

NGOs, Regional Governance and Sustainable Development in East Asia

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Talk Abstract:

East Asia is one of the most rapidly developing regions in the world. This rapid development, however, has come at a cost to the environment, leading many observers to worry about the future of the region's natural habitat and rich biodiversity. This talk will explore how NGOs and other societal actors have been collaborating across borders to promote sustainable development in the region. In particular, it will examine how NGOs use and/or work with regional institutions to promote regional governance of the environment. I will discuss three cases that provide examples of different types of NGO participation in regional governance: (1) NGO networks and the Asian Development Bank; (2) the Sulu-Sulawesi Marine Ecoregion project; and (3) the Greater Mekong Sub-region Biodiversity Conservation Corridor Initiative.

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- 2002-current Assistant Professor of Political Science, Georgia State University, Atlanta
- 2001-2002 Advanced Research Fellow, Program on US-Japan Relations, Harvard University
- 2001-2002 Consultant to the Hauser Center for Nonprofit Organizations, Harvard University
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- 1996-1997, Summer 1998 Visiting Scholar, Keio University, Tokyo, Japan
- 1990-91 Counselor, Global Business Relations, New York, New York
- 1988-90 Special Assistant to the Director, Japan Information Center, Consulate General of Japan in New York

EDUCATION

- Harvard University. Ph.D. in Political Science, Department of Government, 2001
- Harvard University. A.M., Regional Studies - East Asia, 1993
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PUBLICATIONS

A. Refereed Journal Articles

- 2006. "A View from the Top: International Politics, Norms and the Worldwide Growth of NGOs." *International Studies Quarterly* 50 (1) 45-67.
- 2001. "Building Networks from the Outside In: International Movements, Japanese NGOs and the Kyoto Climate Change Conference." *Mobilization* 6 (1): 69-82.

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- 2008 (Forthcoming). "Going Global: The Use of International Politics and Norms in Local Environmental Protest Movements in Japan." In Paul Karan, ed., *Reclaiming the Environment: Local Movement to Protect Threatened Landscapes and Environments in Japan and the United States*. Lexington: University of Kentucky Press.
- 2005. "Up to No Good? Recent Critics and Critiques of NGOs." In Henry F. Carey and Oliver P. Richmond, eds., *Subcontracting Peace: The Challenges of NGO Peacebuilding*. Aldershot, UK: Ashgate.
- 2003. "Building Global Civil Society from the Outside In? Japanese International Development NGOs, the State, and International Norms." In Frank J. Schwartz and Susan J. Pharr, ed., *The State of Civil Society in Japan*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
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C. Reviews and Case Studies

- 2005. Book review of *Gender and Human Rights Politics in Japan* (by Jennifer Chan-Tiberghien) in *Pacific Affairs* 78 (1): 138-139.
- 2002. Book review of *Organizing the Spontaneous: Citizen Protest in Postwar Japan* (by Wesley Sasaki-Uemura) in *Pacific Affairs* 75 (3): 469-70.