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Tohoku University Global COE Program  
 “Gender Equality and Multicultural Conviviality in the Age of Globalization”  
 Foreword

The Tohoku University Global COE Program, “Gender Equality and Multicultural Conviviality in the Age of Globalization” (selected in FY2008 in the Social Sciences) is pleased to present its “FACT BOOK 2009.” This Global COE (GCOE) advances the achievements of Tohoku University’s 21st Century COE Program, “Gender Law and Policy Center” from a general social sciences perspective, and aspires to establish a world-class research and education center on gender equality and multicultural conviviality in the age of globalization. Collaborating with the Institute of Social Science (ISS) at the University of Tokyo and other institutions at home and abroad, our GCOE aims to build a research and human resources development framework that will foster young researchers, legal professionals, and policy specialists in a global arena. We also hope that our research and educational findings will be reflected in actual policies.

This GCOE Program analyzes new social issues emerging from the recent rise of globalization. It pursues societal conditions necessary for realizing gender and other social equalities from a multicultural conviviality viewpoint, as well as conditions for resolving conflicts among different socio-cultural groups. Our GCOE attempts to develop its approach towards issues related to gender equality in an era of globalization into one that is more diversified and dynamic. This is also a challenging program that seeks pluralism in a convivial society by looking beyond gender by integrating aspects like race, culture, age, and disabilities.

In order to carry out this challenging Program, we have established fifteen research projects and conducted work with a number of research

associates since fiscal year 2008. GCOE Research through fiscal year 2009 has produced three books in the GCOE Project Members’ Book Series, two books in the GCOE Project Research Book Series, and the 2008 and 2009 volumes of the GEMC journal. To support young researchers, the Program commenced the Cross-National Doctoral Course (CNDC), which is the joint doctoral program that offers participating students an opportunity to attain joint degrees from their home institution and from Tohoku University. In October 2009, a total of nine students from the University of Sheffield, University of Lyon, and Tsinghua University entered the doctoral program at Tohoku’s School of Law through the CNDC. (For further information on the research projects and GCOE’s support of young researchers, please refer to p. 9 and 27, respectively).

In addition, the Tohoku School of Law’s “Gender Law and Policy Center (GELAPOC)” transformed and expanded into the “Gender Equality and Multicultural Conviviality Center (GEMC)” in January 2009. Along with its domestic branch at the University of Tokyo’s ISS, the GCOE has also established overseas satellite bureaus, and operates as both a resource center and research base for young researchers. To promote the GCOE’s programs and activities, we offer our website in six languages and our annual “FACT BOOK.”

Through collaborations with researchers, research and education organizations, governmental agencies, and civic groups, we strive towards achieving our GCOE Program objectives. We thank you for your kind support and cooperation in our endeavors.

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## Mission Statement

The mission of this program is to establish a world-class research and education center on Gender Equality and Multicultural Conviviality from a comprehensive social science perspective.

More specifically,

1

**to analyze new social issues emerging from the recent rise in globalization.**

2

**to pursue societal conditions necessary to realize gender and other social equalities and to resolve conflicts among different socio-cultural groups.**

3

**to encourage and support young researchers from doctoral students to postdocs who are conducting research in the above-mentioned fields.**

# I

## Program Outline

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This GCOE program aims to analyze social issues occurring throughout the world—a world in which globalization is now in full swing—and to present solutions by integrating our findings. Interpretation is carried out from the two viewpoints of gender equality and multicultural conviviality. Furthermore, our ultimate objective is to foster young researchers who can present effective countermeasures in regard to such issues.

With the rapid development of globalization, mutual interdependence and common lifestyles and value systems on a global scale are being expanded on one hand, while deepened social cleavages and exclusive parochialism are emerging on the other. This sort of narrow exclusionism brings about or intensifies incidents relating to a backlash against gender equality, the widening economic gap, ethnic conflicts, hostilities against neighboring nations, violence against immigrants, human trafficking, generational discord on welfare, and domestic violence. How can we comprehend such phenomena and find out solutions for them? The key lies in multicultural conviviality. Namely, in order to cope with exclusionism, the principle of universalism is essential.

That should not be uniformity but a type of universalism that encompasses diversity. Herein lies the importance of multicultural conviviality.

The mission of this program is to establish a world-class research and education center on Gender Equality and Multicultural Conviviality from a comprehensive social science perspective.

More specifically, we aim

1. to analyze new social issues emerging from the recent rise in globalization.
2. to pursue societal conditions necessary to realize gender and other social equalities and to resolve conflicts among different socio-cultural groups.
3. to encourage and support young researchers from doctoral students to postdocs who are conducting research in the above-mentioned fields.

This GCOE program also succeeds and develops Tohoku University's 21st Century COE Program "Gender Law and Policy in the Gender Equal Society" (2003 to 2007). The achievements of this 21st Century COE

Program serve as the basis for GCOE to analyze various issues relating to multicultural conviviality.

For research activities of the GCOE, we have integrated the three fields of gender equality, multicultural conviviality and the issues of aging and declining birthrate to launch 15 projects in which a number of researchers from Tohoku University and other institutions discuss at research seminars and international workshops. We will compile our final finding in a book series.

Furthermore, in parallel with the above-mentioned research activities, we will establish the Cross-National Doctoral Course (CNDC) as a so-called double-degree program that allows students to acquire a doctor's degree concurrently at Tohoku University and institutions abroad with a view to cultivating young researchers who will play key leadership roles in international society. In addition, we will promote the Young Researcher Fostering Program for fellows through employment of global COE fellows who will engage in research and education.

While creating such a basis for research and education, the GCOE will reinforce ties with research and educational institutions at home and abroad so as to promote global networking. In Japan, we will establish a close relationship, including researchers and post-graduates exchanges between the School of Law at Tohoku University and the Institute of Social Science at the University of Tokyo. Overseas, we will promote existing ties with research and educational institutions including Tsinghua University (China), Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (China), Kookmin University (Korea), University of Ottawa (Canada), Université Lumière Lyon 2 (France), l'Ecole Normale Supérieure Lettres et sciences humaines (France), and the University of Sheffield (UK). Through these ties, we will conduct joint research and international conferences for specific research projects, conclude agreements to carry out double-degree programs in the Cross-National Doctoral Course.



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## Research Projects



Fifteen research projects

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Fifteen projects are carried out integrating Gender Equality and Multicultural Conviviality. Each project holds seminars and international workshops to pursue advanced research as well as to encourage both domestic and overseas young researchers. The research projects' final findings will be published in book series and other publications.

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# “Gender Equality in a Multicultural Society”

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## Key questions

- 1 What are the gender equality issues in a multicultural society in an age of globalization?
- 2 How can we analyze the theoretical relation between “Gender Equality”, “Multicultural Conviviality” and “Globalization”?

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A principal objective of this Global COE Program is to establish a new field of research and education regarding “Gender Equality and Multicultural Conviviality” in the age of globalization by building upon the achievements of its predecessor, the 21st COE “Gender Law and Policy Center.” This project aims to undertake an interdisciplinary theoretical study to identify social issues regarding gender equality inflicted by globalization, and to realize gender equality in the present multiculturally convivial society.

In order to meet these purposes, and as a general theoretical approach, this project clarifies the relationships between globalization, gender equality, and multicultural conviviality to determine the state of gender issues in a multicultural society. We will collaborate with leaders in the emerging field of gender research and the social sciences, or the areas of gender and law, sociology, and economics. Through such collaborations, we attempt to reveal theoretical issues that may apply to the overall GCOE Program, and to seek solutions through interdisciplinary research.

