

## 8. Sociology of Law

*The Japanese Association for the Sociology of Law* held its 2015 General Meeting at Tokyo Metropolitan University on May 8, 9, and 10.

### **Symposium: Perspectives on Gender and Law**

#### **1. General Symposium: Perspectives on Gender and Law**

- (1) “Introduction to the Symposia: Gender Inequality in the Japanese Society”  
Kayo Minamino (Professor, Kyoto Women’s University).
- (2) “What is Required from the Standpoint of Dominance Theory: Why is the Problem of Gender Equality Treated Lightly, and Why Has Gender Equality Not Been Advanced in Japan ?”  
Yayo Okano (Laywer).
- (3) “Relational Approach And Legal Theory: From the Viewpoints of Gender Equality and Violence”  
Yuka Kaneko (Professor, Doshisha University).
- (4) “What Does Critical Legal Studies Contribute to Legal Theories on Gender ?”  
Motoaki Funakoshi (Professor, Kyoto University),
- (5) “Comments for Symposium’ ”  
Ko Hasegawa (Professor, Hokkaido University).

#### **2. Mini-Symposium 1: Gender Equality and Law**

- (1) “Gender Equalities and Social Norms”  
Shuichi Kato (Professor, Meiji Gakuin University).
- (2) “Why Gender Inequality in Employment is So Difficult to be Solved ?”  
Mutsuko Asakura (Professor, Wasada University).
- (3) “Gender Inequality and Domestic Violence”  
Akiko Tejima (Associate Professor, Kyoto Women's University).
- (4) “Sexual Harassment and Gender Equality in Japan”  
Kazue Muta (Professor, Osaka University).
- (5) “Comment: From the Viewpoint of Constitutional Law”

Mina Endo (Professor, Waseda University).

**3. Mini-Symposium 2: Conditions for the Substantiation of Rights**

- (1) “Empowerment of Individuals through a Rights-Based Approach: Exploring Culture-Sensitive Context-Specific Assistance toward Realization of Rights”  
Atsuko Miwa (Researcher, Kyoto Human Rights Research Institute).
- (2) “Gender Diversity in Judiciary and Realizing Gender Rights”  
Keiko Sawa (Associate Professor, Kyoto Women’s University).
- (3) “Evaluating Gender Impact Assessment in the Legislative Process of South Korea”  
Seon-Young Park (Previous study Committee member, Korean Women’s Development Institute).
- (4) “Realization of Gender Equality and Japanese Politics”  
Yuki Tsuji (Associate Professor, Tokai University).
- (5) “Comment: Policy Cycle and the Politics of Gender”  
Masaki Abe (Professor, Osaka City University).

**4. Articles:**

- (1) “Conservation of Japanese Traditional Festival by Mobilizing Law: Legal Mobilization by the Community in Making a Foundation of Gion Festival Yamahoko Association”  
Machiko Furuyama (Research Fellow, Osaka City University Urban Research Plaza).
- (2) “The Incremental Reform of the Japanese Law School: Integration of Formal Legality and Substantive Legality”  
Naoya Endo (Lawyer).

**9. Legal Philosophy**

*The Japan Association for Legal Philosophy* held its 2015 General Meeting at Okinawa Municipality Association Hall (Okinawa Jichikaikan) on November 7 and 8, 2015.