

Innovative Social Change Efforts and Well-Being: Charting the Course for Empowerment, Justice, and Prevention in East Asia

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The field of community psychology (CP) is a booming field around the world calling for more global action on many social and community agenda. As such, we ought to move forward with more knowledge and training opportunities to further our understanding of CP's promising concepts, methods, and evidenced-based practices in East Asia. Also, limited by the lack of networking opportunities among academicians, professionals, and students in Japan, we are organizing an event for an intellectually-challenging and information, workshop and networking opportunity. For those professionals and students who are interested in designing and evaluating innovative social change interventions, this workshop is a great opportunity for networking and collaborative research and action as we engage in hands-on experience in conceptualizing and designing a social intervention project.

We are so excited to have **Dr. Bret Kloos**, a faculty member at the University of South Carolina, and an immediate past president of the *Society for Community Research and Action* (a division of American Psychological Association) with us. Dr. Kloos will be providing an interactive plenary session where he will discuss some theoretical framework for community-based interventions from CP perspectives.

More specifically, the meeting will include (a) Dr. Kloos's keynote presentation on social justice and empowerment as a framework for social change efforts and well-being; (b) small-group interactive research workshop via Kurt Lewin's Force Field Analysis to set CP agenda for existing and future action research projects (e.g., school-related problems, workplace mental health, immigrants and refugee groups in Japan, peace issues, CP training opportunities, collaboration with local communities and schools); (c) informal networking opportunities among participants; and (e) information on possible involvement with ICU's Community Research & Action Group (ICU-CRAG) activities and the U.S. Society for Community Research Action. Any students and professionals desiring to learn about community psychology research and practice will be more than welcome!

For more information and registration (no later than February 18, 2016), please contact Ms. Tori Homma at icu-crag@gmail.com, phone: 090-9164-8909, or Dr. Toshi Sasao, Professor, International Christian University, ERB-323, Osawa 3-10-2, Mitaka-shi, Tokyo 181-8585 JAPAN Phone: +81-(0)422-33-3135, FAX: +81-422-34-6982, e-mail: sasao@icu.ac.jp. We would like to know your name, affiliation, and interest area for forming workshop groups.

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