For a more specialized approach, we will investigate specific examples in the intersection of gender studies and multicultural studies, identify conditions for problem solving, and attempt to establish a theory capable of covering policy issues. We address topics like the Islamic scarf issue at the intersection of gender equality and religion/culture, as well as issues such as immigration policies, economic disparity and female labor, citizenship, human trafficking, and sexual violence.

## Research Activities

In this project, taking into account collaboration with colleagues from Canada, the United States, Scandinavian Countries, and France, all of which are host to a variety of issues relating to gender equality in a multicultural convivial society, we have worked following a plan of publishing achievements in both English and Japanese.

In May 2009, we keynoted an international symposium held in Finland University and undertook a joint study with researchers abroad such as Scandinavian countries. Also, in August 2009, with the GCOE’s Osawa Project and Tanaka Project, we co-organized the International Seminar 2009, inviting many researchers from Canada, the United States, and other countries, where we achieved significant results with over 200 participants (please refer to p.39). Consequently, we achieved our original target, having put papers of members focusing on the achievements of this international seminar all together to publish two books in English and Japanese languages respectively from Tohoku University Press in March 2010. Furthermore, we continue lively activities: in February 2010, we co-organized a seminar regarding “Gender in Law” with the Japan Association of Gender and Law and a seminar regarding judicial precedents of the Constitutional Court of Korea with the Japan Section of the International Association of Constitutional Law, and in March 2010, we held a symposium to commemorate the International Women’s Day sponsored by L’Institut Franco-Japonais de Tokyo and Centre de Documentation Franco-japonais sur les Femmes. From FY 2010, we will continue to work on general research concerning this GCOE theme in cooperation with other projects engaged in issues relating to Asia.

# “Gender Equality Policies and Challenges in Asian Countries”

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## Key questions

- 1 What is the current stage of gender equality policies and their challenges in Asian countries?
- 2 Is it possible to reveal the universality and the particularity of Asian policies on gender equality through comparative analysis?

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## Research Purpose and Approach

Gender discrimination and human rights abuse against females have spread under globalization, and the widening of the North-South gap as well as the social gap has made many women victims of sexual and human rights abuses. To cope with this, Asian countries are reinforcing their gender equality policies, although their efforts are not necessarily adequate compared with some European countries. They also have less information on the actual status of the problems. In addition, there is urgency to not only analyze the situation of each country on a specific theoretical basis but also to make a comprehensive analysis of the status and issues of equality policies in Asia from a perspective that covers the entire Asia region and from the standpoint of multicultural coexistence by embracing factors such as race, religion and culture as well as gender.

Consequently, based on comparison with gender equality policies of Japan and advanced Western countries, this project intends to extract universal policy issues found in gender equality policies in Asia to identify cultural, religious, and institutional factors that may constitute the cause of male domination over female workers and females engaging in sex industry under the globalization of the economy and society, for example. At the same time, we aim to clarify the actual status and related efforts toward gender equality in individual Asian countries to identify how they differ from the rest of the world.

For this purpose, we will analyze various policy issues such as human rights abuses against females, domestic violence, human trafficking, immigrant workers issues and problems found in the quota system of the parliamentary election in Korea. The analysis will be focused on gender law and sociological approaches from the viewpoints of the constitution, criminal law, sociology, and international politics. We aim to make use of our expected achievements in gender equality policy in Japan.

## Research Activities

This project intends to obtain research results through joint studies on gender equality policies and challenges of Asian countries led by researchers at home and abroad, which will include comparative points of view on policies and theories between western advanced nations and Japan. For this purpose, we delivered a keynote lecture at the international symposium “Gendering Asia Conference” hosted by Finland University in May of 2009, where we sought researchers from other Asian countries. Also, in October 2009 at Hagi Seminar, we invited top leading researchers, from the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Ewha Womans University (former minister of Korean government), and Indira Gandhi National Open University, and carried out comparative studies on gender equality policies in Asian countries (refer to p. 35).

Furthermore, from September to October 2009, we attended a large-scale international symposium titled “Women and Politics in Asia (WPA2009)” held at the University of Hildesheim, Germany in order to report on the participation by the Japanese government and discussed with participants from other Asian nations. We are scheduled to organize international workshops and field studies focusing on Muslim states in FY2010. We also plan to publish the past achievements in a book.

## “Trafficking in Persons Issues from a Human Security Perspective —A Cornerstone of Gender Equality and Multicultural Conviviality”

### Key questions

- 1 What is the current situation of forms of TIP and exploitation routes?
- 2 What are effective policy measures to reduce “demand” in Japan, which is among the largest of destination countries?

### Research Purpose and Approach

Trafficking in Person (TIP) is a serious violation of victims' human rights, mostly women, and a threat to the human security of global society as a leading source of profits for organized crime regardless of whether they live in developing nations or developed nations. TIP is a touchstone issue for gender equality and multicultural conviviality. Although Japan is expected to make efforts in international cooperation, Japanese society is a major recipient country of trafficked women and girls for sexual exploitation. Surveys and research in order to contribute to solving TIP are required urgently.

This project aims : 1) to elucidate the highly complicated and sophisticated tactics of traffickers and the actual conditions of TIP that react to the laws in Japan; 2) to conduct detailed analysis and action-oriented research of the interviews of the victims returned from Japan, and examine the effective preventive and supportive measures in the sending country; 3) to conduct national representative quantitative as well as qualitative surveys on commercial sex transactions in order to seek an effective measure of raising awareness and reducing “demand” in Japan, and also to identify a wide safety net to protect and support TIP victims both at home and abroad; and 4) to collect information on the actual situations of “demand” reduction and protection measures and support activities in foreign countries.

This project conducts surveys and research in close cooperation with governmental institutions and NGOs in Thailand, Cambodia, and the Philippines. This project also focuses on the empowerment approach and cooperates with the returned women as co-researchers. Furthermore, it is planned to provide short-term internships for young researchers who have an interest in international cooperation, promotion of legal literacy, and development. It is a research project full of international exchange.

### Research Activities

In FY2009, we organized a general meeting on a regular basis. In February 2009, we co-hosted a workshop on Human Security and Trafficking in Persons – the Case Report from Thailand. Some of our project members visited the United Kingdom, Sweden, the Netherlands, and Germany in order to interview organizations about initiatives focusing on countermeasures of “demand” in developed countries.

In FY2010, we will continue to organize general meetings and to conduct research surveys. We will also make further analysis of the interview surveys on the “returned women” who have returned to their native country after having been trafficked to Japan. In addition, we will discuss specific measures that prevent human trafficking and support its victims in the sending country based on the results of surveys conducted in FY2009.

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## “Research on & ‘Leadership Education’ for a Gender-Equal and Multiculturally Convivial Society—Based on a Cross-National Analysis of Single-Sex Education in Secondary Schools and Universities”

### Key questions

- 1 What kind of “Leadership Education” would a society based in gender equality and multicultural conviviality call for?
- 2 How do concepts of “Leadership” and “Leadership Education” differ depending on gender and culture?

### Research Purpose and Approach

The purpose of this project is to create an educational model for fostering “leadership” expected in a gender equal society and multiculturally convivial society. To this end, it is necessary to ask “what is leadership?” Namely, it is necessary to re-interpret conventional leadership images and the concept of leadership from the two viewpoints of “gender” and “multicultural conviviality.”

In order to achieve this task, this project will focus on the educational significance of single-sex education. We believe we can reveal problems and points to be improved in coeducation today by placing single-sex education as the topic of analysis. For example, due to the various gender biases existing in modern coeducation, some consider single-sex education as more effective, in particular, for cultivating female “leadership.” This project will review both criticisms of and support for single-sex education, and seek educational proposals that cultivate gender-sensitive “leadership” regardless of gender.

