizer: Kyoto University Asian Studies Unit (KUASU)

Date: 29th and 30th of September, 2023

Venue: Graduate School of Letters, Kyoto University, Japan

It is with great pleasure that we announce the 16th Next-Generation Global Workshop on Migration and Quality of Life: Harnessing the Potential for Social Prosperity, to be held on the 29th and 30th of September at Kyoto University, Japan. This conference aims to bring together early career researchers from around the world to engage in discourse on the intricate relationship between cross-border migration and quality of life, with a focus on realizing the potential for social prosperity in a post-COVID era.

Migration is a global phenomenon that has profound ramifications for individuals, families, and societies, influencing various aspects of quality of life. The era of COVID-19 was a sobering opportunity to reflect on the importance of mobility and speculate on what kind of socioeconomic, humanitarian and political impact the cessation of movement can have. This conference seeks to enhance our understanding of these diverse dynamics and explore migration in order to harness its potential for improving quality of life and fostering social prosperity.

We, therefore, invite original research papers, case studies, ethnographic writings and policy analyses addressing diverse dimensions of migration. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

1. Economic and Social Opportunities
2. Life of Migrants, Family and Community
3. Separation/Social Cost
4. Cultural Diversity/Transculturality
5. Democracy and Political System
6. Social Rights, Citizenship and Well-being
7. Education, Skills, and Human Capital Development
8. Welfare regime, Demographic Change
9. Forced Migration, Displacement and Refugee
10. Diaspora and Transnationalism

11. Environmental Sustainability
12. Migration Policies and Governance
13. Gender/LGBTQ+ and Sexuality
14. Expression of Literature, Art and Identity
15. History and Postcolonialism
16. Internal Migration
17. Social Media and Digital Technology

Please note that in the interest of ensuring opportunities for early career researchers to participate, we will accept as vast a range of topics as possible. We look forward to receiving your applications.

Eligibility for application: Master's students and Ph.D. students. The Organizing Committee will screen the applications based on candidates' qualifications and abstracts.

Application URL: <https://formok.com/f/7yws7ajk>

Submission Guidelines:

- Applicants are requested to submit an abstract of their paper by the 24th of June (JST) via the application form.
- Abstracts must be concise, about 300 words, and include the title, author(s), affiliation, and contact information. (see the application form)
- Results of the selection will be notified by the 30th of June, and full papers will be due by the 15th of September.
- Each submission will undergo a blind selection process.

Important Dates:

- Abstract submission deadline: 24th of June, 2023
- Notification of abstract acceptance and selection result: 30th of June, 2023
- Travel support notification: 1st of August, 2023
- Full paper submission deadline: 15th of September, 2023
- Conference dates: 29th and 30th of September, 2023

Travel Support: The organizer plans to provide accommodation at university dormitories for a limited number of participants. However, the details regarding the number of available slots are yet to be determined. Successful applicants will be contacted accordingly.

We eagerly anticipate your participation in the International Conference on Migration and Quality of Life: Harnessing the Potential for Social Prosperity. For further inquiries or additional information, please

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About the conference: The Next-Generation Global Workshop (NGGW) has been held annually since 2008 to allow early-career scholars to present their research in English and obtain feedback from an international audience. It has proved to be a pleasant and effective opportunity for capacity-building through mentorship provided by professors from participating universities worldwide. It has also served as an invaluable opportunity for participants to learn from each other and deepen their understanding of a diverse set of social phenomena, particularly in Asia. Ultimately, the NGGW has provided a forum for scholars across generational and regional divides to build a common academic foundation by redefining Asia in a global context.

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