

**Waseda University Global COE Program,
'Global Institute for Asian Regional Integration'**

Investigative Research Assistance Achievement Report

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New York City, America

Research objectives

The objectives associated with the Investigative Research Assistance Grant were twofold:

(1) To present a paper entitled "Migration and the Potential for International Cooperation in East Asia: A Comparative Examination of State Integration Policies in Japan and Korea", which examined the potential of Japan and Korea to further Asian regional integration based on cooperation in the area of human security, especially when attempting to manage problematic issues associated with migration.

(2) To network with scholars in North America who conduct similar research agendas

Achievement

My participation in the International Studies Association 50th Annual Conference contributed to my research project in several ways. First, as proposed in my application to receive this funding I was able to participate in a panel entitled "Human Security Issues in Regional Cooperation in East Asia". The panel comprised of 4 scholars: (1) Professor Tsuneo Akaha of the Monterey Institute of International Studies; (2) Professor David Arase of Ponom College; (3) Professor Jing-Dong Yuan of the Monterey Institute of International Studies; and (4) Dr. Stephen R. Nagy of Waseda University. Specifically, the panel stressed that the Studies on regional cooperation in East Asia posit conflicting prognoses depending on whether they focus on traditional state-centric security issues or non-traditional security problems in the region with the latter proffering more optimistic prospects. However, the rather sanguine postulates of the non-traditional security literature pertaining to East Asia have not been subjected to critical empirical examination. The panel attempted to undertake such analysis. For this purpose, the papers presented critically examined the opportunities and challenges in regional cooperation in non-traditional security issues in the region, with a particular focus on several human security issues, including the HIV/AIDS epidemic, labor migration and human rights, and human trafficking.

Second, the conference itself provided a valuable opportunity to attend numerous sessions examining migration, human security and Asian regional integration from many different standpoints. These sessions provided new insights into these processes as well as opportunities to network with scholars working on similar themes.

Third, one of the unintended results of this research grant and the research associated with this paper was the publication of my paper as part of the Asia Regional Integration Review (Vol. 1) edited by Professor Tsuneo Akaha and the author of this report as associate editor.

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