

AY2016 Interactive Evening Lounge – Proposal/Report

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Proposal

Date/Time	2016 年 7 月 20 日 Wednesday July 20 th , 2016 from 18:00 to 20:00
Place	本郷キャンパス, 工学部 8 号館 536 (予定) Eng.Bld.#8-536, Hongo Campus
Title	Book Club Session 4
Organizer	Dr. Roberto Orsi
Summary	<p><Summary></p> <p>This IEL will consist in the fourth session of our GSDM Book Club, namely a regular gathering of GSDM students and faculty who, having agreed to read the same book, meet to discuss its main themes in the light of the GSDM goals. For this session, Benedict Anderson’s “Imagined Communities” has been chosen as the text participants will have to read. The IEL is opened by an explanation of the Book Club by GSDM Student Hee-Woon Lee, who kindly agreed introduce this session of the book club, then the particular book of the evening will be discussed by all participants. Finally, participants exchange their ideas and proposals about the book to read for the next meeting.</p> <p>This IEL has been organised in the form of Book Club, in order to expand the intellectual horizon of GSDM students, by means of making them approach literary works and other books which can relate to the main topics of GSDM, particularly leadership, global affairs, inter-disciplinarity.</p> <p><Outline></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 18:00-18:15 Introduction of the Book Club - 18:15-18:30 Brief summary of the book by one or more students. - 18:30-19:45 Debate <p>19:45-20:00 Decision about the next book</p>
Budget	0 JPY

Report

(English only)

Number of participants	2
Reporter	Roberto Orsi
Impressions /Comments	<p>Unfortunately, because of the end of the term and the approaching summer holidays, only two people attended this session of the book club. However, we managed to discuss a vast array of topics touched by Benedict Anderson in his book, particularly the way in which humans create and defend communities, both in relation to the historical time in which to text was written, namely the 1980s, and today. Student Hee-Woon Lee provided an extensive overview of the book, its main argument, sources, and structure, also identifying some of the key reasons of its great success.</p> <p>We then proceeded to formulate a number of possible trajectories concerning the most likely changes of identity politics in the Western world and elsewhere. Finally, we discussed the importance of technological change in shaping political communities, and the dangers of a world in constant need of economic growth, should future technological innovation not turn out so spectacular as expected.</p>

3 Photos (Please paste the pictures here and submit the original files)

