

Proceedings
International Forum

***“Exploring Internationally Competitive
Private Liberal Arts Colleges”***



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Background and Objectives

Background: Most small private colleges are tuition-dependent and lack enough endowments. Over the recent years, a steady decline in the number of college-age population and increased competition with public universities and a growing private education market have brought challenges to small private universities in Japan and other parts of the world. In order to suggest feasible solutions to these challenges, a research project was proposed to help review and re-design private higher education system with a special focus on improving international competitiveness and sustainability of small liberal arts colleges in Japan and beyond.

Umbrella Research Project: Our research project aims to investigate, analyze and extract the commonalities of components of small private liberal arts colleges around the world who are successful in maintaining enrollment, preparing graduates for the international job market and expanding international collaboration in research & development programs. In order to achieve this goal, we will carry out: 1) the analysis of future needs of Japanese small liberal arts colleges to improve their international competitiveness, 2) identification of a range of policy & governance requirements for successful and internationally competitive liberal arts colleges via in-depth analysis of best practices, 3) design and evaluation of a pilot international education program in the context of a Japanese liberal arts college, and 4) creation of a strong and sustainable international education and research network among innovative participants of and for our specific audience, both domestic and global.

Forum Objectives: As a part of this research project, the present event is organized to:

- Investigate best practices in 1) innovative internationalization in education and research, 2) communication and language programs, 3) technology integration or e-transformation, and 4) well-being of the total campus community at multiple levels in small liberal arts colleges in various parts of the world,
- Explore policies and strategic options to fulfill future needs of small private liberal arts colleges,
- Devise a range of effective models for international education programs and research networks that can be applied to different liberal arts college contexts, and
- Build a global design network for future higher education in Japan and beyond.

Program

Day 1 (June 13, Friday) – ERB2-201

8:30-9:30 **Breakfast meeting at Cafeteria, 1st floor, Dialogue-House**

AM Session Chair: Toshi Sasao

- 9:30 – 10:00 Registration
- 10:00 – 10:20 Welcoming message (Prof. John Maher, IERS director) and Introduction of the Research Project (Prof. Insung Jung, ICU)
- 10:20 – 11:00 Presentation 1: *ICU's Approaches to Liberal Arts Education* (Prof. Junko Hibiya, President of ICU)
- 11:00 – 12:00 Presentation 2: *Internationalization, Knowledge and (East) Asian Universities: A Personal Reflection* (Prof. Rui Yang, University of Hong Kong, China)
- 12:00 – 13:00 ICU President's Luncheon (Faculty Lounge, DH 7th Fl)
- 13:00 – 14:00 Campus tour

PM Session Chair: Mikiko Nishimura

- 14:00 – 15:00 Presentation 3: *Private Colleges in a Changing International Environment: Trends and Scenarios* (Dr. Stéphan Vincent-Lancrin, OECD)
- 15:00 – 16:00 Presentation 4: *Making the Global Local: Twenty Years of Miyazaki International College* (Prof. Micheal Thompson, Miyazaki International College, Japan)
- 16:00-16:15 Break
- 16:15 – 17:00 Reflection (Invited guest speakers and research team)
- 17:15 – 19:00 Reception (Alumni House 2nd FL)

Day 2 (June 14, Saturday) – ERB2-201

AM Session Chair: Hye-Gyeong Ohe

- 10:00 – 11:00 Presentation 5: *Global Education with High Impact and Deep Learning: A U.S. Liberal Arts College Perspective* (Prof. Jill Grigsby, Pomona College, USA)
- 11 :00 – 12:00 Presentation 6: *Innovative Approaches to Liberal Arts Education in Handong Global University* (Prof. Yohan Ka, Handong Global University, S. Korea)
- 12:00 – 13:30 Lunch

PM Session Chair: Insung Jung

- 13:30 – 14:30 Presentation 7: *Internationalization of Higher Education in Japan: How to React to the National Policies and Students' Demand* (Prof. Akiyoshi Yonezawa, Nagoya University, Japan)
- 14:30 – 15:30 Presentation 8: *Amsterdam University College : A Case Study* (Prof. Deirdre Klein Bog, Amsterdam University College, the Netherlands)
- 15:30 – 16:00 Break
- 16:00 – 17:00 Reflection and Future Actions (Invited guest speakers and research team)

Day 3 (June 15, Sunday) – ERB1-357

Chair: Insung Jung

- 09:00 – 11:00 Summary and the Closing of the Forum (Plan for Book Writing)