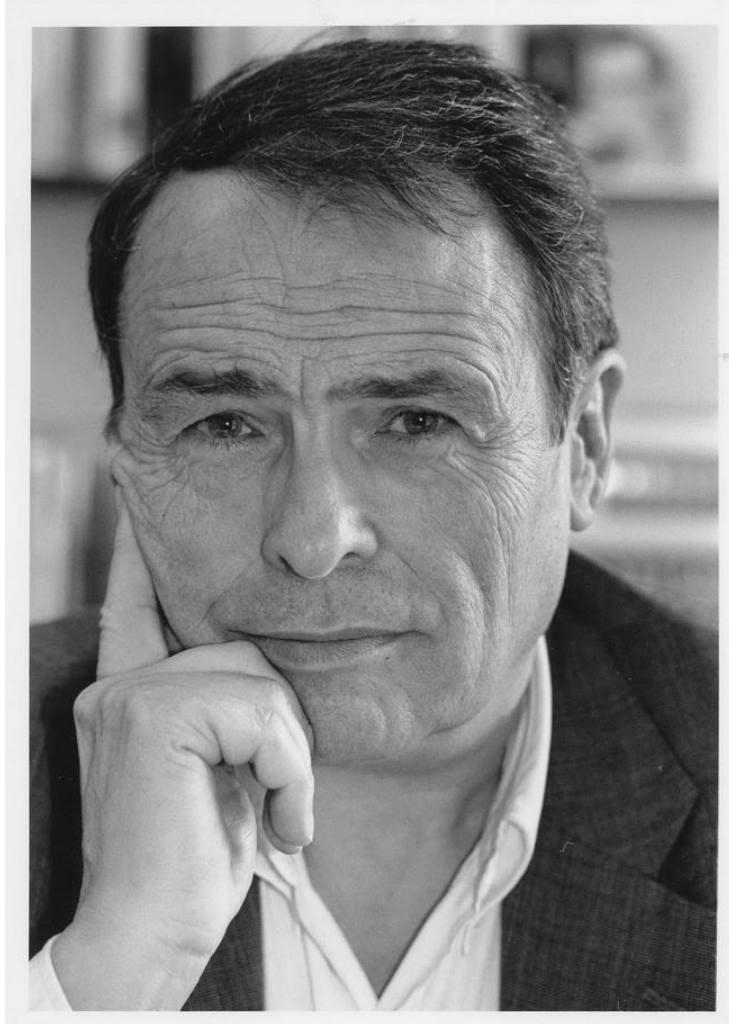


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**: A Case Study of International Collaborative  
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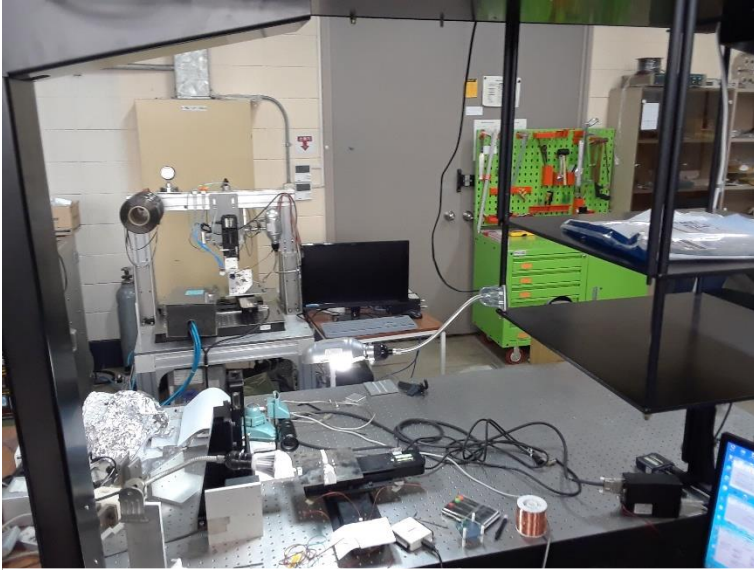
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- **Symbolic power:** economic-, social-, cultural-capitals, and social classes
- ***Habitus*:** a social space historically created through interactions of structure and agency

# Research Design and Sites



# ***Economic Capital***

- A Korea-Tanzania joint research center
- 2017-2020
- The Korean Ministry of Science and ICT:  
Two billion KRW (approximately 1.8 million USD)
- A Tanzanian university: Research space including land and buildings.

- “I think this collaboration will be more successful if we conduct a number of projects that are needed in Tanzania ... 500 million KRW for one year is not at all enough for conducting several projects that bring the synergetic effect.”

# ***Social Capital***

- “... any information regarding developing countries such as relevant research projects, businesses, and human resources is naturally gathered.”  
(Director H)

- Director J met a director H through a mutual friend.
- In 2010, J and his wife, 700-800 Korean missionaries suggesting possible businesses ideas such as selling solar lamps for fund raising.
- 2013, one of the missionaries asked if they could build a solar panel on their local building so that the local church can start businesses.

# ***Cultural Capital - Payment***

- “These local people, they are accustomed to work certain way. Now [our center is] creating an environment where people think ‘oh if we work with them, they will pay you after a certain number of days.’ It’s not good mood.”



# ***Cultural Capital – Historical Experience***

- “People sometimes don’t want to use something totally different from what they expect. They have a lot of assumptions towards it. I felt those assumptions when we went to the district office. We had district officials questioning our motivations. Because [officials in the district office] don’t understand, they think there’s conspiracy behind it.”

# ***Cultural Capital – Shared***

- “We are very happy when we collaborate with countries like Korea because Koreans remember when they were like us. When your parents were growing, it was just like Tanzania. The gap [between Korea and Tanzania] is not as big as, for example, the US and Tanzania. ... Koreans remember. This is important.”

# ***Habitus – Individual Aspiration***

- “I don’t have to do this. As you know, in terms of the journal paper publication, the Tanzanian project is not that helpful for me. But, it is fun. I like conducting this collaborative project.” (Director H)

# ***Habitus – Local Engagement***

- “People [in the local village] are commenting on what they want to do because they know what’s in processing. They are like ‘Will smart meter do this and that?’ So they ask, but they kind of like giving their opinion of what they want. ... They were fascinated.”

# Conclusion

Symbolic powers, Individual aspiration,  
Local engagement