The second axis of the “leadership” education analysis is “country (race and culture).” We believe that the concept in question may be reconstructed from a more global point of view through comparison and analysis of the differences in interpretation of the term “leadership” by country (race and culture).

Therefore, surveys for this project will be conducted in Japan and overseas, including the United States. The target schools must satisfy a range of set criteria, including the following: (1) Setting “cultivation of social leadership” as its educational aim; and (2) having a high advancement rate and deviation score. We will conduct a field survey and interview survey at each school and make multilateral analysis on educational aims, curriculum, and educational implementation from the viewpoint of educational philosophy, educational policy, and curriculum theory, etc.

### Research Activities

In March 2009 we undertook a survey for girls' senior high school in New York City and presented the primary report of survey results at a workshop in May 2009. At the Hagi Seminar in October 2009, we organized a workshop to invite Professor Jane Roland MARTIN and Professor Susan LAIRD, where we discussed single-sex education from the philosophical and historical points of view along with reports from Professor MIZUHARA Katsutoshi and Professor SAKAMOTO Tatsuro. We sent questionnaires to high schools in Miyagi prefecture in November 2009, of which responses are now under analysis.

In FY2010, we will present at an international symposium based on the results of surveys carried out in FY2009. We intend to publish a report covering the entire project at the end of the fiscal year.

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## “A Society Where Victims and Offenders Coexist (A society Respectful of Victims’ Rights)—Further Developments in ‘Criminal Law and Gender’ Research”

### Key questions

- 1 What is Multicultural Conviviality in criminal policies of the 21st century?  
-Consider support for crime victims, the victims’ rights, rehabilitation of criminal offenders, and prevention of recidivism.
- 2 Neither severe punishment nor rehabilitation of criminal offenders can heal victims. Then, what do victims need?

### Research Purpose and Approach

When thinking about crime, it is necessary to consider countermeasures from the viewpoint of victim rights and relief, rehabilitation of perpetrators and prevention of recidivism. The problems victims suffer, however, have long been ignored, and have only recently come to be regarded as problems, and attention is now being paid to the “rights of victims.” Japan is now at a significant turning point in terms of justice. In fact, in modern society, assailants will likely return to society even if he/she committed crimes except for in extremely rare cases where assailants receive the death penalty (in advanced countries, in particular, no death penalty exists except in Japan and some states in the United States). That is, we must assume a society where victims (and their families) and assailants (and their families) coexist (the term “coexist” here does not include situations such as acceptance and mutual assistance, but simply existing in the same space).

Furthermore, among the six clusters of the 21st COE, the “Physical Liberty and Sexuality Cluster” studied criminal law from the viewpoint of gender, with emphasis on crimes where women and children were victims, and obtained insight on this matter (findings were also published in Volume 5 of COE Books and no change in members). This project will further this research and also extend and apply the perception obtained in the GCOE to the entire crime issue (for example, we intend to address crimes by foreigners, and the problems foreign victims face).

This project will promote research that seeks ways to realize a society where the rights of victims are well established, victims can live in peace, and assailants are rehabilitated and never commit crime again. It focuses on the various phases of criminal justice from the viewpoint of international comparison, social investigation, and from examining the legal systems through economic analysis. As for criminal justice, there are not many opportunities for joint research, although the necessity of cooperation between practice and research is acknowledged. Therefore, this project will have professionals in each field of criminal justice as research members with aiming to integrate the viewpoints of practice and research.

### Research Activities

This project will schedule seminars and carry out surveys to pursue discussions over victims’ rights and relief, rehabilitation of offenders, and prevention of recidivism. We will collaborate with overseas researchers and professionals, and utilize international networks while engaging in domestic research and surveys.

We organized many workshops, inviting researchers from inside and outside of Tohoku University and practicing professionals in FY2008. Our activity in FY2009 centered around the survey on “Mine Rehabilitation Program Center” which is Japan’s first PFI (Private Finance Initiative) prison. We will publish our achievements in a book series in FY 2010.

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## “An Empirical Study on the Domestic Implementation of International Legal Norms Regarding Multicultural Conviviality and Gender and on the Peaceful Settlement Mechanisms in International Conflicts”

### Key questions

- 1 What are the new roles and new functions of international legal norms in this globalized contemporary world?
- 2 Does globalization influence the relationship between international law and domestic law? If so, how?

### Research Purpose and Approach

This research project aims to perform empirical studies on how laws and regulations of the modern international society regarding multicultural coexistence and gender equality are placed in domestic legal system for actual implementation in specific cases. We will carry out studies while paying attention to linking and crossing international legal norms with domestic legal procedures from multi-diversity and comprehensive viewpoints. At the same time, we will clarify what practical role international laws and regulations play as a new framework for solving international disputes in a globalized international society where multicultural conviviality has become essential. Then, we can shed light on the new role of international law in the era of global multicultural conviviality to theoretically re-examine and present problem-oriented researches as well as a certain number of theoretical recommendations.

For that purpose, we will address: 1) fields of international human rights laws, including International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women the and International Covenants on Human Rights (Social Rights, and Civil and Political Rights); 2) fields of international criminal laws including the Rome Statute on International Criminal Court (ICC); and 3) international economic laws surrounding global economic activities and trade. In addition, other important issues to be examined include: 4) international environmental laws which require legal and political responses on a global scale and fields of environmental laws; and 5) law of the sea and maritime laws that have an extensive point of controversy including resource development, fishery issues, and preservation of ocean environment.

In examining these issues we intend to clarify the reality of linking and crossing domestic legal orders and international legal norms by taking into account both judicial and administrative procedures in the domestic field as well as dispute settlement procedures in the international arena. Then we will seek a theoretical basis to establish appropriate legal norms and legal systems in the era of multicultural conviviality through joint work of international and domestic law researchers as well via discussions and exchanges among researchers throughout the world.

### Research Activities

During FY 2009, we discussed over the report presented by the leader of this project at the GCOE monthly workshop in July, and we published a part of the research achievements presented at a mini-symposium that we organized at the Hagi Seminar in October in the GCOE’s journal. Also, we held in Tokyo a symposium titled “The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) 30th Anniversary Forum: Japan’s Challenge” in December, where experts in their fields pursued discussion over how to ensure domestic implementation of International Covenants on Human Rights and CEDAW.

In FY2010, we will continue to further our empirical study on the domestic implementation of international legal norms in the fields mentioned above (1) to (5) through regular workshops and other opportunities. In the field of the law of the sea, mentioned as (5), we are planning to hold an international mini-workshop to examine the domestic implementation of the law of the sea in each of the Eastern Asian countries.

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# “Globalization and Nationalism”

### Key questions

**1** What accounts for the recent rise of ethnocentric nationalism in many countries around the world?

**2** How does the recent rise of ethnocentric nationalism relate to globalization?

### Research Purpose and Approach

In recent years, advancing globalization has revealed that lifestyles and values are being shared more and more on a global scale as mutual dependence among people of countries becomes stronger. Throughout the world after the Cold War was concluded, on the other hand, ethnocentric nationalism appears to have grown within each country. Namely, the influence of political powers that advocate the rejection of immigrants, foreign workers and other ethnic groups began to spread within many countries. Violent immigrant/foreigner rejection movements, ethnic conflicts, and even genocides are now occurring. More than a few countries began to pursue more and more foreign policies that depended on the threat-and exercise-of their own military power. And it is indeed a remarkable trend that hostility against people of other countries, including even their neighbors, is gaining strength.

