

## 学外研究支援 (海外・国内) に係る成果報告書

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2023年度に実施した学外研究支援 (海外・国内) について、下記のとおり成果を報告します。

[実施期間]

2023年9月13日～2024年9月12日

[出張先]

- イタリアとポルトガル  
Italy and Portugal
- Maya Bay, Phuket, Thailand- research on the sustainable management of tourism projects.
- Boruca-Talamanca, Costa Rica - research on the Costa Rican Indigenous people.
- Auckland, New Zealand, research on city sustainability and the LGBTQ+ Pride in Sydney, Australia known as *Mardi Gras*. Before the parade I had the opportunity to meet Professor Dr. Kita Miyuki (北 美幸) and students from the University of Kitakyushu.
- Boracay and El Nido, Palawan, Philippines, visited tourism development projects, interviewed the local people, and interacted with community members.

[テーマ] 文化の研究をしました。Cultural Studies

[当初の目標及び成果の要旨] (\* 2 ~ 4 ページ記入)

**STUDY ABROAD REPORT**  
**Professor Rodolfo Delgado**  
**September 2024**

I want to express my sincere thanks to the University of Kitakyushu, Kitagata Campus, for allowing me to study abroad from September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, to September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024. It was a unique experience as shown in this report but not without its problems! My initial application for the Study Abroad program mentioned that I was going to undertake research in the Department of Human Sciences for Education at the University of Milan at Bicocca, Italy, but unfortunately professors from this organization cancelled my invitation as a visiting scholar at the last minute saying that they did not have a visitor's residence for me, or office space, or sponsorship for a visa for a year, or a supervisor for my intended research project. The Department of Human Sciences for Education at the University of Milan at Bicocca also said that the maximum of the visitor period was three months, and even if they could support me, I still needed to find a supervisor for the entirety of my visiting period of one year, and such a professor was not available.

Despite this, to check I visited the University of Milan at Bicocca briefly early in the study period and attended a couple of classes. These were Tourism Management and a Spanish Language Class. Before arriving at the University however, I met one of their professors, and she guided me to the building where I was attending the lecture in Tourism Management. She also happened to know the professor I was meeting. I also attended her class later in the afternoon. She kindly accepted my self-invitation in replacement of my visiting status. It was interesting to observe how the Italian university students learn Spanish and I participated actively in that class.

However, Milan felt expensive and unsafe. Also, I was not feeling comfortable there because of my situation. So, I booked a flight to Lisbon, Portugal and left Milan after a week. I followed my intuition, and it felt like I was not making a mistake by choosing Lisbon as an alternative location for study leave. I did not speak Portuguese, but I wanted to learn it. There were also many Brazilians in Lisbon, giving the place a Latin American atmosphere, I felt like at home. I searched for Portuguese language schools, but these were expensive. I therefore focused on research and visited World Heritage Sites in Lisbon and Sintra. After a few weeks I moved to Porto, north of Lisbon. Here I met a scholar in a restaurant; I started talking to the Chilean national sitting across from my table, and she highly recommended a university in Portugal. I tried an online search about that university and sent my personal data online on the same evening because it was the last day of extraordinary enrollment to the program that was revealed.

I could not believe it myself that after finishing a doctorate I might want to do another one. I visited that university the following day and two days later, I was attending classes. I enrolled in the PhD Program in Cultural Sciences at the University of Trás-os-Montes and Alto Douro, in Vila Real, Portugal. I took classes in Portuguese for a year and completed the first year of courses of

the program successfully; the course readings were in Portuguese, French, and Spanish and the topics were interesting, as were the class discussions. The Professors were very accommodating despite my limited knowledge of Portuguese.

I will continue with the doctoral program online for two more years, studying during the evenings and on Sundays. The doctoral program is designed for working professionals and 95% of the students enrolled in the doctoral program are working full-time for an organization in Portugal. My senior, Claudio, a national from Brazil was extremely helpful, and guided me through the ropes of the management systems of the university. I found many cultural similarities between the Portuguese and the Japanese, sometimes the experience was like being in the Japanese countryside. Vila Real is a small town of 50,000 people, and it feels safe walking at night in the Romanic heritage of the town. The name of the university means the university behind the mountains of the Douro region (surrounded by the mountains and wineries of the best wine in Portugal). The Portuguese cuisine authenticity was also a subject that needs to be studied in detail.

### ***Enrolment Details***

PhD Program in Cultural Sciences at the University of Trás-os-Montes and Alto Douro, in Vila Real, Portugal.

Director: Fernando Alberto Torres Moreira [Full Professor].

Vice-Director: Orquídea Maria Moreira Ribeiro [Associate Professor].

List of courses completed:

1st year

1st semester

History of culture: practices and representations (15023)

Theories of culture (15022)

Option I

Culture, creativity, and innovation (15032)

Option II

Expansion, contact and interculturality (15030)

2nd Semester

Thesis project seminar in cultural sciences (15024)

2nd year Doctoral thesis in cultural sciences (19515) **Now enrolled.**

3rd year Doctoral thesis in cultural sciences (19516) will start in September 2025.

### **Additional activities carried out during the period of study leave**

#### ***Field Research***

During the winter break of the program, I was able to conduct the required field research in the following places:

- Maya Bay, Phuket, Thailand- research on the sustainable management of tourism projects.
- Boruca-Talamanca, Costa Rica - research on the Costa Rican Indigenous people.

- Auckland, New Zealand, research on city sustainability and the LGBTQ+ Pride in Sydney, Australia known as *Mardi Gras*. Before the parade I had the opportunity to meet Professor Dr. Kita Miyuki (北 美幸) and students from the University of Kitakyushu.
- Boracay and El Nido, Palawan, Philippines, visited tourism development projects, interviewed the local people, and interacted with community members.
- During the month of March 2024, I was able to make the final revisions to my dissertation of the Doctorate in Business Administration at Anaheim University (AU), and the completion of the degree was official on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024.

■以下該当ある場合は記入して下さい。

[成果の公表] \*成果物を別途添付してください。(様式は問いません。)

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***Manuscript:***

***Costa Rican Indigenous People, Cultural Identity, Language and Protectionism***

My manuscript has been accepted for publication in the Advances in Sciences, Technology, and Innovation, International Experts for Research Enrichment and Knowledge Exchange (IEREK) series for Interdisciplinary Studies. Publishing partner: Springer.

Publication has been confirmed, the publication will be available in 2025. I would like to give special thank you to Professor Dr. Malcolm Cooper, former Vice President, and now Emeritus Professor at Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU), who edited the publication, my dissertation at AU and many of my papers submitted for the courses at UTAD.

I submitted my dissertation for the Doctoral Degree in Business Administration at Anaheim University at the end of March 2024.

***Publication title: International Marketing of Destinations in Japan: Intercultural Perspectives and Behavior of International Tourists***

[参加した学会・研究会・講演会]

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I attended the University of Maia, Portugal and Center of Tourism Development Studies and IEREK. **Cultural Sustainable Development (CST)** conference from the 28th to the 30th of May 2024. My paper was entitled: ***Costa Rican Indigenous People, Cultural Identity, Language and Protectionism.***