

The 111th GiST Seminar
(The 3rd GiST-DX Seminar)

Current Trends of Digital Technology enabled socio-economic transformation in Developing Countries (Global South)

Speaker:
Yamanaka Atsushi



Japan International Cooperation Agency
Kobe Institute of Computing Graduate School

- ◆ **Date:** 18:30-20:00, June 2, 2023 (Doors open at 18:00)
- ◆ **Venue:** 5th Floor, Lecture Room M, GRIPS
7-22-1 Roppongi, Minato-ku, Tokyo
<http://www.grips.ac.jp/en/about/access/>
- ◆ **Organizer:** GRIPS Innovation, Science and Technology Policy Program (GiST)
- ◆ **Language:** English
- ◆ **Outline**

Socio-economic-governance transformation enabled by the use of digital technology is an accelerating global trend which affect both developed and developing countries. The pace of the digital transformation is even faster in developing countries where social challenges and needs are abundant. In many of these countries, digitalization of society is progressing dramatically, and innovative services are being created in both by the public and private sectors. This seminar will provide snapshot of current digitalization efforts in developing countries, showcase some examples of the innovative initiatives, and discuss potential for "reverse innovation" and innovative co-creation between developing and developed countries.

◆ **Speaker's Short bio**

Atsushi Yamanaka is an International Development/Governance specialist who has pursued 25+ years of ICT for Development career with various different national and international institutions/organizations. The services he has rendered have resulted in improved business processes and tangible developmental results for clients, which include more than 100 country offices of international organizations, bilateral donors, and Governments which include UNDP, WHO, and JICA.

He is currently working as a Senior Advisor on Digital Transformation at Japan International Cooperation Agency and also as a professor of ICT for Development at the Kobe Institute of Computing Graduate School.

◆ **Program**

18:30-18:35	Introduction by Prof. Michiko Iizuka (Moderator)
18:35-19:35	Presentation by Atsushi Yamanaka
19:35-20:00	Open discussion and close

◆ **Note**

This is an in person seminar. Please refrain from coming to the venue when you are sick, regardless of whether or not you have symptoms that suggest a new type of coronavirus infection. The event is subject to cancelation due to the situation of Covid-19.

◆ **Registration**

Please register at this registration form (<https://forms.gle/GUsoS3EYBKAHAsYK8>) by 17:00, May.31, Wed. Please note that due to the capacity of the venue, the number of participants will be limited to 70 on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you cannot open the form, please send email to GIST Secretariat, gist-ml@grips.ac.jp. Registration email must include: 1) your name, 2) institution, 3) position, and 4) e-mail address.