The major purpose of this research project is to find out how and why such ethnocentric nationalism comes to take place in each country, and to identify how this is linked to social change brought about by globalization. In order to solve these problems, the project plans to continue making comparative analysis among Japan, China, Korea, and Europe. We are also thinking of not only looking at political and social conditions in recent years but also carrying out historical analysis and intellectual historical analysis in order to look for a background in which ethnocentric nationalism emerges.

### Research Activities

This research project will develop international joint research by researchers from Japan, China, Korea, the United Kingdom, France and Sweden.

To be more specific, we will hold international workshops from time to time at home and abroad while promoting surveys and research in each country. We are also planning to deepen common understanding based on respective achievements. We are thinking of fostering young human resources by encouraging young post doctoral researchers and doctoral students to join such workshops.

As an example, at the Hagi Seminar in 2009, we held an international workshop titled “Political Process of Historical Memories in East Asia” on October 15 and 18, planned by SEO Jungmin (Assistant Professor of the University of Hawaii). We will publish an English book in the next fiscal year based on this achievement. Also, we will hold international workshops at the University of Sheffield in the United Kingdom, in February 2010 and at Tsinghua University, China, in summer of 2011. Furthermore, we will publish a Japanese book and an English book as achievements of this research project completed by young researchers.

The final achievement will be published in Japanese, English and Chinese from FY2010 to FY2011.

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# “Cross-National Comparison of ‘Multi-Cultural Conviviality’ ”

### Key questions

**1** How do we envision the ideal multiculturally convivial society? What policies can we enact in order to realize such a society?

**2** What is the current state, or future vision, of the “Tohoku Model of Multicultural Conviviality” largely made up of agricultural villages?

### Research Purpose and Approach

The increase in international migration, inflicted by the rapid progression of globalization, is altering our accepted understanding of the state with “the citizen” as society's main constituent. While developed countries are dealing with aging societies with low fertility, other regions suffer from population explosion. Under these extreme conditions, there is mounting pressure towards accepting/deporting immigrants. At the same time, a rise in rejection of minorities and ethnocentric nationalism is also becoming evident. Japan, having entered an era of depopulation, is considering immigration at a pace that exceeds the current acceptance capacity in order for its society to continue. Policy issues concerning the construction of a multiculturally convivial society are also being debated.

This project, central to the multicultural conviviality aspect of our GCOE, will conduct a cross-national comparison of countries selected based on their relevance to the above-mentioned issues and analyze each country's efforts. While considering the differences and similarities among countries' situations and the various ways in which they receive foreigners, we aim to produce research findings that will be useful in seeking an ideal model of a multiculturally convivial society for Japan. More specifically, we will collaborate with professionals in the field of multicultural conviviality and carry out our research by pursuing (1) a legal system for integrating immigrants; (2) a language education policy; and (3) human resource development in a multiculturally convivial society.

One of our key survey areas is the Tohoku Region. Due to the shortage of successors in rural areas, the number of foreign spouses is increasing in this region, and there exists a link between this growing population of foreign spouses and regional communities. This link will most likely be a key factor in our project. In addition, we will integrate gender studies research into our examination of foreign spouses in order to seek an ideal paradigm for the “Tohoku Model of Multicultural Conviviality.”

### Research Activities

We launched this project with professionals in the Tohoku Region in December 2008 and have continued interviews and academic seminars since then. We are considering different subjects and methods for conducting surveys in preparation for the formal investigation after FY2010 while a network on multicultural conviviality in the Tohoku Region has gradually developed.

In terms of research target of cross-national comparison, we specifically focus on Korea that has been rapidly enacting policies in order to realize a multiculturally convivial society. Members from our project visited Korea in February 2009 to interview Korean government officials and individuals concerned. We are to hold an international seminar in Korea and Japan alternately every year to share experiences and to build up discussions over policies. Also, after FY2010 we will sequentially send members of our project to such countries that have been addressing conviviality issues in different ways: the Philippines which sends out immigrants to other countries, Vietnam, and China to conduct a field survey in coordination with research collaborators abroad.

We will make our research achievements available on an online forum as needed and publish the achievement in Japanese, English, and Korea during FY2012.

## “Postwar and Modern Japan’s Attitudes Toward Foreign Nations— With a Focus on US-Japan Relations”

### Key questions

- 1 What is characteristic of modern Japan's attitude toward foreign nations?
- 2 What is characteristic of postwar Japan's attitude toward foreign nations?

### Research Purpose and Approach

The purpose of this project is to examine multicultural conviviality in a historical perspective of Japanese politics. In the first place, culture is a product of history, and thus it is important to clarify its historical basis so as to examine globalization in the 21st century. For that purpose, this project will be divided into three research groups. The first group adopts methodologies of political history, diplomatic history, and history of idea, and places a major focus on the Japan-US relations after Perry's arrival in Japanese waters. It also re-examines the Japan-US relations and Japanese foreign policy in Japan's modern international history. Topics may include: revision of the unequal treaties in the Meiji period; party cabinets and the Japan-US relationship in the early Showa period; the role of female administrators in the U.S. occupation; Japanese immigrants to the United States and Canada; diplomatic negotiation with the United States on the South-Eastern Asia factors; and the Japan-US relations and multicultural conviviality in the media. The second group will use the oral history method to interview key political actors, and make records that may contribute to the research of the first group. The third group will critically examine the current status in Japan referring to the current status of multicultural conviviality in the United States and Islam societies in order to consider the entire project from the viewpoint of multicultural conviviality.

### Research Activities

In FY2008, we held workshops that also served as preliminary meetings, in which we decided the core members of the oral history project. In 2009, we held workshops to discuss how to proceed with the oral history project, and we also undertook an oral history project for a woman who had played an important role in postwar Japan's diplomacy. We also started research on a female administrator who internationalized postwar Japan's administration. We will continue the above mentioned research in 2010.

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## “Reconsidering the ‘Public Sphere’ in a Globalized Age—Through an Examination of Regional Disparity”

### Key questions

- 1 How can we alleviate regional disparity in each state under globalization?
- 2 How can we facilitate regional diversity in each state under globalization?

### Research Purpose and Approach

This project focuses on the “public sphere” within a sovereign state as an arena to reflect the tension between social diversity and ethnocentric nationalism created by globalization. We approach the issue of how public power can or cannot be justified through deliberation in the public sphere in individual policy fields. To be more specific, we will work on case studies in various policy fields from the viewpoints of law, political science, and economics, examining issues such as how to understand “regional diversity,” whether this phenomenon can be corrected, and, if it can, what policy principles and policy measures should be applied.

Here, we carry out our studies in three small groups. The first study group will examine the regional diversity in urban versus rural regions that will discuss issues such as preservation of rural villages and mountain forests, the environment, and agriculture. The second group will work on regional diversity in markets applying industry cluster analysis. The third group will discuss the legal correction systems in the central-local relations. Research members will join these groups to advance the project. After reaching midterm research achievements, we will reinterpret our findings from the viewpoints of multicultural conviviality and gender equality. In addition, in order to make international comparisons, we plan to organize a mini international workshop together with researchers who are tackling this issue in China and France.

### Research Activities

In October 2008, we held a mini international workshop at Tsinghua University in China in parallel with the project “Globalization and Nationalism,” where we discussed how we would carry out the project in the future. In November 2008, we exchanged views on the industrial cluster analysis in Japan with researchers from France. In 2009, we held many workshops regarding regional disparity in Japan and co-hosted an international symposium with researchers and practicing professionals from France in February 2010. We will continue these researches in 2010.

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# “The State and the Private Sphere in Aging and Declining Birthrate Issues”

## Key questions

- 1 How has the state interfered with the private sphere through social and family laws?
- 2 As birthrates decline and societies continue to age, how will the state's intervention in social and family laws change?

