

# Symposium

## What Disciplinary Reference Points imply For the Quality Assurance of University Education

The quality assurance of university education is realized not just by the methodology of teaching and learning but by the contents of teaching and learning. It is also true that general skill of thinking and creativity is grown in discipline-specific learning. Driven by the necessity of showing basic discipline-specific contents, Benchmark Statement has been formulated since the beginning of this century in UK. In Japan, Disciplinary Reference Points have been formulated: The Reference Points for each subject are described in an universal format so that we may compare the learning of each subject with the learning of other subjects thus promoting mutual understanding of those who are involved in teaching and learning of different subjects. We expect that the reference points may promote mutual collaboration among different fields for the peace and fruitfulness of our civil society.

Here we will discuss why disciplinary aspects of quality assurance is important with Prof. Janet Gail Donald, who proposes the characteristic of disciplinary learning as “Learning to Think” and with Prof. Kayo Matsushita, who is expert of disciplinary and generic characters of learning outcome.

**Date: September 24(Mon), 2018**

**14:00~17:00**

**Venue: International Conference Room,  
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### *Program (with simultaneous translation)*

-Opening: Junko Hibiya (President, International Christian University)

-Project Review: Kazuo Kitahara

(Principal Investigator, Prof. Emeritus, International Christian University)

-Lectures

- Dr. Janet Gail Donald (Prof. Emeritus, McGill University)

*“Learning to Think - Disciplinary Perspectives”*

- Dr. Kayo Matsushita (Prof. Kyoto University)

*“Disciplinary Reference Points and Learning Outcomes:*

*Disciplinary Characteristic, Cross-Boundary and Generic Nature”*

-Discussion

Tea for mixer after 17:00

**Organizer: International Christian University**

**Co-organizers :**

-JSPS Grant-in aid (B) “Study of Organization-Contextual Factors of Curriculum Improvement by the Usage of Disciplinary Reference Points” (#17H02685, Principal Investigator: K.Kitahara)

-JSPS Advanced Research Project of Humanity and Social Science “International Comparative Study of Innovation of Humanity and Social Science” (Principal Investigator: M. Sato/Group Leader: K. Matsushita)

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