**CALL FOR PAPERS**

**Japan Society for Afrasian Studies (JSAS)**

**2020 International Conference**

**Nagoya University**

**July 4th, 2020**

**This Year’s Theme:**

***Beyond Natural Resources: The Value of Human Capital in the New Afrasian Connectivity***

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We are pleased to announce that the third international conference of the Japan Society for Afrasian Studies (JSAS 2020) will be held at Nagoya University in Aichi on July 4th this year, and we are inviting researchers, practitioners, and students, to send original research abstracts.

**About JSAS**

JSAS is a multi-disciplinary research platform of African studies in Japan/Asia and, potentially, of Japanese/Asian studies in Africa, and its focus is the creation of intercultural and intergenerational links to facilitate dialogue among participants on issues affecting Africa and Asia.

**Theme**

The proposed theme for JSAS 2020, *Beyond Natural Resources: The Value of Human Capital in the New Afrasian Connectivity,* has been inspired by that of TICAD VII (2019): “Advancing Africa's Development through People, Technology and Innovation,” Through this theme, the Japanese Government intended to strongly boost Africa's development through assistance that is unique to Japan given her strengths such as human resource development as well as science, technology and innovation. Nagoya JSAS intends to keep this theme alive, as well as the realization that the greater Africa and Asia regions have some of the world’s youngest and most rapidly growing populations. Rapid demographic changes on the two continents must be kept in mind. The importance of human capital in alleviating poverty must be put above the exploitation of natural resources and the acceleration of development projects that exclude Africa and Asia’s masses. The value of human capital, especially the grassroots and the rapidly increasing young population, will be at the centre of presentations and discussion at JSAS 2020.

The conference language is English.

**How to apply**:

Please send your proposals by word file attachment to: jsas.nagoya@gmail.com by April 30th 2020.

Proposals should include the following:

a. Title

b. Name(s) of presenter(s) and affiliation(s)

c. 300-word (maximum) abstract

The Conference Organizing Committee will examine the submitted proposals. Accepted papers will be notified by May 15th. Presenters will also be required to submit a short biography and extended abstract of approximately 1,000 words for commentators and workshop chair by June 15th.

Please note that prospective presenters need to be members of JSAS. In order to become a member, visit the JSAS website <https://www.afrasia.org/membership>

**Conference Program:** The one-day conference will be held on July 4th (Saturday) 2020. In the morning, we will have two key note speeches followed by a plenary session. The academic presentations will take place in the afternoon starting at 13:00. The conference program will be released by June 25th.

**Venue:** Nagoya University, Graduate School of International Development

<https://www.gsid.nagoya-u.ac.jp/>

**Registration and other information:**

Information regarding conference fees and pre-registration procedures will be announced in due time.

**Inquiries:**

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