



Slow Cities? The Revitalisation of Shrinking Communities in Japan

Thursday, 10th March 2016

Pavilion Room, 4th Floor, Gateway Building, St. Antony's College

- 9.30 am Coffee/Tea and Biscuits
- Introduction 10.00 - 10.15 am* Professor Sho Konishi, Nissan Institute of Japanese Studies
- Panel 1* **Shrinking Communities and the Slow City approach**
10.15 - 12.00 pm
Chair: Professor Hugh Whittaker
- Professor Gert-Jan Hospers, Radboud University, University of Twente
From Growth to Shrinkage: Managing Population Decline in Western-Europe
- Mr Pier Giorgio Oliveti, General Secretariat, Cittaslow International
Cittaslow Experiences against the Social Desertification and to Promote Local Micro-economies on Resilient Way
- Ms Heuishilja Chang, PhD student, University of Oxford
The Slow City Approach and the Resilience of Japanese Shrinking Communities
- Q&A*
- Lunch Break* *Sandwich Lunch for participants - The Buttery, Hilda Besse Building, St. Antony's College*
12.00 - 1.30 pm
Lunch for invited guests only - The Hadid Room, Hilda Besse Building, St. Antony's College
- Panel 2* **Shrinking Communities in Rural Japan**
1.30 - 3.15 pm
Chair: Professor Sho Konishi
- Professor Hirokazu Sakuno, Shimane University
The Degradation and Regeneration of Rural Areas in Japan
- Dr Peter Matanle, University of Sheffield
Achieving an Asia-Pacific Depopulation Dividend: Evidence and Experience from Shrinking Regions in Japan and New Zealand
- Dr Taro Hirai, Hirosaki University
Towards Synthesis of the Youth's Counter-urbanisation Movement and the Governmental-led Measures for Shrinking Communities in Japan
- Q&A*
- Coffee Break* *The Fellows Dining Room, Hilda Besse Building, St. Antony's College*
3.15 - 3.30 pm
- 3.30 - 4.30 pm **Can the Slow City Approach Revitalise Shrinking Communities in Japan?**
Chair: Professor Ian Neary
- Roundtable discussion*
- Q&A*
- Closing Remarks* Professor Ian Neary
4.30 - 4.45 pm