

## 4. Annual Plans

2016	
<b>Objectives</b>	<p><u>Kick start the project</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Develop/expand the research environment and organizational structures of the Center for Glocal Studies</li> <li>2. Reaffirm (and, if necessary, revise) theories and practices of glocal-studies</li> <li>3. The six teams, together with the General Team, will begin their theoretical and empirical research</li> <li>4. Build partnerships with universities and research institutions worldwide</li> <li>5. Hold an international pre-symposium on UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage</li> </ol>
<b>Project Outline</b>	<p>Over the five-year project term, we will develop/expand the research environment and organizational structures of the Center for Glocal Studies (with a particular focus on developing a website that communicates to a global audience) to enable researchers to conduct research rapidly and effectively. This year, the project will commence with an opening seminar to reaffirm glocal-studies theories and methodological practice as well as to identify areas requiring modification. Then, the six teams will commence their theoretical and empirical research in their respective areas. We will also attempt to forge partnerships with overseas universities and research institutions to pave the way for an overseas research network. To this end, we have already established partnerships with Thammasat University (Thailand), UNESCO, and the International Research Center for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region (IRCI). We will also work to forge partnerships with Monash University (Australia), the University of Hong Kong, and the University of Munich (Germany). In March 2017, we will work with the IRCI to organize an international pre-symposium on UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage in an attempt to apply glocal-studies theories and methodologies practically. The Internal Evaluation Committee and the External Evaluation Committee will evaluate the performance of the project as of 2016, using the Research Progress Report Form submitted at the end of the year.</p>
2017	
<b>Objectives</b>	<p><u>Continue to advance the project</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Develop/expand the research environment and organizational structures of the Center for Glocal Studies</li> <li>2. The six teams will continue their theoretical and empirical research</li> <li>3. Examine the glocal-studies theories and practices (hold international symposium on UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage)</li> <li>4. Publish a collection of papers on the theories and practices of glocal-studies</li> <li>5. Build partnerships with universities and research institutions worldwide</li> </ol>
<b>Project Outline</b>	<p>The objective for this year is to further the development/expansion of the research environment and organizational structures of the Center for Glocal Studies. Each of the six project teams will continue their previous year's efforts in theoretical and empirical research. In 2016, we held a pre-symposium on the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage. Building on the findings of that gathering, we will hold an international symposium in late June 2017 with the International Research Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region (IRCI). The tentative title of the symposium is "How inclusion on the UNESCO list of Intangible Cultural Heritage impacts local communities: From the perspective of glocal-studies." At this symposium, attendees will discuss the theories and practices of relevant researchers and officials across the globe from a practical perspective. The outcomes of the symposium will be compiled and published in English within the academic year. In addition, we aim to publish Japanese-language works on theories and practices of glocal-studies within the same year. As in 2016, the Internal Evaluation Committee and the External Evaluation Committee will evaluate the performance of the project as of 2017, using the Research Progress Report Form submitted at the end of the year.</p>
2018	
<b>Objectives</b>	<p><u>Continue to advance the project and compile the interim report</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Compile the interim report (for the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT)) and publicize the report by, for example, uploading the report (as a PDF) on the project website</li> <li>2. Revise the project plan based on the feedback from the interim report</li> <li>3. Examine glocal-studies theories and practices from a practical perspective (hold international symposia)</li> <li>4. Build partnerships with universities and research institutions worldwide</li> <li>5. Incorporate into the interim report the theoretical and empirical findings of the six teams and the General Team</li> <li>6. Prepare to share the research findings via the Japan Massive Open Online Education Promotion Council (JMOOC) as part of contributing to society (prepare online university course)</li> </ol>

<b>Project Outline</b>	<p>The year 2018 marks the project's third year, the middle year of the project term. Accordingly, we will hold symposia focusing on the project as a whole, and incorporating into the interim report the theoretical and empirical findings of the six teams. We will discuss the outcomes with researchers and practitioners from inside and outside Seijo University, and from inside and outside Japan, and critically appraise the outcomes based on their views. The interim report will be submitted to MEXT. We will consider the feedback of the research outcomes (this feedback will be based on the interim report) and revise the plans for the fourth year and beyond, accordingly. As part of the effort to examine the theories and methodological practice of glocal-studies, we will work with the Germany-based World Social Sciences and Humanities Network (World SSH Net) to hold an international symposium calling for corrections or improvements in Western-centric social sciences and humanities. We will use the symposium as an opportunity to continue the previous year's work of building partnerships with overseas universities and research institutions. As part of our effort to share research outcomes, we will prepare to launch an online course via the JMOOC. MEXT, the Internal Evaluation Committee, and the External Evaluation Committee will evaluate the performance of the project as of 2018, using the Interim Research Outcomes Report submitted at the end of the year.</p>
2019	
<b>Objectives</b>	<p><u>Continue to advance the project and prepare to conclude the project</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hold international symposia in the venues of overseas partner institutions to present glocal-studies theories and methodological practice, along with examples of research, and critically examine the work</li> <li>2. Build partnerships with universities and research institutions worldwide</li> <li>3. The six teams will continue their theoretical and empirical research</li> <li>4. Present and critically examine a vision of an inclusive society grounded in glocal-studies research</li> <li>5. Share research findings via JMOOC as part of contributing to society (launch online university course)</li> </ol>
<b>Project Outline</b>	<p>As part of our effort to share research outcomes and contribute to society, we will launch an online course via JMOOC. We will also hold workshops in partner institutions such as Monash University or the University of Munich to discuss the present theories and methodological practice of glocal-studies, along with examples of research, and gather feedback on the work. Through symposia and workshops in overseas venues, we will complete the work of building a collaborative research network. In Japan, too, we will hold symposia on glocal-studies theories and methodological practice, present the vision of an inclusive society (the central element of the project), and examine and discuss feedback on such. Based on the above activities, we will summarize the research outcomes of the past four years in a tentative report, with a view to ultimately compiling the Final Research Outcomes Report. Meanwhile, the six teams will continue their theoretical and empirical research. The Internal Evaluation Committee and the External Evaluation Committee will evaluate the performance of the project as of 2019, using the Research Progress Report submitted at the end of the year.</p>
2020	
<b>Objectives</b>	<p><u>Conclude the project, compile the final report, formulate the next project</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Continue to share the research findings via JMOOC as a contribution to society</li> <li>2. The six teams will conduct supplementary research and conclude their work</li> <li>3. Compile the draft of the final report, hold a public seminar (present a vision of an inclusive society, gather feedback)</li> <li>4. Publish the outcomes in <i>Seijo Glocal Studies in Society and Culture</i> and other publications</li> <li>5. Compile the final report (for MEXT) and publicize the report by, for example, uploading the report (as a PDF) on the project website</li> </ol>
<b>Project Outline</b>	<p>We will continue to run the JMOOC-based online course, through which we share research outcomes and contribute to society. The six research teams will conduct supplementary research and conclude their work. With this university as a venue, we will hold public symposia about the whole project where we will present our vision of an inclusive society and request feedback on it. We will compile the Final Research Outcomes Report and submit it to MEXT. Alongside this, we will release the Center for Glocal Studies' research outcomes in <i>Seijo Glocal Studies in Society and Culture</i> and other publications, and promptly upload the PDFs of the material on the project website. Although 2020 marks the final year of the project, Seijo University and the Center for Glocal Studies will continue to advance glocal-studies. To this end, we will formulate an ongoing research plan taking into account the feedback we receive from universities and institutions in Japan and overseas. The Internal Evaluation Committee and the External Evaluation Committee will evaluate the performance of the project at the end of the year using the Research Progress Report Form.</p>