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Community Participation ; bridging formal education and 
agricultural research

Date:  Feb. 21, 2014 (Fri.), 15:00 – 17:00  
Venue:  Small Seminar Room II, 3F Inamori Bldg.,  
         Kawabata Campus, Kyoto University  
Lecturer:  Dr. BEDRU Beshir Abdi  
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ABSTRACT:  
Ethiopian government has long been struggling for mainstreaming of farmer participatory research. This is called wither Farmer Research Group (FRG) Approach or Farmer Research and Extension Group (FREG) Approach. In spite of long and continuous efforts by government institutions, these approaches have not been institutionalized well. This presentation will share practical experiences by a researcher of Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural Research in charge of FRG/FREG approach with critical assessment of achievement and challenges. Analysis will include education aspect of citizenship and community participation using secondary education text books.

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Graduate Program of Asian and African Studies, Ryukoku University,  
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