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Land, Food and Water A New Challenge for Asia & Africa

Seminar organized by the program CRAA-ETRE
(Understanding the New relations between Africa and Asia: transversal space of research)

December 1st, 2016 (15 :00- 17 :00)
EHESS (190 Avenue de France, 75013) CNRS Room 640

* The conference will be in English.

Land and Water at the core of the Emerging Geopolitics of Food Security: An African Perspective



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Dr. Niasse is since 2015, based in Senegal as independent consultant. He was (from 2008 to 2014) former Director of the Secretariat of the International Land Coalition (ILC), hosted by IFAD in Rome, Italy. Prior to joining ILC, Dr. Niasse served (2007-2008) as Senior Researcher (Directeur de Recherche) with the French Institute for Development Research (Montpellier, France). He previously (2001-2005) led the Water and Wetlands Programme of IUCN-West Africa based in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso; and served as Senior Policy Advisor (1998-2000) with the World Commission on Dams, in Cape Town South Africa. Dr. Niasse is former chairperson of the Roster of Experts (Inspection Panel) of the Independent Review Mechanism of the African Development Bank (2007-2010); and of the West Africa platform of the Global Water Partnership (GWP): 2005-2008. He is currently member of GWP's Technical Committee (TEC). His areas of interests are mainly on institutional and governance aspects of land, water and environmental issues, Dr. Niasse is geographer and environmental scientist by training (University C.A. Diop of Dakar, Senegal).

The Future of "Orphan Crops" : Investment Possibility on Yam and Cassava in Ghana and Nigeria



Kotaro Fukuhara is a PhD candidate at the Graduate School of Agricultural and Life Sciences, the University of Tokyo. From 2008 to 2014, he had worked at Mitsubishi Research Institute, Inc. as a Researcher. His main areas of research interest are agricultural and environmental history and agricultural meteorology. He studies historical impacts of climatic and agrotechnical changes on agriculture in high latitudes, especially focusing on rice production growth in Northeast China during the 20th century.

Mr. Fukuhara is a recipient of the 2016 Air Liquide Junior Research Fellowship at the Center for French-Japanese Advanced Studies in Paris. He will conduct the research program titled «Elucidating the driving forces of the dietary transitions: A case study for consumption patterns of edible fats and oils in France and Japan during the 20th century».

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