## Research Purpose and Approach

In this aging society with declining birthrates, the promotion of laws and policies that prohibit gender and age discrimination in employment, provide child-rearing support for working women, and intervene against child abuse through administrative procedures is necessary. This project will carry out studies on how states should function, intervene, and control--as well as on the roles private parties play and what rights and duties they hold--in fields related to aging society issues. There have been a plethora of studies on the issue of state intervention in the private sphere, such as the formation of “social law” against “civil law” in jurisprudence. State intervention and control in the private sphere, which are currently sought in this aging society, involve a number of problems that cannot be fully addressed if we confine ourselves within the academic disciplines of “public law,” “private law,” and “social law.” Thus, we can say that new research beyond these three frameworks is now necessary. Consequently, two separate subprojects, the social law system group and the family law system group, will carry out research activities under this project.

The social law system group's research will form the foundation for this project. First, the group will seek specific legal policies to address problems associated with the aging society. Then, the group will reexamine the field of “social law” which has explored the possibilities of state intervention in private autonomy. Through such research, a basic theory focusing on the relationship between the state and the private sphere in the current aging society with a declining birthrate should emerge.

The family law system group will primarily address the issue of state intervention in families, which is becoming a tangible problem in this aging society. While recognizing that, as a general rule, modern law has avoided intervening in family affairs, the group plans to reexamine the acceptance of such a rule, and explore whether state intervention can effect changes on the conventional family law system. Through such examination, the group will develop a theoretical perspective on the possible effects of state intervention on the “family” unit within the private sphere. In order to undertake the above research, our project will be holding around 10 research seminars every fiscal year. We will also carry out cooperative research through interactive discussions on issues relevant to both groups.

## Research Activities

In FY2009, we held ten research seminars in total at Tohoku University. We also organized the symposium, “The Role of Medicine and Law in a New Era” in July. Project members continued their individual research activities based on the achievements of their research in the GCOE. The project leader organized the symposium on “Revision of the Family Law” at the academic seminar hosted by the Japan Association of Private Law in October. Many of the project members' achievements, including Associate Professor TAKIZAWA Sayako's *Kyousou kikai no kakuho wo meguru houkouzou* [Legal Structure around Security of Opportunity for Competition] released by Yuhikaku, have also been published. In FY2010, we will continue to hold research seminars. In addition, we plan to incorporate our regular activity into the educational activities for the Cross-National Doctoral Course students. Furthermore, we will develop collaborative research aiming at publication of our achievements in the fiscal year after next.

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# “An Empirical Study on the Effect of Gender Equality and Multicultural Exchange Policies Using an Economic Analysis of Law”

## Key questions

- 1 How effective are the gender equality and the multicultural conviviality systems based on an Economic Analysis of Law?
- 2 What should we do to alter individual' current conducts and to improve social welfare?

## Research Purpose and Approach

This project empirically examines the effect of law systems and social systems on society, economy and people's action. We will also focus on the public welfare of the system reform regarding multicultural coexistence, gender equality, and aging society and low fertility.

In order to achieve this purpose, this project will take the following five approaches. The first is to create a social database and archives of multicultural coexistence, gender equality, and an aging society with low fertility; the second is to provide the results of the questionnaire survey to the public; the third is to prepare and publish a Japanese version of a gender equality index by region following the example of Statistics Norway; the fourth is to interpret social issues through laws and institutions using the above data, analyze them based on the economic model, and then provide the outcome to the society in the form of new law and social systems. This will be the core of our research. The fifth is to continuously disclose these processes and outcomes in the form of DP and others, and then publish the final achievements in the forms of books and educational materials.

The expecting outcome will be (1) to develop the human resources who can judge, discuss, and make policies on frontier issues basing on quantitative evidences; and (2) to build the foundations of analyzing public policies basing not on the journalistic discussions but on the evidences, and establish a field of Evidence Based Public Policy.

## Research Activities

As for our activity during FY2009, 1) we had a “Questionnaire regarding Financial Crisis and College Enrolment,” which was funded by the GCOE program, and published the initial result of the questionnaire as “Impact of Financial Crisis on College Enrolment” in *Financial Research University*, Vol. 6 (pp. 91-109); 2) we created the “Japanese Version of Regional Gender Equality Index” and published the outcome in the *GEMC journal*; and 3) we put out an article on “Social Lending” in the *GEMC journal* as law and economics of multicultural conviviality.

With regard to our activity in FY2010, (1) we will continue to examine whether there was a shift in college-bound populations between the sexes using econometric approach based on a survey result of the questionnaire regarding “Financial Crisis and College Enrolment.” (2) We will continue to publish statistics by projecting a Japanese version of gender index for FY2010. In addition, in the area of law and economics of multicultural conviviality, we will use econometrics to verify how cross-national exchanges among countries with internationally different cultures and social structures contribute to economic growth.

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# “Family Change in an Aging Society with Low Fertility: Micro Data Approach”

### Key questions

1 Is the modern family system adaptive to the age of diversity?

2 How is the family related to inequality, subordination, poverty, and violence?

### Research Purpose and Approach

This project aims to contribute to the planning and evaluation of policies by interpreting family changes in current Japanese society through a scientific approach with quantitative analysis based on micro data. In contemporary society, while the family is the explicit target of some policies, it gives implicit conditions for policies in various fields where systems are designed based on the unit of household. However, quantitative research on family has centered on grasping the reality of family based on sociological theories without consideration for law and policy. This project takes an interdisciplinary approach to the policy issues regarding research topics of this GCOE program: namely, gender equality, the aging society with low fertility, and multicultural conviviality. We will conduct our research through close cooperation between researchers specializing in law/social policy and those specializing in sociology. Research topics may include: (1) dysfunction of systems assuming a standard lifestyle in spite of diversifying family lives; (2) inequality and family structure; (3) economic dependence and sexual division of labor; (4) the generation mechanism of domestic violence and abuse; (5) the kin support network; and (6) dynamism of normative consciousness regarding family patterns and functions.

The main source of micro data is the National Family Research of Japan (NFRJ), a series of large-scale surveys based on probability samples across Japan offered by Japan Society of Family Sociology. The data of surveys conducted in fiscal 1998, fiscal 2001, and fiscal 2003 are available through SSJ Data Archive of the Institute of Social Science at the University of Tokyo. In fiscal 2008, a similar size survey “NFRJ08” was conducted. These data allow us to investigate the family change in these ten years.

### Research Activities

We collected literature regarding family changes, family policy, and quantitative analysis to elaborate details of the agenda for our research. In addition, we carried out preliminary analysis using existing data and, revolving around the state of responses to the National Family Research of Japan executed in 2008 (NFRJ08), reviewed technical problems of family surveys. Also, two other projects and we co-hosted an international seminar of “Gender Equality in Multicultural Societies: Gender, Diversity and Conviviality in the Age of Globalization” in August 2009. In 2010, we will start a formal quantitative analysis as soon as the data of NFRJ08 become available. We will have meetings on a timely basis where we discuss on setting of agenda, analysis method, and political implications drawn from the results while decision on details of agenda will be left to each member of the project. We will not only present the results of analysis at symposium, on discussion paper and institutional repository but also promote active contribution to international academic journals.

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# “A Comparative Gender Analysis of Livelihood Security Systems— Faces of the Global Knowledge Economy and Social Exclusion”

### Key questions

1 What is the current state of social exclusion issues such as poverty, unemployment, informalization of the labor market and difficulties in reproduction?

2 What are current trends in Livelihood Security System reforms that fight against social exclusion?

### Research Purpose and Activity

This project carries out comparative gender analyses for Japan, Korea, Germany, and Sweden through combining approaches of “livelihood security system” and “social exclusion.”

