

Tohoku University centenary

INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES
ON
GENDER EQUALITY
AND SOCIAL DIVERSITY

29, 30, 31 July, 2007
Sendai International Center,
Sendai, Japan

Hosted by
the Gender Law and Policy Center,
Tohoku University

Symposium Guide

July, 2007



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This brochure contains following material on:

1. Basic information including provisional timetable
2. The conference venue
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1. BASIC INFORMATION

Date: 29 (Sun) – 31 (Tue), July, 2007

Venue: Sendai International Center,
Aobayama, Aoba-ku, Sendai, Miyagi-Prefecture,
980-0856, Japan
(<http://www.sira.or.jp/icenter/english/index.html>)

Purpose:

In many countries, there have been active efforts towards gender equality, together with vigorous theoretical research. This international symposium aims to give an overview on the theories and policies in promoting gender equality in Europe, the US and Asian countries. It then hopes to clarify theoretical and policy related problems towards constructing gender equal society in the diversity of the 21st century. It seeks to envision effective solutions to the problems in the future world by bridging theory and policy through wide perspective with the main focus on studies of law and politics.

Provisional Timetable:

Day One (29/7/2007) Opening Session: Room 'TACHIBANA'

14:00 Opening

Welcomes by:

- Professor Akihisa Inoue, the President of Tohoku University
- Mr. Yoshihiro Murai, the Governor of Miyagi Prefecture
- Professor Yasuko Yamashita, Bunkyo Gakuin University, and the President of the Japan Association of Gender and Law
- Professor Miyoko Tsujimura, the Program Leader of Gender Law and Policy Center, Tohoku University

14:30- 17:30 Keynote Speeches

* Speeches from:

- Professor Catharine A. MacKinnon, The University of Michigan Law School, the United States
- Professor Zhu Xiaoping, Institute of Law, The Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, People's Republic of China
- Professor Chizuko Ueno, The University of Tokyo

* Comments from:

- Professor Yukiko Tsunoda, Lawyer and Meiji University
- Professor Toshiya Ueki, Tohoku University
- Professor Kazuko Takemura, Ochanomizu University

18:00 - 20:00

Welcome Reception (Restaurant 'La Foret')

Day Two (30/7/2007) Panel Presentations and Discussions: Room 'TACHIBANA'

9:00-12:00 Panel One

(Perspectives on Political Participation, Human Security, and Gender Education)

*Presentations from:

- Professor Sandra Whitworth, York University, Canada
- Professor Marilisa D'Amico, the University of Milan, Italy
- Professor Kimberlé Crenshaw, Columbia University, the United States

*Comments from:

- Professor Hiroyuki Tosa, Kobe University
- Ms. Susanna Creperio Verratti, Political Philosopher and Journalist
- Professor Yasue Nukatsuka, Kanto Gakuin University
- Professor Tomoko Arisawa, Osaka Gakuin University

14:00-17:00 Panel Two

(Perspectives on Social Welfare, Family, and Sexuality)

*Presentations from:

- Professor Nathalie Des Rosiers, University of Ottawa, Canada
- Professor Susan Emmenegger, Universität Bern, Switzerland
- Professor Léna Gannagé, Université de Paris II, France

*Comments from:

- Professor Hiroshi Nakasatomi, Fukushima University
- Professor Shoji Kawakami, Tohoku University
- Professor Noriko Mizuno, Tohoku University

Day Three (31/7/2007) Concluding Session: Room 'TACHIBANA'

9:00 - 12:00 Concluding Remarks and Discussions

* Speeches from:

- Dr. Kuniko Inoguchi, Member of the House of Representatives and former Minister of Gender Equality, Japan
- Professor Kim Sun-Uk, Ewha Womans University, and former Minister of Governmental Legislation, Republic of Korea

* Comments from:

- Professor Mutsuko Asakura, Waseda Law School

12:00 Closing Ceremony

- Thank from Professor Kaoru Inaba, the Dean of the School of Law, Tohoku University

*****Notes for the whole period*****

1. All sessions and panels will consist of

*Presentations (some 25minutes/person)

*Comments

*Discussion, Questions and Answers

All presentations will be delivered only in English (English – Japanese simultaneous translation will be available).

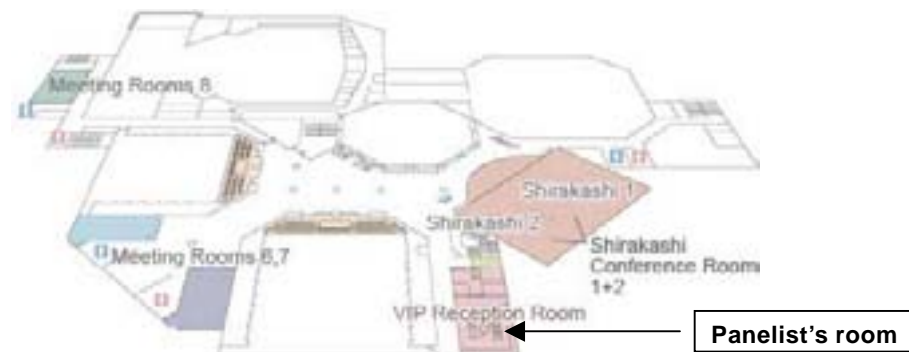
2. Poster Session by young researchers will be taken place on Day Two.

