

43rd KUASS (Kyoto University African Studies Seminar)

Date and Time: 17 November 2015 (Tuesday), 16:00-18:00

Venue: Kyoto University Inamori Memorial Building, 3rd floor, #318 Seminar Room

Title

The archaeology of the Upemba Depression in D. R. Congo

Speaker

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Abstract: An uninterrupted archaeological sequence connects the first iron-using occupant of the Upemba Depression in the center of Africa to the present day Luba. The continuity of many aspects of their material culture over a thousand years is remarkable, despite the changes that occurred. This provides a sound basis for using numerous ethnographic data to interpret the wealth of archaeological remains.