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Labor market reform in aging Japan: A key for the structural reform plan

Under the pressure of population ageing and globalization, Japan's economy is in need of reform in various fields. Labor market reform is a key in order to re-allocate human resources efficiently across industries and regions for creating better employment opportunities as well as to overcome the lengthy stagnation of the economy since the early 1990s.

Against this background, the so-called Japanese-specific employment practices must be re-assessed. The recently much-discussed "disparity" between regular and non-regular workers is not attributable to the profit-seeking market principle, but to the labor market practices established during the high growth era. Major issues of labor market reforms are to be discussed.

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The lecture will be given in English. It will take place on **Thursday, 11 October 2007 at 6.30 p.m.** at the DIJ. Admission is free. Space is limited, so please register with Ms. Dinkel at the DIJ.

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