

International Workshop: Exploring “Ecohealth” in China and Japan

As the economic development of Asia takes an increasingly high flight and its impact on society and the environment becomes more prominent, the ways in which these changes influence human health are demanding more attention. Internationally, the term “ecohealth” has gained some currency as the overarching label for an interdisciplinary field of study that examines phenomena at the intersection of health and ecology. While the field is internally diverse, a common thread is the problem-solving orientation that brings scientists from a range of disciplines together in an integrated research effort. Often, this is complemented by an engagement of societal stakeholders in the research process. In Japan, the term ecohealth is regularly used in its directly transliterated form (エコヘルス). In China, some scholars use a similar Chinese term (生态健康), while others prefer “environment and health” (环境与健康) when referring to broadly similar research. This workshop will bring together a small group of researchers from China who engage with the environment-health interface from a number of different perspectives, as well as Japanese researchers with a similar interest, to explore the characteristics and commonalities of these approaches.

The workshop is hosted by the Research Institute for Humanity and Nature in Kyoto and organized by the NIHU project “New Developments in Ecohealth in Asia.” and “NIHU Initiative for Chinese Environmental Issues”

Date: 10th, Mar 09:30 - 17:40

11th, Mar 09:00 - 12:40

Place: 10th, Mar Seminar Room 1&2, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature

11th, Mar Seminar Room 3&4, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature

Program

10th Mar

09:30 - 10:00

Rethinking of Ecohealth in Asia: Introduction of NIHU-Ecohealth Project

Hein Mallee, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature

10:00 - 10:10 **Short Presentation: Ecohealth Research and Practice in China**

Jing Fang, Kunming Medical University

10:10 - 10:55

**Reducing Pesticide Use in Agricultural Production in Yuanmou County : An
Ongoing EcoHealth Journey**

Jing Fang, Kunming Medical University

10:55 - 11:05 **Coffee Break**

11:05 - 12:15

**Environmental Change and Cultural Adaptation: a Case Study of a Bai Fishing
Village in Erhai Lake (Chinese & Japanese)**

Ju Zhang, Kunming Medical University

12:15 - 13:30 **Lunch Break**

13:30 - 16:00

Visit Laboratory and Project Room of RIHN

16:00 - 16:10

**Short Presentation: Building an Interdisciplinary Network: The Forum on Health,
Environment and Development**

*Wuyi Wang, Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research, Chinese
Academy of Sciences & Jennifer Holdaway, FORHEAD, SSRC*

16:10 - 16:55

**Integrated Assessment on Regional Vulnerability of Environment, Health and
Development in China**

*Wuyi Wang, Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research, Chinese
Academy of Sciences*

16:55 - 17:40

Integrating Natural and Social Sciences in the Study of Environment and Health in China

Jennifer Holdaway, FORHEAD, SSRC

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09:00 - 09:45

History of Ecohealth Research in Japan

Kazuhiko Moji, Nagasaki University

Hongwei JIANG, Hein Mallee, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature

09:45 - 09:55

Short Presentation: Our Mission and Ten Year's Practice: Introduction of Eco-health & Human Ecology Committee, Ecological Society of China

Weiping Chen, Research Center for Eco-Environmental Sciences Chinese Academy of Sciences

09:55 - 10:40

China National Ecosystem Assessment: Changes of Ecological Status and Policy Applications

Weiping Chen and Zhiyun Ouyang, Research Center for Eco-Environmental Sciences Chinese Academy of Sciences

10:40 - 10:50 **Coffee Break**

10:50 - 11:35

Overweight, Commuting to School, Urban Design in Chinese School Neighborhoods

Lin Lin, East China Normal University

11:35 - 12:35 **Discussion**

12:35 - 12:40 **Closing**