

- Hiroki Harada (Professor, Kyoto University)
- (3) “The Way that the Plural Ordering Works in Global Governance and its Meaning: Comments on Harada’s Presentation”
Yo Matsuo (Professor, Nagoya University)
- (4) “Legal Pluralism in Private Law and Financial Law”
Soichiro Kozuka (Professor, Gakusyuin University)
- (5) “The Way that Private Norms are Formed in Legal Pluralism: Comments on Kozuka’s Presentation”
Yachiko Yamada (Professor, Chuo University)
- (6) “Legal Pluralism as a Question: From the Perspective of International Law”
Shun Kaku (Associate Professor, Waseda University)
- (7) “Legal Pluralism and International Human Rights Protection (Comments from the Perspective of International Human Rights Law): A Possibility of Structuring the Plural, Nonhierarchical and Circulative System in Human Rights Protection”
Akiko Ejima (Professor, Meiji University)

Second Part:

- (1) “The Matter of Legal Reasoning in Legal Pluralism: A Tentative Study about Theory Focusing on ‘Relationships’”
Keisuke Kondo (Associate Professor, Kyoto University)
- (2) “Comments on Keisuke Kondo’s Presentation”
Yuko Nishitani (Professor, Kyoto University)
- (3) “Summary Comments”
Ko Hasegawa (Professor, Hokkaido University)

Symposium: “Legal Pluralism: Law in Globalization”

Chairperson: Yuki Asano (Professor, Doshisha University), Shinichiro Hama (Professor, Doshisha University)

10. Comparative Law

- I. The *Japan Society of Comparative Law* held its 81st General Meeting at

Kansai University on June 2 and 3, 2018.

First Day

1. Anglo-American Law Section:

- (1) “The Internal Rules of Housing Communities in the U.S.”
Kengo Itamochi (Associate Professor, Kobe University)
Chaired by Hisashi Aizawa (Hokkaido University)
- (2) “Relationship between Categories of Discriminations Prohibited by UK Principle of Prohibition of Disability-Based Discrimination and Positive Actions ”
Arisa Sugiyama (Assistant Professor, Teikyo University)
Chaired by Tamio Nakamura (Waseda University)
- (3) “The Fiduciary Liability under the UK Corporate Pension Law System”
Takanori Kawamura (Cooperative Researcher, Hokkaido University)
Chaired by Tamio Nakamura (Waseda University)

2. Continental Law Section:

- (1) “Freedom of Expression Critical to Politicians in France –As a Result of the Abolition of the Offence of Insulting the President of the Republic Triggered by the European Court of Human Rights Case *Eon v France*”
Aiko Hyoda (PhD Candidate, Kansai University)
Chaired by Hiroko Tateishi (Hosei University)
- (2) “The Change of the Prescription Period by Agreement – The Contemporary Significance of the Extinctive Prescription System from the Viewpoint of the French Prescription Law”
Ikuma Kawakami (Assistant Professor, Tsu City College)
Chaired by Mika Yokoyama (Kyoto University)
- (3) “The Development of Defect Liability under the German Service Contract Law”
Keiko Nagaiwa (Associate Professor, Nagoya University of Economics)
Chaired by Shigeru Toriyabe (Hiroshima University)

3. Mini-Symposium A:**“Former Socialist States and the European Court of Human Rights”**

Organized and Chaired by Tomoyoshi Ito (Chuo University)

- (1) “Cases of the European Court of Human Rights and the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation”
Shigeru Kodama (Mie University)
- (2) “The Effect and Adoption of Cases of the European Court of Human Rights in the Russian Judicial System”
Fumito Sato (Nagoya University)
- (3) “Judicial Independence and the High Judicial Council in Uzbekistan”
Bunyodbek Ibragimov (Nagoya University)
- (4) “The Draft of the New Serbian Civil Code and the European Court of Human Rights”
Tomoyoshi Ito (Chuo University)

4. Mini-Symposium B:**“The Interaction among Constitutional Law Interpretations by State Institutions in France”**

Organized and Chaired by Makoto Arai (Hiroshima University)

