

Abstracts (要 旨)

The limit of BRICS's 'De-dollarization' policy, and the reality China's development finance faces:

Is China 'Lender of Last Resort' under the UD dollar Standard System?

Kazuo TORITANI

With the covid-19 coming under control and the outbreak of Ukraine war, 'De-dollarization' policies BRICS countries proposed have been reported consecutively. On the other, as the research team of Global Development Policy Center, Boston University, elaborately analyzed China's development finance, which has been carried out in line with Belt and Road Initiative of China, seems declined in past years. This paper takes up BRICS's 'De-dollarization' policies and China's development finance, two of which have built China's international financial policies, and reveals their limit and reality under 'the US dollar standard system'.

Keywords : BRICS, De-dollarization, internationalization of renminbi, debt trap, Belt and Road Initiative, AIIB, NDB

The Repository Site Selection by an Act of the Bundestag (German Federal Parliament) and its Democratic Legitimizing Function

Yuya IKUTA

Final disposal of high-level radioactive waste in Germany is carried out based on the procedure of the Repository Site Selection Act (StandAG). The site selection shall be made by an act of the Bundestag, which raises the issue of the separation of powers due to the intervention of the legislative power in the executive power.

In accordance with the precedent of the Federal Constitutional Court of Germany that recognized the constitutional permissibility of such "planning by law (Legalplanung)", the site selection by an act must conform to the following criteria: (1) the contents of the planning are suitable for the form of a law; (2) the plan is based on the preparation by the executive power; (3) good grounds (gute Gründe) exist for the planning by law. Regarding (3), the democratic legitimizing function of law is the most supported as a good ground for the site selection by an act.

Key words : The Repository Site Selection Act, planning by law, democratic legitimizing, separation of powers, generality of law

Perinatal Psychiatry in France Today

Yukiko HAMASAKI, Benoît QUIROT, Bérengère BEAUQUIER-MACCOTTA, Nicolas TAJAN

A medical system in which child psychiatrists play a central role in perinatal psychiatry has been functioning since the 1970s in France. Dr. Benoît Quirot, a child psychiatrist specializing in perinatal psychiatry, was invited to Kyoto to give a lecture on the reality of this system. The growing interest in perinatal psychiatry and improvement in screening techniques for very early psychiatric signs in infants have led to the development of perinatal psychiatric outpatient clinics and day units in France. In addition, mother-child inpatient facilities have been utilized to treat maternal psychopathology (exacerbation of chronic mental illness, severe perinatal depression, and high-risk parenting), and lack of family and social support were considered indications for hospitalization. The French government has noted the importance of perinatal psychiatric care from a public health perspective, and conditions for equitable access to care have been rapidly developed over the past 2 years. The challenge for the future in France is to accurately describe the unique care and treatment that perinatal psychiatry has provided to date and objectively verify its effectiveness. More structured studies are required for this purpose.

Keywords : France, perinatal psychiatry, perinatal depression, very early psychiatric signs
