



“Transferring” processes abroad

- **Supply** (from the U.S.)
 - Expansion of the field of ECR
 - New opportunity (market) for U.S.- based ECR practitioners?
- **Demand** (in another country)
 - Developing countries: need for democratic policy-making processes
 - Developed countries: need to restructure policy-making processes

Why Japan?

- Need for new ways of policy-making and dispute resolution
 - Problems of traditional consensus building processes in local communities
 - Evolution from the bureaucratic dominance
- Similarity with a few other nations
 - Asia (S. Korea, Singapore, Thai...)
 - EU, Canada
- Focus on Japan as **an example**



Export to Japan: *Is it simple? Maybe not.*

- Differences in...
 - Governance
 - ◆ Planning processes, election, legal systems...
 - Organizations
 - ◆ Neighborhood associations, planners, ECR practitioners (lack of)...
 - Norms
 - Language



Purpose of the session

- Using Japan as a case example of countries exploring new ways of public policy-making,
- we will explore:
 - What has been the traditional methods for resolving environmental conflicts in Japan? How effective are they? (Hashimoto)
 - How do contextual differences between the US and Japan affect the effort of transferring ECR techniques abroad? (Matsuura)



Questions we want to ask, and share your thoughts....

- What is the best strategy for an international dispute resolution practitioner (from the west) to use when working in a different context?
- How ethical it is to export ideas and techniques that might change the way people make public policy decisions?

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