- (1) “The Interaction among Government Institutions”
Kosuke Okumura (Komazawa University)
- (2) “The Interaction between the Government and the Parliament”
Takashi Tokunaga (Wako University)
- (3) “The Interaction between the Executive Branch and the Constitutional Council”
Makoto Arai (Hiroshima University)
- (4) “The Interaction between the Constitutional Council and the Litigation Department of the Council of State”
Haruna Kawashima (Nagoya University)

5. Mini-Symposium C:**“A Comparative Study of Easement in Gross”**

Organized by Taro Suizu (Keio University)

- (1) “The Purpose of the Symposium”
Taro Suizu (Keio University)

- (2) “France”
Keiko Yoshii (Meiji University)
- (3) “Germany”
Taro Suizu (Keio University)
- (4) “U.S.”
Noriyuki Aoki (Waseda University)
- (3) “Japan”
Yasuhiro Akiyama (Waseda University)

6. Mini-Symposium D:

“Issues in the Protection of Human Rights in the Context of Assisted Reproductive Technologies with Donor Gametes (including Surrogate Pregnancy)”

Organized and Chaired by Shuhei Ninomiya (Ritsumeikan University)

- (1) “The Purpose of the Symposium, and the Current Situation and Issues of Japanese Law”
Shuhei Ninomiya (Ritsumeikan University)
- (2) “The Realities of Donors and Recipients in Medical Practice”
Akiko Arai (Ritsumeikan University/ Psychological Counselor of the Uchida Clinic in Shimane Prefecture)
- (3) “A Human Rights Protection Perspective –France and the Council of Europe”
Hiroko Tateishi (Hosei University)
- (4) “The Legal Position and Responsibilities of Known Donors –Based on U.S. Case Law”
Aya Hanamoto (Momoyama Gakuin University)
- (5) “The Possibility of Consideration for Surrogate Mothers –Based on the Realities and Changes in India and Thailand”
Yuri Hibino (Kanazawa University)

7. Mini-Symposium E:

“A Comparative Study of Imprisonment”

Organized and Chaired by Naoya Yamaguchi (Ritsumeikan University)

- (1) “Imprisonment in the U.S.”
Takeshi Honjo (Hitotsubashi University)
- (2) “Imprisonment in the UK”

- Akira Kyo (Kwansei Gakuin University)
- (3) “Imprisonment in France”
Ikuo Aizawa (Ritsumeikan University)
- (4) “Imprisonment in Germany”
Yukio Okada (Kumamoto University)
- (5) “Imprisonment in Japan”
Naoya Yamaguchi (Ritsumeikan University)

Second Day

Symposium:

“Elderly Care –Care and Law”

Organized by Norio Higuchi (Musashino University)

- (1) “General Remarks (the Purpose of the Symposium) and the Situation in Japan”
Norio Higuchi (Musashino University)
- (2) “U.S.”
Fusako Seki (Yokohama National University)
- (3) “UK & Ireland”
Naonori Kodate (National University of Ireland)
- (4) “Australia”
Futoshi Iwata (Sophia University)
- (5) “Korea”
Hong Songmin (Korea Legislation Research Institute)
- (6) “Germany”
Hiroshi Kawakubo (Kanagawa University of Human Services)
- (7) “France”
Yojiro Shibata (Chukyo University)
- (8) Questions, Answers and Discussion

II. The *Japanese American Society for Legal Studies* held its General Meeting and Symposium at Musashino University on June 24, 2018.

Symposium:

“Recent Trends of American Land and Housing Law”

Chaired by Hitoshi Ushijima (Chuo University)

- (1) “In Accordance with a Comprehensive Plan: The Role of the Comprehensive Plan in American Planning Law”
Frank Schnidman (Attorney at Law)
- (2) “Land Development Conditions Imposed Both Publicly and Privately”
David L Callies (University of Hawaii)
- (3) “The Principle of the Regulatory Taking in Wetlands Regulations”
Hisayo Maitani (Shizuoka University)
- (4) “Effective Utilization of Abandoned Lands in America”
Kengo Itamochi (Kobe University)
- (5) “Measures on Vacant Houses as Part of Town Development: Including Land Expropriation Litigations as Ultimate Means”
Koichi Yamaoka (University of Washington)
- (6) “Japanese Regulations on Vacant Houses”
Yoshinobu Kitamura (Sophia University)

III. The *Japanese American Society for Legal Studies* held its Seminar of Judicial Precedents at Nishimura & Asahi on December 1, 2018.

