

Short Biography of Atsushi Sunami

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His research has concentrated on a comparative analysis of national innovation systems with particular focus on China and India, and an evolutionary approach in science and technology policy-making process. *An Evolutionary Theory of Economic Change* (written by Richard R. Nelson and Sidney G. Winter) translated by Akira Goto, Tatsuo Tanaka and him was published last October. He has just finished a book called *“Intellectual Property Rights, Development, and Catch Up an International Comparative Study* Edited by Hiroyuki Odagiri, Akira Goto, Atsushi Sunami, and Richard R. Nelson (Oxford Univ. Press, 2010) and has contributed a chapter called “Environmental Technology: Hong Kong’s Innovation System” in *Innovation and the Limits of Laissez-faire: Hong Kong’s Policy in Comparative Perspective*, Doug Fuller, ed. (Palgrave, 2010).

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