

45th KUASS (Kyoto University African Studies Seminar)

Date and Time: 15 December 2015 (Thursday), 15:00–18:00

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

Title

Africa & the Global South Post-2015

Speaker

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University of Massachusetts)**

Abstract: Global development is in flux in a post-BRICS era of falling commodity/currency/stock prices: how can the continent capture recent economic gains & protect itself against myriad non-traditional security threats? Unprecedented claims to 'African agency' post-2015 may advance UNECA advocacy of 'developmental state' aspirations but conflict escalation in some regions may retard such prospects. Nevertheless, Africa has more policy choices than before as the range of state & non-state sources of finance proliferate: from ODA & FDI to ETFs & SWFs & new foundations like Gates & Ibrahim. It is no longer dependent on a troubled EU as it strengthens inter-regional relations with China, Korea, the Gulf & Turkey: all competition for TICAD as well. Africa can claim to be an emerging society as well as emerging market, symbolized by mobile communications, especially finance; but as elsewhere its middle class confronts a range of non-communicable diseases. And African regions are no longer just inter-state, but increasingly transnational around the 'water-energy-land nexus' (e.g. hydro-electric dams on the Nile & eastern Africa as a burgeoning energy region). In turn Morten Jerven has raised issues & debates around the quality of continental data as Africa is increasingly salient to global development.

Discussant

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