

KYOTO SYMPOSIUM 2

ON CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS RESOURCES MANAGEMENT FOR COMMUNITY'S QUALITY

“Being Now”

Community, Humanity and the Sacred: Platform for a New Economics (Lessons from Angkor)

Last year, in Kyoto Symposium 1, we discussed common values, particularly spiritual and humane, to be shared across the multicultural world to promote global cooperation.

This year, in Symposium 2, we take the next step along this humanity-centered path by focusing on community as the expression of our humanity, viewed through the prism of cross-cultural understanding - particularly in the light of Eastern vs. Western thought. Questions to be explored include, (1) How is ‘quality of community’ defined?; (2) What factors improve this quality?; (3) What factors cause deterioration in the quality of community?; and (4) What is the role of religion and the sacred in determining the quality of community? The Symposium retains its focus on creative economy but with quality of community as the platform for economic theory and policy rather than an accidental byproduct.

If the community's inherited values are destroyed or community power eroded, the community and its people are at serious risk even of survival. This is not a hypothetical observation but quite real both for humanity's future in the 21st Century, and as demonstrated in the past, with, for example, the tragedy that happened in Cambodia to the ancient capital of Angkor. By tracing the history and recent development of the Angkor World Heritage site in Cambodia in the first place and following the Aboriginal and Japanese cases as well, Symposium 2 will explore the implications of destruction and restoration of the sacred sites, their tangible and intangible heritage, for the community's identity - history, tradition and culture. These are the fundamental constituents that enable the community and its people to exist with a true sense of ‘belonging’ and quality in human relationships. Reviving an understanding of ‘Angkor’ is reviving human meaning otherwise lost.

Everything in this Symposium is about Being Now and its power to create not only local community empowerment but global transformation towards a world shaped by the highest of our human spirituality and values. Ultimately, Being Now is the very platform on which humanity must stand to create a world within which we are able to survive the increasingly present dangers of the 21st Century. The direction of economic thinking and practice must be revisited to support this platform.

Date: **June 8th, 2015, Monday 13:00-17:00** (Doors Open 12:30)

Place: Clarke Memorial Hall in Doshisha University  With interpretation between Japanese and English

Program: 13:00 -15:10 Presentation by panelists
15:10 -15:30 Break
15:30 -17:00 Panel Discussion

Panelist: **Prof. Stephen Hill** (Professor Emeritus, University of Wollongong, Australia)

Prof. Tadao Takemoto (Litterateur)

Mme. Chau Sun Kérya (Spokesperson, Authority for Protection and Management of Angkor and the Region of Siem Reap)

Producer: **Stomu Yamash'ta** (Director of St. Core Research Association, Center for the Study of Creative Economy, Doshisha University, Artist)

Moderator: **Grace Gonzalez** (Post-Doctoral Fellow, Center for the Study of the Creative Economy, Doshisha University)

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