

Abstracts

Controversy of American Journalism toward Perry's Expedition to JAPAN

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Japan had opened the country to foreign intercourse by the force of Commodore Perry. Japan had been behind its curtain of self-imposed isolation for more than hundreds of years, when Perry's armed ship appeared to Edo Bay. This monograph states on American journalism and public opinion, when the project of Perry's expedition to Japan had opened to the newspaper. Newspapers and magazines edited special feature editions and debated on this news story.

New York Dairy Times (New York Times) opposed Perry's mission, but the Express approved the project strongly.

HUNGARY'S BANKING REFORM AND JOINING THE EURO-ZONE

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Together with 10 newly accepted countries, from May 2004 Hungary became full member of the EU. Thus, the more than decade long process of system transformation has arrived to a decisive milestone : Hungary finally got integrated into the West.

Hungary has successfully completed the sophisticated adjustment to the EU-rules (*acquis communautaire*) to become eligible for full membership. However, there are still a few years ahead to introduce the Euro, for which a relative stability of the budget and the currency exchange rate is stipulated as condition.

The paper discusses the reform of the banking sector after the socialist era, the problem of bad loans and the ways of their consolidation. As a result, Hungarian banks were capitalized up to the internationally accepted normative of the BIS and their privatization through Western banks brought a dramatic improvement in their business performance.

Hungary's banking at present is fully compatible with the West and the MNB (Hungarian National Bank) is now applying an exchange rate system in compliance with the EMU. In addition to the formal rate mechanism, a relevant adjustment between the exchange rate's stability and the budget deficit must be accomplished, so that the Euro could be introduced in a few years.

エスニック・アイデンティティと「世代」の要因

文献レビューその1：1988年～1998年

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本稿は北米における「エスニック・アイデンティティと『世代』の要因」をテーマにした研究のレビューを土台としている。1970～1980年代にかけてエスニシティ研究の分野では「エスニシティの本質」をめぐっての議論が活発であったが、その後の研究者の関心動向を把握する上で主要学術雑誌、文献のレビューを行なった。1980年代後半以降に浮上した「エスニシティの黄昏論」から「パンエスニシティ」、そして「同化理論の復興」までの様々な研究テーマを解説しながら、「エスニック・アイデンティティ」、「世代間継承」、そして「同化」などの概念を再考するのが目的である。

Life-courses and Career Designs among Female Students

Itsuko KAMOTO

The Faculty for the Study of Contemporary Society, Kyoto Women's University, was established in 2000. Our faculty's aim is to overcome the limitations of traditional academic disciplines. To understand difficulties entailed by the extremely rapid social change that contemporary society faces, we have to have multiple views, from natural sciences to humanities. What can we do to help our students comprehend issues of society today ?

This paper will focus on 43 students who took one of the social survey classes offered in the academic year of 2003. The theme of this class was 'Women's choice : Career formation and child-rearing'. Before interviewing working women, students were asked to formulate their own life-course: what kind of job they would like to have, and if they will continue their job when they become pregnant or quit their job to be 'housewives'. Comparing such "imagined" life-courses with the social survey conducted by Michiko Kanda in 1997-8, the characteristics of our students will put in relief, especially how their mothers and their grandmothers have affected the choice of their life-course.

A Study of a Way of City Planning for bringing up Culture at The Kansai Science City

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Summary

The Kansai Science City that is large scale city planning has been 30 years.

Now there are 78 laboratories and 210000 peoples live in the city. It is necessary to construct of corresponding to change of social & economical conditions. We study a way of city planning for bringing up culture at Kyoto prefecture area. As the result, it is necessary to create the diversity of communities and from a limited uses to diversity of land uses in city planning, to taking part citizens. We saw some citizen's groups are actively, for example NPO, at Seika and West Kizu area. But it is necessary to have coordinator and cultural exchange facility for bringing up culture.

Key word : Kansai Science City/city planning/community/culture/urban planning/NPO/pilot model city

Gender Differences in Japanese Local Politics

Hideko TAKEYASU

This paper aims to examine the gender differences between women and men councillors and to explain by what factors women are obstructed to stand for elections, analyzing the results of Japanese Councillors Survey. The survey was conducted by H Takeyasu and M Kasuga in 2002. It covered over the whole Japanese councillors, approximately 63000. Firstly, three types of councillors are identified according to the kinds of resources which are utilizable for candidates. Then, the findings point out how different women councillors are from men councillors in terms of their social background, requirements, interests, consciousness and activities.

The choice not to have a child

Satoko SAKAZUME, Keiichiro MATSUSITA

Using models concerning the demand for children, we analyze the increase of couples choosing not to have a child. This model shows that the increase of those couples mentioned above occurs if the difference of lifetime income between women bearing a child and women not bearing a child is large or investment in the child's education is much higher than the other consumption goods.

A Preliminary Study on Gender and Law : For the Study of Law and Society on the Status of Women

Akiko TEJIMA, Akira FUJIMOTO, Kayo MINAMINO, Atsuko MIWA, Keiko SAWA

As a first year report of the research project "The Accountability of the Feminist Jurisprudence", this article addresses the themes investigating on the possibilities and limits of the theories and practices of the Feminist Jurisprudence. They are ;

- (1) International conventions and transnational feminist movements,
 - (2) On the comparative study of the rape laws,
 - (3) Rethinking "necessity" for wage workers with family responsibility, and
 - (4) On the affirmative action in U.S.—Title IX and the Universities.
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A Preliminary Study on the Rights of Minority Women

Keiko SAWA

As a preliminary study on the possibilities and limits of the rights of minority women now on the move in Japan and on the international level, in this article, the rights, the meaning of minority women and the activities of the NGOs of minority women are investigated.

Precautionary principles can guide environmental policies ?

Takatsu Yoshio

Precautionary principles have been influential all over the world. In its strongest forms, the principles require regulation of activities even if it cannot be shown that those activities are likely to produce significant harms. Taken in strong form, precautionary principles should be rejected, because they lead in no directions at all. This article examines such arguments against precautionary principles and tries to show how the principles can guide environmental policies.

On Contemporary Education (4)

Naoki KAMO

In the foregoing three essays, I examined broadly the educational conditions of contemporary Japan, citing various opinions of many scholars and critics. In this last essay, I will try to survey the recent controversy about the decline in the academic ability of Japanese students and some related issues.

Key words : education with latitude, the decline in the academic ability, the tendency to lose interest in study, the formation of stratified society, educational reform

The Relation between Investment in Education and the Demand for Children

Satoko SAKAZUME

In this paper I investigate the relation between investment in education and the demand for children using model. I assume in the models as follows : parents decide the gross investment in education, and then demand for children. This model shows that if the household income is over one level, the household has children, while if not, the household has no children.

On the Revitalization of Tarumi shopping district

Shoken ITO

Two large urban redevelopments have brought the surplus of store in Tarumi shopping district in Kobe. It must cause the decline of the traditional area of the district without some special efforts.

As traditional shopping towns contribute not only to shopping, but also sustaining local culture and security, their declines may mean irreparable losses to the societies.

Located in front of JR station, Tarumi traditional shopping area has good potential for revitalization. I propose three-stage development plan which could be a basis of future growth.

On the Advisory Organ of the Foreign Residents
in the Mid-size and Small Local Governments
—A case study on Toyonaka City—

Keiko SAWA

Institutionalization of the advisory organ for and by the foreign residents has been rapidly augmented these years. Although, especially in the mid-sized and small-size local governments, this institutionalization has its own problems to solve. This research investigates these subjects examining the reports of an advisory committee of Toyonaka City, Osaka Prefecture.
