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ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTIVITY SEMINAR 2018 OF THE JSPS AC DK, Oct. 11-12 2018:

Japan has been increasingly engaged with countries in Africa since the 1970s and even more so in recent years, expanding its economic development cooperation that was initially overwhelmingly oriented towards Asian countries. This change brings as much potential as challenges of various kinds to both Japan and the African region and deserves a thorough and cross-disciplinary investigation.

The seminar will be multidisciplinary with historians, political economists, and political scientists who all meet around their interest in the implications of natural resource availability on the African continent for the development of specific African countries. The seminar allows us to combine our different disciplinary approaches to explore different ways of investigating the past, present, and future of some African countries' engagement with Japan, each other, and other continents through ODA, private investment, international standards setting, trade, and diplomacy tied to natural resources.

The seminar's structure is twofold. One is to have a public research seminar for one full day open to students and others. Secondly, it brings researchers together from different disciplines with a common interest in Japan – Africa relations in light of African natural resources, which makes it possible to seriously discuss and prepare a process for further research collaboration in the future.

Dates: Oct. 11-12, 2018

JSPS BRIDGE FELLOWSHIP 2018

The FY 2018 BRIDGE fellowship of the DK Alumni Club has been awarded to Dr David Brander, Associate professor at DTU Compute, for a research stay hosted by Associate professor Shimpei Kobayashi, Hokkaido University.

UPCOMING CALLS

All members of the JSPS Alumni Club are heartily invited to prepare calls for the two support measures mentioned in the above announcements. Both are announced several months before the deadline at our website:

<http://www.jsps-sto.com/alumnidenmark.aspx>

In particular, the call for support to host our FY2019 Activity Seminar will appear in August 2018.

PRELIMINARY DATE FOR JARA 2019

A preliminary date for the next Japan Research Assembly, and as usual preceding Assembly General, is now available: March 15, 2019, afternoon, at DTU in Lyngby.

Please mark in your calendars.