



## JaCMES – LERC - KKLO Joint Roundtable

### Migrants and Refugees Dynamics and Perception toward their Integration

- Date:** Wednesday 28 November 2018 from 14:00-18:00
- Venue:** JaCMES (Japan Center for Middle Eastern Studies), 2nd Floor, Azarieh Building, A2-1, Bashura, Emir Bashir Street, Beirut, Lebanon
- Time Table:** Each presentation is 20 min. followed by discussion 20 min.
- 14:00-14:40 Dr. **Maria Bou Zeid**, Chairperson of NDU Department of Media Studies  
*“Media coverage of forced migration between utopia and pragmatism”*
- 14:40-15:20 Dr. **Guita Hourani**, Director of NDU Lebanese Research Center for Migration and Diaspora Studies (LERC)  
*“Why Lebanon Disapprove of any Form of "Asylum ”*
- 15:20-15:40 Recess**
- 15:40-16:20 Dr. **Chen Tien-Shi**, Professor of Waseda University  
*“Historical Transformation and Integration of Chines Diaspora in Japan: Case of Yokohama Chinatown ”*
- 16:20-17:00 Dr. **Ikuya Tokoro**, Professor of Research Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies  
*“De-centralizing Cross-Border Migration Flows in Asia (TBC) ”*
- 17:00-18:00 **General Discussion and Closing**
- Discussants** Dr. **Kenichi Yanai**, Professor, Kwansai Gakuin University  
Dr. **Yuko Tobinai**, Associate Professor, Morioka University
- Chair:** Dr. **Aiko Nishikida** Director of Japan Center for Middle Eastern Studies (JaCMES)  
Associate Professor, Research Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies
- Concept:** This activity to look anew at the current dynamics of migrant and refugees and perception toward their integration in some Asian countries. Migration & refugee flow have characterized Asian lives and livelihoods in different ways particularly in the last decades as mobility increased worldwide; they have affected employment, citizens-refugees relations, media perception, naturalization, international relations, settlement patterns, etc. This mobility be it forced or voluntary has shaped and changed the composition of Asian societies and given rise to complex problems and opportunities. Speakers will address a wide range of sub-disciplines of social sciences including communication, political science, human geography, and anthropology.



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#### BIOGRAPHIES

- Presenter** Dr. **Maria Bou Zeid**, Chairperson of NDU Department of Media Studies  
 Bou Zeid is an Assistant Professor and the Chairperson of the Department of Media Studies at Notre Dame University-Louaize (NDU). She is also the Executive Director of the Arab Studies Institute (ASI) - Beirut Office. She holds a Doctorate in Media Studies from Université Paris II, Assas, Paris, France and a D.E.S. in Journalism from the Lebanese University in collaboration with the French Press Institute-IFP and the Center for the Formation and Perfecting of Journalists-CFPI, Paris, France. She has also an extensive professional experience in the field of television production and broadcast journalism. She was recently selected as the key note speaker of the 47èmes assises de la presse francophone that will take place in Yerevan-Tsaghkadzor on October 8, 2018.
- Presenter** Dr. **Guita Hourani**, Director of NDU Lebanese Research Center for Migration and Diaspora Studies (LERC), Co-Organizer of the Roundtable  
 Dr. Hourani is an Assistant Professor and Director of the Lebanese Center for Migration and Diaspora Studies at the Faculty of Law and Political Science (FLPS) at Notre Dame University-Louaize (NDU), Lebanon. She has a Ph.D. from Tokyo University of Foreign Studies (TUFS), Tokyo, Japan. She is presently Country of Origin Information Expert on Lebanon for the Fahamu Refugee Programme, Oxford, England; Board Member of the Beirut Economics Congress, of the Lebanese International University, Lebanon; Senior Research Affiliate at the Department of Christian Oriental and Byzantine Studies of the Orient Institute, Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, Germany; Joint Researcher with the Research Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa at TUFS; Expert on Citizenship with the European Union Democracy Observatory on Citizenship, Italy.
- Presenter** Dr. **Chen Tien-Shi**, Professor of Waseda University  
 Dr. Lara, CHEN Tien-shi is a Professor of Waseda University. She received her Ph.D. from University of Tsukuba in 2000. She undertook research at Chinese University of Hong Kong (1994-1995), Harvard University (1997-2000) and conducted postdoctoral studies at the University of Tokyo (2000-2003). She organized numerous events, talks and exhibitions while she was working as an associate professor in National Museum of Ethnology, Osaka (2003-2013). She started teaching at Waseda University since 2013. Her research topics

include Chinese diaspora, statelessness and migration. She also founded the NGO group Stateless Network in 2009 to advocate and support stateless issues. Her publications include: "*Chinese Diaspora-Business Network and Identities of Chinese Entrepreneurs*." (Akashi Shoten); "*Stateless*" (Shincho Bunko); "*Forgotten people- Stateless people in Japan*" (Akashi Shoten); "*Passportology*" (Hokkaidou University Press).

**Presenter** Dr. **Ikuya Tokoro**, Professor of Research Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies

Dr. Ikuya TOKORO is a Professor of Cultural Anthropology at Research Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa (ILCAA), Tokyo University of Foreign Studies (TUFS). He obtained Ph.D. from the University of Tokyo. His main research field includes the maritime world of Southeast Asia (especially in Malaysia and the Philippines), migration studies, material culture studies, and so on. His publications include: Ikuya TOKORO & Hisao TOMIZAWA (eds.) *Islam and Cultural Diversity in Southeast Asia (Vol.2): Perspectives from Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand, and Cambodia*. Tokyo: Research Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa (ILCAA), 2018.

**Discussant** Dr. **Kenichi Yanai**, Professor, Kwansai Gakuin University

Dr. Kenichi YANAI is a Professor of Constitutional Law and Deputy Dean of Faculty and Law and Politics, Kwansai-Gakuin University, Hyogo, Japan. He has a LL.D. from Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan. He is a public lawyer especially majoring in Nationality Law. He also studies British Constitution and had been a visiting research fellow of School of Law, King's college London.

**Discussant** Dr. **Yuko Tobinai**, Associate Professor, Morioka University

Dr. Yuko TOBINAI is an Associate Professor, faculty of Humanities at Morioka University, Iwate, Japan. She has a Ph.D. from Sophia University, Tokyo, Japan. Her major is anthropology and area studies. She has expertise in migration, Christianity, East Africa (especially the two Sudans and Uganda). Recently, she has conducted the research about Christian revival movement among South Sudanese in Uganda.

**Chair** Dr. **Aiko Nishikida** Director of Japan Center for Middle Eastern Studies (JaCMES), Associate Professor, Research Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Organizer of the Roundtable

Dr. Aiko NISHIKIDA is an Associate professor of Palestine Studies at Research Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies. Her primarily research topic is Palestinian refugees and investigates their rights and citizenship. These days she focuses on Arab migrants-refugees including Syrians, Iraqis and Palestinians in EU countries. Currently she is a visiting scholar of Berliner Institut für empirische Integrations- und Migrationsforschung (BIM), Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and conducting her research in Germany.

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