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REGENERATING LOCALITIES IN A GLOBAL WORLD

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Regenerating Localities in a Global World

We are living in a world in which the global and local are interwoven. While we feel the impact of far flung events on our daily lives, we live within communities nested in specific socio-cultural and ecological contexts. These localities are akin to small zones that make up the global, zones in which we and others are concerned with health and happiness, safety and sustainability. Within our diverse localities, we may find myriad possibilities to make positive contributions that impact the local and ripple outward to the global. Regenerating localities in a global world calls for paying close attention to localities and the humane initiatives and models arising within them.

The 16th annual Asia Pacific Conference will provide a venue for sharing research, mobilizing cooperation and affirming commitment toward regenerating localities in a global world. As globalization has paved its way into our lives, we have been debating its positive and negative dimensions. When localization enters into these global debates, it is mainly framed in terms of reactionary movements that are often marked by xenophobia, racism and chauvinism. While these negative outcomes are well studied, there are other ways to view localization under the rubric of what might be termed “convivial localization,” which means localization that supports and encourages community, environment, happiness and livelihood. We therefore invite papers and panels that can provide research-based glimpses and thoughts on topics, as suggested below, illustrating and evincing forms of convivial localization.

Join us in the vibrant atmosphere of our international campus in the beautiful city of Beppu, Japan.

| The Conference welcomes individual papers and invites organizers and conveners for panel presentations on relevant topics such as the following:

- Overcoming chauvinism, racism and xenophobia
- Regenerating local culture through art, language, literature, music
- Local and global interactions in cinema and media
- Regenerating community through education and tourism
- Economics and finance toward regenerating localities
- Shared-value strategies between global business and local society
- Local and global competition and diffusion of norms and policies
- Peace, conflict and security between the local and the global
- Regenerating local institutions and regional governance
- Local and indigenous voices in global politics
- Sustainable Development Goals in diverse localities
- Local ecological and environmental initiatives
- Regions and localities facing climate change
- Local resource management and food security
- Voluntary simplicity, slow food and organic farming
- Health and wellness in diverse localities

| What is the Asia Pacific Conference?

The Asia Pacific Conference started in 2003. Every year, presentations and panel sessions by scholars and researchers encompass a wide range of topics. We also invite well-known researchers and prominent individuals to give keynote speeches. The conference is the largest conference held in English in Japan.

Date	December 1 (Sat) – 2 (Sun), 2018
Conference Theme	Regenerating Localities in a Global World
Place	Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU) 1-1 Jumonjibaru, Beppu, Oita, Japan
Language	English / Japanese
Application Deadline	May 31 (Thu), 2018
Application (Online)	http://en.apu.ac.jp/apconf/
Registration Fee	Non-APU participants: ¥10,000 (Student ¥5,000) APU participants: ¥5,000 (Student ¥0) * The registration fee includes lunch for 2 days and reception dinner
Audience	Admission to the conference is free. Audience may attend the reception upon paying a fee.
Contact	RCAPS Secretariat : apconf@apu.ac.jp

For more details, please see AP Conference Website.

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