- (1) “*Husted v. A. Philip Randolph Inst.*, 138 S. Ct. 1833 (2018)”
Koji Higashikawa (Kanazawa University)
- (2) “*Rubin v. Islamic Republic of Iran*, 138 S. Ct. 816 (2018)”
Masayuki Hiromi (Sophia University)
- (3) “*Merit Mgmt. Grp., LP v. FTI Consulting, Inc.*, 138 S. Ct. 883 (2018)”
Kanako Watanabe (Anderson Mori & Tomotsune)
- (4) “*Minn. Voters All. v. Mansky*, 138 S. Ct. 1876 (2018)”
Atsushi Aono (Oita University)

IV. *Die Japanisch-Deutsche Gesellschaft für Rechtswissenschaft* held its 2017 General Meeting at Kyoto University on March 11, 2018.

Lecture:

„Die Reichweite der Verschuldensvermutung in § 280 I 2 BGB“

Tilman Repgen, Prof. Dr. Dr. (Universität Hamburg)

V. *La Société franco-japonaise de Science Juridique* held its 2017 General Meeting at the University of Tokyo, on February 17, 2017.

Lecture:

- (1) “The Trend of Medical Research Regulations in France”
Tetsu Isobe (Keio University)
- (2) “End-of-Life Decision Making in France”
Sayaka Kushihashi (Hokkaido University)

VI. *The Association for “Societal System & Law” Studies* held its 2018 General Meeting at Osaka University on June 1, 2018.

Chaired by Masahiro Aso (Associate Professor, Kitami Institute of Technology)

- (1) “Nation-state and the Meaning of ‘the Nation’ in the Constitution –In the Case of Czechoslovakia, Czech and Slovakia”
Sawako Oba (Research Fellowship for Young Scientists, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science/Doshisha University)
- (2) “Governance of ‘Communities’ of China- Legal Theory of Legislative Control over Residents Committees”
Mikiko Matsumoto (Master’s Program, Kobe University)
- (3) “Russian Federation and Support for ‘Compatriots Abroad’- Based on Republic of Latvia after Independence”
Daiki Takeuchi (Master’s Program, Kobe University)

VII. The *Japanese Association of Asian Law* held its 2018 Conference at Nagoya University on June 23 and 24, 2018.

First Day

- (1) “Policies on Social Integration and the Revision of the Nationality Law of Korea”
Mika Yoshikawa (Toyo University)
- (2) “Implications and Problems of 2018 Death with the Dignity Law of Korea”
Rikiya Makino (University of Tsukuba)

Second Day

Symposium:

“Law and Gender in Asian Countries”

Chaired by Masato Araya (Nihon University)

- (1) The Purpose of the Symposium
Kozo Kagawa (Professor Emeritus, Kobe University)
- (2) “Legal Distinction between ‘Men’ and ‘Women’ regarding Transgender – Gender Order as ‘Public Order’ Inherent in Korean Law”
Katsuhiko Oka (Fukuoka Women’s University)
- (3) “Singaporean Family Law Examined from a Gender Perspective – Predicting the Future of Required Women’s Empowerment and the Division of Labor by Gender”
Aisa Kiyosue (Muroran Institute of Technology)
- (4) “Gender and Class in Women’s Work of the Philippines –Law and Reality–”
Machiko Kamio (Nihon University)
- (5) “The Paradox of Democratization in Indonesia from a Gender Perspective –Through an Analysis of the Constitutional Review of the ‘1947 Marriage Law’”
Kyoko Hikita (Kagoshima Prefectural College)
- (6) “Taiwanese Indigenous Peoples and the Relationship among Gender, Family and Nation”
Taira Nakamura (Hiroshima University)

(7) Discussion

VIII. The *European Union Studies Association-Japan* held its 38th Annual Conference at Dokkyo University on November 17 and 18, 2018.

