

**Waseda University Global COE Program,  
'Global Institute for Asian Regional Integration'  
Investigative Research Assistance Achievement Report**

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**Itinerary**                      2010/ 2/ 15/ ~ 2010/ 2/ 21/    (Month/Date/Year)

**Destination (Name of city and country)**

Monterey and New Orleans, USA

**Research objectives**

- To attend ISA 51st Annual Convention in New Orleans, where scholars of different discipline in International Relations get together from all over the world and make fruitful discussion on various topics.
- To visit Monterey Institute of International Studies, and attended one class about East Asian diplomacy. There I was able to practice how to present my topic effectively to professors and students in the institute.
- As a presenter for ISA, in order to share my research progress with experienced scholars who have the same research interest.
- As a researcher of environmental governance (which is often discussed in various disciplines) to meet and discuss with scholars who are doing the research from different disciplines.

**Research project**

Asian countries are reluctant to enforce environmental regulations to the region through Asian regional environmental institutions. However, countries have high motivation to join such institutions from early 1990s. Motivation of Asian countries to participate in transnational networks can be an important factor to support regional integration. Asian countries are motivated more than seeking merely to address environmental issues. Rather, regional characteristics are an equally if not more important factor in regional environmental cooperation.

The motivation to join in environmental institutions was studied from both neoclassical and institutional perspective. Many different components in motivation were investigated, and the challenge for Asian environmental institutions is to find collective interest in environmental improvement. This research contrasts European and Asian cases to highlight the challenges in motivation that Asian institutions need to overcome. A comprehensive set of background data of several European and Asian environmental

institutions was analyzed.

### **Achievement**

There were two parts in the research activities: one was making presentation in Monterey Institutes of International Study, and the other was making presentation in the panel of “Regional Cooperation in East Asia: Theory and Practice in Traditional and Non-Traditional Security” in ISA 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention at New Orleans from February 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>.

Discussing with students who are studying about Asian community in USA was an interesting experience. Since it was before going to New Orleans for ISA Annual Convention, I could have improved the presentation skills and the way of express my idea with PPT base on American style.

ISA Annual Convention was one of the biggest events for people who are studying about International Relations. It was surprising for me to meet many young and senior scholars that I have discussed in 2009 Amsterdam Conference on the Human Dimensions of Global Environmental Change. Many of them found this time that their comments at that time were very useful for my progress. Some of them introduced me some other conferences that is related with our research interest, and others told me some previous studies that they could not told me last time in Amsterdam. I noticed how important and valuable asset to have stewardship with peoples in the same research field with me. I am expecting to have discussion again with them when they visit Nagoya this year to participate COP10.

Throughout attending many other presentations on environmental cooperation and regional integration, I could find where my research can make profess. Many researches on Asian regional environmental cooperation were making the discussion from the common aspects of implementing international idea to regional and national level as institutional effectiveness. On the other hands, western cases now were focusing on national policy integration issues as well. It is obvious that western cases of concerning national environmental policy integration (for example, integration between climate change policy and biodiversity policy, etc.) is not exactly same case with Asian society, however, I could find one important issues for future study that consider regional characteristics in the discussion of Asian regional environmental cooperation: ‘policy integration of environment and development planning under national level in Asian countries’.

### **Confirmed by person in charge of project promotion (signature and seal)**

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