

Doctor of Philosophy Program in Social Science

Invites you to join in the seminar entitled,

Religion and Social Change in Asia

Paper presented by graduate student from Graduate School of Asia and Africa Area Studies, Kyoto University and from Ph.D. Program in Social Science, CMU

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Takahiro KOJIMA: “Shamanism and Buddhism in Dehong Yunnan: The Practice of Tai Shamans, *Tsäu Lang*, *Tsäu tsai* and *Ja Mot*”

Dehong state is located in the border area between China and Myanmar. Most of the villagers are Tai people and they believe in Theravada Buddhism. During my field research for one year, I found that Tai shamans, *tsäu lang*, *tsäu tsai* and *ja mot*, have been increasing in number since the late 1990s. This study will describe the features of their practices and explore the reasons for their increasing in relation to social changes in the two nations.

Kayoko MAEKAWA: “The Transformation of the Spirit Medium in Taiwan”

The jitong is one of the types of spirit-medium in Taiwanese folk beliefs. In my short fieldwork in Taipei I met lingji, who differ from the jitong. The lingji first emerged at the beginning of the 1980s. What are the lingji? This study will describe the features of their practices and explore the social background of their emergence, comparing them with that of the jitong.

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Time: 9.00-12.30

**Venue: Room number 01-003/00
Building 4 of Faculty of Social Sciences,
Chiang Mai University**

Naohiro KITAZAWA: “Community of the Shamanism in Hanoi, Vietnam”

In Vietnam, a socialism country, the religion is considered as an enemy potentially. However, on the other hand, the existence of the shamanism continues to be mentioned. In Particular, the activation after 90’s is remarkable. This study will describe the activity of the shaman in the community by fieldwork in Hanoi city.

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