Since the mid 1970s the economy has become more and more globalized and postindustrialization has been progressing particularly in advanced industrial nations, where the importance of the service sector has increased and production bases of the manufacturing sector have been increasingly transferred abroad. Under such circumstances, it has been recognized that capitalism per se is not uniform or monolithic and the theory of “Varieties of Capitalism” has been developed, distinguishing two major types of market economy, the “liberal market economy” and the “coordinated market economy.” On the other hand, the conventional livelihood security system relying on the welfare state is said to have reached a deadlock. Welfare states cannot cope with newly emerging social risks, and “social exclusion” that makes it hard for many people to make a living and participate in society has been observed.

Against such backdrop this project will pick up the above-mentioned four countries among those classified as coordinated market economies in the theory of varieties of capitalism, and identify the reality of social exclusion, including poverty, unemployment, shrinking fulltime employment, and difficulty in fostering the next-generation workforce as well as the trend of innovations introduced in the livelihood security system with a view to overcoming social exclusion. Furthermore, we also look at the institutions and practices of social economy or the third sector that are considered as effective actors for livelihood security. We will conduct surveys and research through field work in the United Kingdom, Italy and some other countries, and by other means to discover the relative importance in the economy of social economy, including community businesses, cooperatives, mutual aid association, social cooperatives, and social enterprises. The surveys and research will also take into account functions of social economy in securing people’s livelihood security (including the job creation effect, the labor market integration effect, and the ripple effect on regional economy).

### Research Activities

This project holds a general meeting involving those cooperating overseas on a regular basis to promote an intensive exchange of research outputs and perspectives. Sessions where interim reports on research outcome are presented so as to obtain inputs from outside the project members are also organized as much as possible at conferences of major international academic associations.

In September 2009, we organized a public symposium followed by an intensive workshop in cooperation with the University of Bremen and the Hanse Institute of Advanced Science. Also, Institute for Japanese Studies of Seoul National University and we co-hosted an international symposium in March 2010.

Furthermore, as surveys on the third sector and social economy we visited and interviewed community business, cooperatives, and social cooperatives in Italy and the United Kingdom in September 2009.

We will continue to hold general meetings on a regular basis and turn the research outcome in the report in FY2010.

# “An Empirical Study on the Effectiveness of Work-Life Balance and Equal Opportunity Policies”

## Key questions

- 1 Is work-life balance compatible with equal opportunity employment?
- 2 Do work-life balance and equal opportunity employment produce positive effects on human resource management?

## Research Purpose and Approach

This project picks up two issues related to work-life balance support in companies and measures for equal employment opportunities, and conducts empirical research, including international comparisons on such matters as the current status, relationship and effects of both issues.

“Support for work-life balance” asks whether or not there are working styles and systems that allow people to continue working during various events in life such as childbearing, childrearing, and nursing care. “Equal employment opportunities” ask whether or not a company is a place where employees can actively work according to their motivation and ability regardless of sex. If the state of the human resource management of a company is measured by how far it realizes “equal employment opportunities” and “support for work-life balance,” it will belong to one of four types. At the time when the Equal Employment Opportunity Act was passed, its main objective was to allow women with motivation and ability to go on the same career path as men. In order to enhance opportunities for women to demonstrate their abilities, however, it is essential to improve “support for work-life balance” in parallel with improving “equality.” In companies where “support for work-life balance” is insufficient even if “equality” has been realized, the way men work based on division of labor role by sex should not be the basis for women seeking equal grounds, but men's working styles must change as well. In order to realize “support for work-life balance,” the key will be to review the way men work, and it will be essential to change working style and management style.

By analyzing the University of Tokyo's Institute of Social Science's Social Science Japan (SSJ) data archive, datasets in overseas data archives, and other datasets to which project members have access, we aim to empirically illustrate the following: the affect of companies' WLB support policies and equal employment opportunity policies on corporate management, utilization of employees, job behavior, and expansion of women's work areas. We also aim to elucidate the management possibilities, such as supervision of work and working hours, through the implementation of WLB support and equal employment opportunity.

## Research Activities

We chose the dataset that each of the participating members will examine for his/her analysis during FY2008 and started specific analysis from FY2009. We will link data retrieved from re-analysis made during FY2009 on “Employment Status Survey” published by the Statistics Bureau of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications with other data analyses and publish an interim report during FY2010. As for understanding the current status and challenges of WLB support in companies, we hold close information exchanges with the Work Life Balance Promotion and Research Project (WLBPRP) that is carried out jointly by the Institute of Social Science, University of Tokyo and a private-sector company. Specifically, WLBPRP and we co-organized a debriefing session of research achievements in FY2008 and FY2009 respectively.

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# Human Resources Development

Fostering young researchers is a top priority for this Global COE Program. There are three main opportunities for the development of young researchers: the Cross-National Doctoral Course (CNDC), GCOE Fellows, and GCOE Research Assistants (RA).

## Cross-National Doctoral Course (CNDC)

### What is CNDC?

In this program, the Tohoku University School of Law and partner institutions abroad collaborate to advise students in the doctoral course. Students who enroll in this program will spend at least one year at a partner institution abroad. Upon completion of the three year curriculum, students will submit one dissertation (in English) to both schools in order to obtain a doctorate from the two institutions (double degree, or a joint degree). (See Chart 1)

In the CNDC, participants can choose to complete the entire curriculum in English.

### Joint supervision over students' research

Each student will receive support from two supervisors in this program; one from Tohoku University's School of Law and one from the partner institution. The two supervisors closely correspond with each other to give suitable advice to their students. Selected young postdoctoral researchers, or Senior Fellows, also offer additional tutoring.

### Support for students

Students who enroll in this program will be employed as Research Assistants (RA) while studying abroad at a partner institution allowing them to concentrate on their research work.

### Overseas partner institutions

There are currently six overseas partner institutions collaborating with Tohoku University in this CNDC Program (see Chart 2). More partner institutions are expected to join.

### 2009 Update

In October 2009, a total of nine students from the University of Sheffield (UK), Ecole normale supérieure lettres et sciences humaines (ENS-LSH, France), Lumière University Lyon 2 (France), and Tsinghua University (China) entered the doctoral program at Tohoku University's School of Law. These nine students plan to stay in Sendai for one year until next September, and concentrate on their research. Four more students from Lumière University Lyon 2, Tsinghua University, and the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences are already confirmed to enter Tohoku's School of Law in April 2010. The Program began accepting applications in January 2010 from the above institutions as well as from the University of Ottawa for an opening for an additional 5 students for October 2010 entrance. Doctoral students from the School of Law at Tohoku University are also expected to begin participation in this program by spending a year at an overseas partner institution starting in the fall of 2010.

