

World Social Science Forum 2018: Scientific Programme Committee

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Byung-joon Ahn



Dr Byung-joon Ahn is a life-long member of the National Academy of Sciences, Republic of Korea. He received a PhD from Columbia University in 1972, and taught at Western Illinois University, the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; University of California, Berkeley; SAIS, Johns Hopkins University; and George Washington University. After returning to Korea in 1978, he became professor of political science at Yonsei University until 2001. He was appointed as a member of the National Academy of Sciences, Republic of Korea, in 2000. After retiring from Yonsei in 2001 he became a visiting professor of international relations at the National Graduate Institute of Policy Studies in Japan (2002-2004) and at the KDI School of Public Policy and Management in Korea (2004-2015). He advised the Korean Government and research institutions on Asian security issues, North-South relations and international political economy between 1980 and 2001. He is the author of over ten books and many articles in Korean publications and English-language journals including *Foreign Affairs*. Recently he has focused his interests on America's and China's grand strategies, and global governance. He taught on global governance and the G-20 at the KDI School's Young Leadership programme. Most recently, he conducted a case study of global governance on climate change by analyzing the international and national political processes through which the Paris Agreement was concluded in December 2015.

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Dr Awino Okech is a lecturer at the Centre for Gender Studies at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London. Dr Okech brings over twelve years of social justice transformation work in Eastern Africa, the Great Lakes region, and South Africa to her teaching and research work. Awino has worked with and supported international and inter-governmental organisations on women's rights, conflict transformation, policing and security sector governance. Her contribution to research and knowledge transfer is reflected in her role as lead researcher for Niger and Burkina Faso in a United Nations Economic Commission of Africa commissioned study on "Causes and Consequences of conflict in the Sahel" in 2015. She also served as the lead drafter for the African Union's Operational Guidelines on Gender and Security Sector Reform in 2014 and supported UNDP's Somaliland Civilian Police Programme to review their police reform work in Hargeisa in 2012. Her publications include, among others: *Women and Security Governance in Africa* (2011) co-edited with Funmi Olonisakin; *Gendered security: Between ethno-nationalism and constitution making in Kenya* (2013); *Dealing with Asymmetrical Conflict: Lessons from Kenya* (2015); *Boundary Anxieties and Infrastructures of*

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Tatsuyoshi Saijo is programme director at the Research Institute for Humanity and Nature and director at Research Institute for Future Design at Kochi University of Technology. He received his PhD in economics at the University of Minnesota (1985). He was lecturer at Ohio State University, assistant professor at UC Santa Barbara, associate professor at Tsukuba, and professor at Tsukuba, Osaka, Hitotsubashi and Kochitech. His major field of interest is an emerging new field called Future Design that aims to design social systems that create ‘futurability’, and to practice those systems where decisions and behaviours towards futurability will make individuals happier if their actions will enrich future generations, even if the current benefit to them is reduced. His major publications include *Negotiating with the future* in *Sustainability Science* (2017). He is currently a member of Science Council of Japan.

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Professor Yasuhiko Saito’s main fields of work are demography and gerontology in general, and health expectancy and aging and health in particular. He has been involved in activities of a research network on health expectancy called REVES over the last 25 years. He is interested in studying both substantial and methodological issues on health expectancy. In recent years, he has been conducting longitudinal survey in Japan, and using longitudinal studies in Asia for his research activities. His current work includes “A cross-national comparison of hypertension among elderly in Japan and Singapore,” “Active life expectancy by sex and SES in Singapore.” Professor Saito is a member of the International Social Science Council (ISSC) Executive Committee, and Chair of the World Social Science Forum Local Program Committee.

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