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**Venue:** #318, Inamori Memorial Foundation Building (3rd floor), Kyoto University

**Title:**

**SOCIAL RELATIONS AND ORANGE PRODUCTION:  
THE CASE OF SMALLHOLDERS FARMERS IN MKUZI VILLAGE, TANZANIA.**

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### **Abstract**

This presentation reports a preliminary results of the ongoing study which is conducted among the small scale producers of oranges at Mkuzi village, Muheza District, in Tanga region, Tanzania. The study seeks to examine the social relations among the farmers and how that affects orange production in the study area. Twenty-three respondents were selected from a targeted population of 230 households which are the orange farmers in the village. Data was collected by using household survey, interviews and observation methods. Literature cites lack of agricultural inputs, low technology, insects and diseases infestations, limited extension services to be major causes which hinder orange production in Muheza District, paying little attention to social relations among the orange producers. Adopting the social relations framework, this paper argues that social relations among the producers has great impact on orange production at Mkuzi village. Factors that negatively affect farmers and orange production include; land tenure system among the Bondei, mistrust among the Bondei people, different ethnicities among the producers and lack of farmer's organisation, which would assist farmers in their production and issues. The conclusion is reached that the producers should unite and initiate an organisation that would assist in production endeavour.