International Symposium
Migration and Integration
Japan in a Comparative Perspective

23/24 October 2007 (Tuesday/Wednesday)  Simultaneous translation (E/J)

Drawing upon the German experience, this conference addresses demographic change and labor migration in Japan. As “non-classical countries of immigration,” both Germany and Japan experienced rapid economic growth in the post-war years, with Germany alone establishing a “guest-worker” system during that phase. Japan, faced with population decline, is now in the midst of a political and societal discourse on the desirable levels of immigration and the appropriate means of integration of immigrants. Which direction will Japan’s immigration policy take in the face of demographic change? This conference brings together a multi-disciplinary array of migration scholars, politicians, lobbyists, bureaucrats and representatives of the business world and civil society from Germany, Japan, France and the US to discuss Japan’s options in a comparative perspective.

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23 October 2007 (Tuesday) (9:30–17:30)

Opening and Greetings (10:00–10:45)

Issues: AMADO (Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies, Waseda University), Tetsuo COZUMA (German Institute for Japanese Studies), Gendai S. ROBERTS (Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies, Waseda University), Gendai S. ROBERTS (German Institute for Japanese Studies)

Keynote Speech: Matsuo TSUBOI (Member of the House of Councillors)

Demographic Change and Migration (10:45–12:45)

Yasuhiko ITO (Waseda University), Thomas KLEINGELD (Berlin Institute for Population and Development), Chikako UEDA (University of Minnesota at St. Louis), Chair: Adrian FERRIZ (University of California at Los Angeles)

Globalization and Migration (12:45–13:30)

Mike DOUGLAS (University of Hawaii at Manoa), Chikako KASHIWAZAKI (Koito University), Hiroshi KAGAMI (Japanese Ministry of Interior), Chair: Manabu KOJIMA (Meijo University)

Labor-Market and Migration, round table discussion (13:30–15:10)

Masahiro INOUE (Nippon Keizai Shimbun), Hiroshi KOSIMA (Waseda University), Taro KONO (Member of the House of Representatives), Hiroshi MAEHAMA (Japanese Ministry of Interior), Chair: Nobuhiro NAKAYAMA (International Organization for Migration), Hideki TOSHIKURA (Yusen Workers’ Union), Fabrice VAREILLE (Embassy of the European Commission in Japan), Chair: Hatem CONARD (Researcher on Asia Pacific University)

24 October 2007 (Wednesday) (9:30–17:30)

Politics and Migration I (09:00–11:15)

Uwe HUNGER (Münster University), Yuka INUMOTO (Keio University), Keiichi TAMAKI (Meijo University), Chair: Aiko AIBA (Kei University)

Politics and Migration II (11:30–12:45)

Michiyo MORGREYASHI (University of Paris), Kana OSHI (International Christian University), Takahiro TSUDA (Aoyama Gakuin University), Chair: Gyoichi TAKEDA (Aoyama Gakuin University)

Migration and Integration – Voices from the Grassroots, round table discussion (14:00–16:00)

Daisuke ARIMOTO (Hokkaido Information University), Iris BERNARD-BRAUN (German Youth Institute), Atsuko ISHI (Meiko University), Michio MAKINO (Maya, Ida City), Momotaro MATSUMOTO (Mehdai de Angiyo), Michiyo TAMAMOTO (University of California at Los Angeles), Keiko YAMANAKA (University of California at Berkeley), Masun YANO (Germany Japan Network with Migration Japan), Chair: Andrew OCHI (Tokyo Kanto University)

Migration and Integration – Japan’s Future, round table discussion (16:15–17:30)

Iris BERNARD-BRAUN (German Youth Institute), Mike DOUGLAS (University of Hawaii at Manoa), Tetsuo ITO (Waseda University), Reiner KLINGEGELD (Berlin Institute for Population and Development), Michiyo MORGREYASHI (University of Tokyo), Michiyo TAMAMOTO (University of California at Los Angeles), Chair: Janko TAMADA (Hokkaido University)

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