Topics:

“Populism and the EU as a Regional Actor”

First Day

1. Plenary Session I

Chaired by Hirotaka Watanabe (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies)

- (1) “Backsliding of Integration or Integration by Crisis?: The European Union in the Age of Populism”
Ariyoshi Ogawa (Rikkyo University)
- (2) “Populism and the European Union”
Soko Tanaka (Chuo University)
- (3) “Poland’s “Judicial Reforms” and the European Union”
Akio Komorida (Kanagawa University)
- (4) “Constitutionalism in the EU and Populism – the Potential of the EU’s Plural, Non-hierarchical and Circulatory Nature”
Akiko Ejima (Meiji University)

2. Plenary Session II

Chaired by Yoichiro Usui (Niigata University of International and Information Studies)

- (1) “The EU as a Global Actor in a Changing World”
Patricia Flor (Ambassador of the European Union to Japan)
- (2) “European Constitutionalism and Populism”
Luis Miguel Poiares Pessoa Maduro (European University Institute)
- (3) Discussion
Discussant: Yoichiro Usui

Second Day

1. Group Sessions

Group Session A

Chaired by Machiko Hachiya (Kyushu University)

- (1) “Can the Five Star Movement be a mainstream party in Europe?”
Hirohito Yasoda (Kyoritsu Women’s University)
- (2) “Trends of the Populism in the UK and Germany, and the Role and Limitation of EU Institutions”
Goya Kobayashi (Ministry of Finance)
- (3) “Collective Action - Solidarity and Activities of European Citizens and the Role of the Commission to Protect Irregular Migrant Workers”
Saori Imai (Sorbonne Nouvelle, Paris 3)

Group Session B “Economics Session”

Chaired by Kazuyoshi Matsuura (Matsuyama University)

- (1) “The Internationalization of Retail Banking and ‘White Paper on Financial Services 2005-2010’ : An Analysis of the Rule on a Qualifying Holdings in a Credit Institution”
Amane Ishida (Rikkyo University)
- (2) “The Italian Policy in the Banking Crisis and its Problem”
Yosuke Tsuchiya (Mitsubishi UFJ Research & Consulting, co., Ltd.)
- (3) “Liberal Trade Order in Crisis and the EU- Japan EPA: From “Sharing Values” Rhetoric to Concrete Action?”
Yukari Akeda (University of Oxford)

Group Session C

Chaired by Soichi Enkyo (Nihon University)

- (1) “Contradiction between the Means and the Logic in EU’s Enlargement Policy towards Bosnia and Herzegovina”
Takefumi Nakamura (University of Tsukuba)
- (2) “Process of Establishment of the Regulation about Disclosure of Information in EU Wholesale Energy Market”
Masahiro Maruyama (Central Research Institute of Electric Power Industry)
- (3) “Evolution of “Priority Access” for Renewable Energies: EU’s IME

Directive, RES Directive and Feed-in Tariffs”

Haruhiko Dohman (Rikkyo University)

Poster Session

- (1) “Legitimacy in the EU: from Improving Effectiveness towards Establishing Legitimacy”
Soichiro Satake (PhD Candidate, Doshisha University)
- (2) “A Study of Relationships Between PEGIDA and AfD”
Asuka Umemoto (PhD Candidate, Doshisha University)

2. Plenary Session III:

“Populism and the EU as a Regional Actor”

Chaired by Ariyoshi Ogawa (Rikkyo University)

- (1) “The Rise of Right-wing Populist Party in Germany: From Historical Perspective”
Takumi Itabashi (Seikei University)
- (2) “Why French Electorates Are Turning their Back to the EU. An Analysis on Eurosceptic Politics”
Toru Yoshida (Hokkaido University)
- (3) “Populism in Contemporary Italy: The Political Significance and Impact”
Takeshi Ito (The University of Tokyo)
- (4) “A Conclusion of Populism in Greece: The SYRIZA Government since the Eurozone Crisis”
Nanako Murata (Toyo University)
- (5) “Nationalism and Populism in Hungary - Populism of Right-Wing and Left-Wing”
Tsuneo Morita (Tateyama Laboratory Hungary Ltd.)

11. International Law and Organizations

The *Japanese Society of International Law* held its 2018 Annual Meeting at Sapporo Convention Center on September 3-5, 2018.