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1. Title:

Network Studies 2015

2. Contact Person

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3. Other members:

Faculty members: **Mathew Thompson, Christian Hess, David Slater, David Wank.**

Further members of this research group include scholars from Tokyo and vicinity, such as **Linda Grove, Thomas Harper, Kate Nakai, Gaye G. Rowley** and **Fumiko Umezawa.**

Also many post-docs and PhD students from the Tokyo area, and foreign universities join on a regular basis.

4. Goal and Purpose:

The ICC unit, which was initiated in 2010 (please see [Network studies HP](#)), analyzes cross-cultural networks. As a start-up project we discuss the available theories, methods, and models for our network analysis. This knowledge serves as our foundation for our first focus, on the early modern period in Japan, an understudied era in regards to network analysis. The project “Intellectual Networks in Early Modern Japan and Beyond” focuses on various groups with an integrative analysis of a wide variety of writings. The conclusions will enhance our understanding of both the political realm, which informed

policies ordered by the shogunate and the domains of the regional rulers (*daimyo*), and the practical realm of how these networks operated. The results will emphasize the traffic of ideas and endeavors among people from various backgrounds and stations in life beyond narrow geographic borders.

5. Activities in Past and Future:

In 2015 the research unit has been active in various forms: (Please refer to [our HP](#))

- a. The unit meets monthly as a reading group, in which primary sources are read.
- b. The unit hosted December 20, 2014 the [Second International Symposium](#) with an audience of about 60.
- c. With the help of research assistants the prosopographical database is continuously fed.
- d. The database undergoes constant improvement including the visualization.
- e. The project was represented in 2015 at the following venues (mostly outside of Sophia):
 - ① Meeting with Prof. Peter Bol, Harvard University (China Biographical Database)
 - ② Meeting with Prof. Michael Fuller, UC Irvine (China Biographical Database)
 - ③ Meeting with Mark Ravina, Emory University (Digital Humanities Project)

6. Plans and goals:

- a. The unit will continue the monthly meetings
- b. The publication of an edited volume generated from the two International Symposia is in planning. Michigan University Press has shown strong interest. In order to come out with a strong, coherent edited volume with one common focus and theme, editorial meetings are planned monthly for 2016.

Tentative title:

Bettina Gramlich-Oka, Miyazawa Fumiko, Sugano Noriko, Anne Walthall (eds.). *Women and Networks in Nineteenth Century Japan*, Ann Arbor: Michigan University Press.

c. The database will grow further (at this point over 2,400 persons, 3811 meetings and 606 correspondences are stored) and the visualization will become more elaborate.

d. forthcoming publications which are related and partially subsidized by the unit:

- 「只野真葛のキリシタン考」、国際日本学研究所研究成果報告集『国際日本学』13号、法政大学

- 「日本の経済思想文献のヨーロッパ言語への翻訳について— 一九世紀を中心に」川口浩(編)『時間と空間の中で経済思想史』ぺりかん社.

- “Disaster Descriptions and Social Events: Kanagaki Robun (1829–94) and his Reports of the 1850s.” Sainan: Discourses of Disaster in Japan and New Zealand. Susan Bouterey, University of Canterbury, and Lawrence E. Marceau (eds.), University of Auckland.

- 「能明志知道」『幕藩制転換期の経済思想』小室正紀(編), 慶應義塾大学出版会.

- 日本経済思想の文献に関連する欧州翻訳～十九世紀を中心に」、川口浩『時間と空間の中で経済思想史』、ぺりかん社。

- 「欧米における日本経済思想史研究」川口浩、石井寿美世(編)『日本経済思想史—江戸から昭和』勁草書房.

e. The research will be continued at the following universities:

2015–2016 Visiting Scholar at Columbia University, NY, USA

2015–2016 Visiting Scholar (訪問学者) at Faculty of Letters, Arts, and Sciences, Waseda University (早稲田大学文学学術院)

2015–2016 Private University Visiting Scholar (私学研修員) at the Historiographical Institute, Tokyo University (東京大学史料編纂所)