CNDC Students' Courses in Academic Year 2009 (sample)

Doctoral Dissertation Tutorial A	Comparative Constitutional Law I
Doctoral Dissertation Tutorial B	European Political History II
Frontier of Gender and Multicultural Conviviality Studies	International Relations Theory I
Japan in the World	International Relations Theory II

chart 1

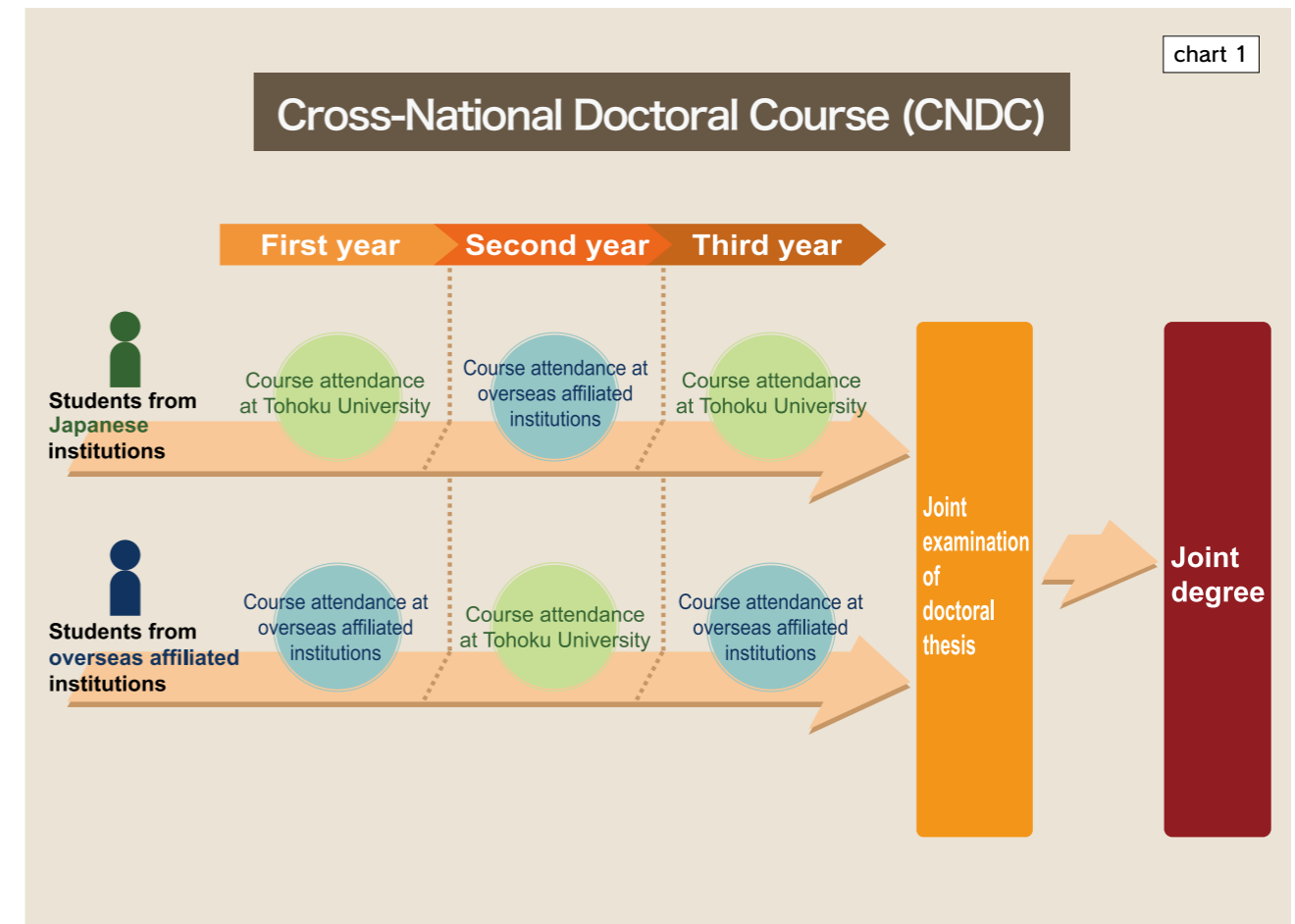
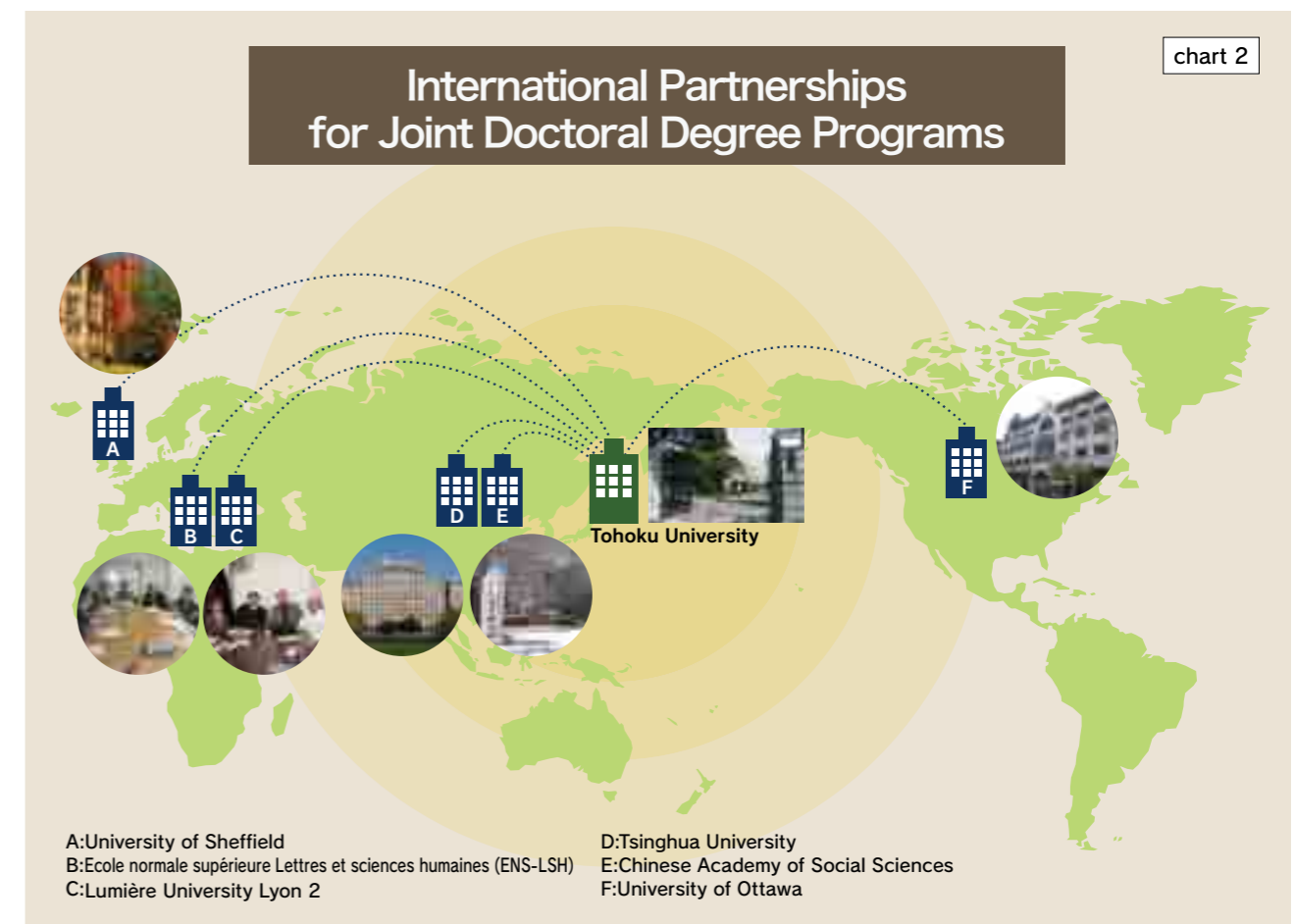


chart 2



## Frontier of Gender and Multicultural Conviviality Studies

This course, mainly for students participating in the Cross-National Doctoral Course (CNDC), aims to offer in omnibus format, an opportunity for discussing the works and findings of leading researchers at the forefront of gender equality and multicultural conviviality research. This academic year included the following sessions.

### [ Session 1 ]

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TOZAWA Hidenori  
(Associate Professor, Tohoku University)  
Guidance

### [ Session 2 ]

TSUJIMURA Miyoko  
(Professor, Tohoku University)

"Law and Praxis for a Gender-Equal Society in Japan: The Purpose of GCOE 'Gender Equality and Multicultural Conviviality in the Age of Globalization'"

### [ Session 3 ]

OSAWA Mari (Professor, University of Tokyo)  
"Challenges to the Livelihood Security System in Japan from a Gender Perspective"

### [ Session 4 ]

KONDO Atsushi (Professor, Meijo University)  
"Legal System for Foreign Residents in Japan: Comparison with Western Countries"

### [ Session 5 ]

John F. MORRIS  
(Professor, Miyagi Gakuin Women's University)  
"Multicultural Policy in Miyagi Prefecture: The Formulation of Multicultural Policy in/for an Area of Scattered Residency and What it Can and Cannot Achieve"

### [ Session 6 ]

Glenn D. HOOK  
(Professor, University of Sheffield)

"Japan in the World"

### [ Session 7 ]

KIM Sun Uk  
(Professor, Ewha Womans University)

"Gender Equality Policies in Korea"

### [ Session 8 ]

TAKEDA Hiroko  
(Lecturer, University of Sheffield)

"The Political Value of Family Meals: New Technologies of Food Governance and the Family in Japan"

### [ Session 9 ]

Elena DINGU-KYRKLUND  
(Researcher, Stockholm University)

"Migration and Immigrant Integration Policy in Sweden: from Legal Provisions to Practice"

Linus KYRKLUND

(Ombudsman against Ethnic Discrimination, Sweden)  
"Equality in Sweden: A Long and Winding Road"

### [ Session 10 ]

Maria Rosario PIQUERO-BALLESCAS  
(Professor, Toyo University)

"Multiculturalism and Gender Equality: Focus on Japan and the Philippines"



## Cross-National Doctoral Course Student Interviews

The Cross-National Doctoral Course (CNDC) is a joint doctoral degree program offered by Tohoku University's School of Law and its overseas partner institutions. Nine students began participating in this program in October 2009.

### ■ Cross-National Doctoral Course Student Interviews

#### What made you decide to join the Cross-National Doctoral Course?

I find two things especially interesting in the whole Program. First is the whole idea of the double degree. If I successfully complete my PhD, I will receive honors from both the University of Sheffield as well as Tohoku University School of Law. I also find the whole nature of the Program very innovative and interesting. It is not only Sheffield and Tohoku that are involved in this whole initiative. There are also universities in France, China, and the Institute of Social Science in Tokyo, as well as many other academic institutions in Korea and across the world. I think that it is especially interesting, because it allows participants to access specialists in a given area. I think that this is very precious.



**Kamila SZCZEPANSKA**

University of Sheffield  
(United Kingdom)

Country of origin: Poland

#### What made you decide to join the Cross-National Doctoral Course?

I have known about Tohoku University for a long time, because it is such a well-known university. Being fascinated by the great appeal of this Program, I decided to postpone my graduation for one year to participate. I think the most attractive point is that we can attend a true world-class institution, in which we can communicate with other students from different countries, and learn different views on the same subject from them, because of different cultural backgrounds. I think this will greatly help my research.



**CHEN Hao**

Tsinghua University (China)  
Country of origin: China

#### On your research project:

The subject area of my research project combines gender studies and the sociology of religion. The purpose of my project is to investigate women's involvement in volunteer work sponsored by religious organizations. This is in order to check whether social work and volunteering increase women's emancipation and participation in Japanese society at large. As case studies, I'm taking three religious organizations founded around the end of the 19th century, which are called "new religions."



**Paola CAVALIERE**

University of Sheffield  
(United Kingdom)

Country of origin: Italy

## ■ Cross-National Doctoral Course Student Interviews



**Pauline CHERRIER**

Lumière University Lyon 2  
(France)  
Country of origin: France

### On your research project:

Since my master's program, I have been studying the Brazilian community living in Japan. I study about the way they are represented in the Japanese society both in the Japanese media and the Brazilian ethnic media. Through this study of the expression of themselves and their representation, I try to gauge and evaluate the Japanese public opinion regarding foreigners and globalization. Through this study, I intend to better understand how the Japanese are transforming themselves in this era of globalization and how Japanese people see this era of multicultural conviviality.

### On your research topic:

My doctoral thesis is the social theories of modern states building, in which I try to find the power of modern states building from the view of nationalism. Modern states and nationalism are the key concepts in my research and there are 3 parts to it: 1) the macrostructure of modern states building and nationalism, which attempts to classify classical theories such as Marxism, Modernism and Functionalism; 2) nationalism as a motive behind modern states building; and 3) the destinies of modern states and nationalism in globalization, which has been eroding and changing since the 1970s.



**YU Fujian**

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Country of origin: China

### What you want to do during your stay in Japan:

First of all, I want to gather a vast amount of Japanese primary sources from Japanese libraries, especially in Tokyo. That means the National Archives and the Military Archives, which are the backbone of my study. I also want to strengthen and further contacts with experts in my research field. Furthermore, I am taking part in the language program at Tohoku University, which is also very beneficial for me and for my research. Last but not least, I am practicing karate here in Sendai. It is a very great opportunity to do karate, since there are great dojos here.



**Sven MATTHIESSEN**

University of Sheffield  
(United Kingdom)  
Country of origin: Germany

## ■ Cross-National Doctoral Course Student Interviews



**Baptiste KUMALA**

ENS – LSH (France)  
Country of origin: France

### What you want to do during your stay in Japan:

Concerning my research, I have reached the point where I have read and found a lot of information. I now need to process, and to start thinking about writing. This year is a pivotal one for me, because I would like to focus on my thesis. Being here in Sendai is a good opportunity, because it is quiet and peaceful, so I can really focus. Also, Tohoku University has many teachers who are part of Council for Science and Technology Policy. It is good to have an inside point of view on innovation policy. To be able to reach these people for one year is really interesting. Also, I have to start thinking about the future. What I want to do after my degree and for what purpose am I doing this PhD?

### On your future:

First, after my stay at Tohoku University and the end of CNDC, I have to go back to France to finish my PhD. After that, I do not know what I am going to do—if I will come back to Japan to work or if I will stay in France or move elsewhere in the world. I also do not know what I am going to do in the future, but maybe the best option will be to work for an international organization. I hope that this year at Tohoku University will help me find my way for the future.



**HATTORI Akira**

Lumière University of Lyon 2  
(France)  
Country of origin: Japan

### On your future:

Perhaps I will work in the mass media or work as a public servant. But personally, I would like to be a teacher at a top Chinese university. So, maybe I will work at a top Chinese university and advance my academic research. On the other hand, I would also like to continue to push forward the cultural exchange between China and Japan.



**LIU Chao**

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Country of origin: China



## GCOE Fellowship

Exceptional and ambitious postdoctoral researchers from around the world, or young researchers with similar qualifications, will be offered Fellowships for 6 months or 1 year (with possible extensions). Our GCOE hopes that the beneficial conditions at Tohoku will enable young researchers to become global leaders in the fields related to our Program.

## Research Assistants(RA)

Our GCOE Program will select doctoral students from Tohoku University with proven track records in the Program's research areas to become RAs. The GCOE will support these students produce further results in their research.

## Ichibancho Branch Research Center for Gender Equality and Multicultural Conviviality

This facility holds a large collection of materials related to gender equality and multicultural conviviality. With computers set up for research purposes, it also functions as a research base for Global COE Fellows and postdocs. Students are also free to access the Ichibancho Branch.



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## Main Activities in Academic Year 2009