2. THE CONFERENCE VENUE

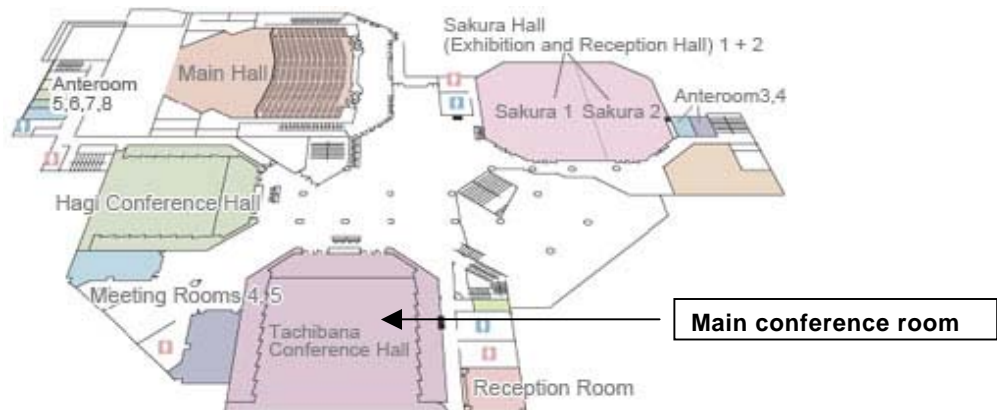
The Symposium will be held at Sendai International Center. For the address of the venue, please see Section One, Basic Information.

2-1. Center's Lay-out

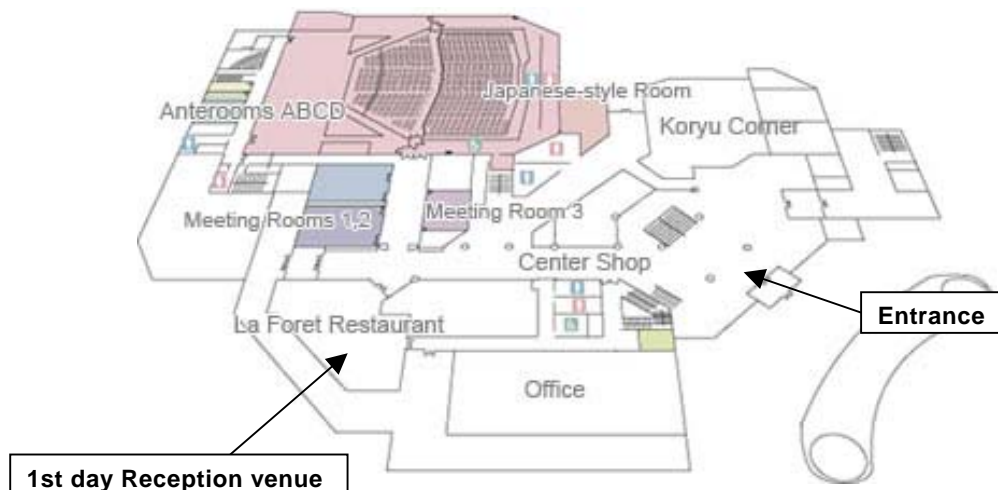
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2nd floor



1st floor



The Symposium will mainly use:

- * 'Tachibana' Conference Hall, Second floor, as the main conference venue
- * La Foret Restaurant, first floor, for the first day reception

2-2. The Location

Note: Local transportation in Sendai city will be provided for the speakers and commentators.

Sendai International Center is some 10 minutes' bus ride from JR Sendai Station (where the Shinkansen arrives/departs). Frequent city bus services as well as taxis are available from the Station.

For using the city bus services, the bus leaves from stop number NINE, from where following services run to the center:

Service 710, 713, 715 and 719 (713 is very limited)

The nearest stop is 'Hakubutsukan Kokusai Sentar Mae (博物館・国際センター前) ' (There is an announcement in English)

For using taxi, there is a taxi rank in front of Sendai Station on the first floor. Because most of the drivers do not speak English, it would be necessary to make it clear that you are going to 'Sendai Kokusai Center', or simply show the following Japanese messeage: 「仙台国際センターまでお願いします。」

3. OTHER INFORMATION

3-1. Cellphone and internet facilities

Due to technical difference, cellphones using the GSM standard (most country applies, except Japan and Korea) is NOT compatible with Japanese (CDMA) standard. If you intend to use cellphones in Japan, it will be necessary to rent a phone at shops or airport. Please check before your travel.

Internet facilities are provided both at the International Center and the Excel Tokyu Hotel, but please remember to bring a cable for modular jack.

3-2. Currency Exchange in Sendai

In Sendai, the Excel Hotel Tokyu is available for foreign currency exchange. Although there are banks and postoffices providing the same service, most of the offices are not familiar with speaking English.

3-3. Disabled access

Disabled access are available in both the Conference venue and the Excel Tokyu Hotel. If there is a preference for booking a room with disabled facilities, please send an email to the symposium office (symposium2007@law.tohoku.ac.jp). Also, Sendai Sattion is equipped with an elevator.

3-4. Language

English information is presented at most public places including the Sendai Station, and the bus terminal. However, people are usually not accustomed to use English.

3-5. Smoking

Smoking in the public place, including inside the International Center is prohibited by the Japanese legislation. Smoking space is often provided either in specific places, or outside the building.

4. FURTHER INQUIRIES

If you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact us through email to:

Symposium2007@law.tohoku.ac.jp

(Email address exclusively for the international symposium)

5. Websites and Maps (mostly in English)

1. On University

Tohoku University

<http://www.tohoku.ac.jp/english/index.html>

Gender Law and Policy Center

<http://www.law.tohoku.ac.jp/COE/>

2. On Symposium Venue

Sendai International Center

<http://www.sira.or.jp/center/english/index.html>

3. General Travel Information of Sendai city

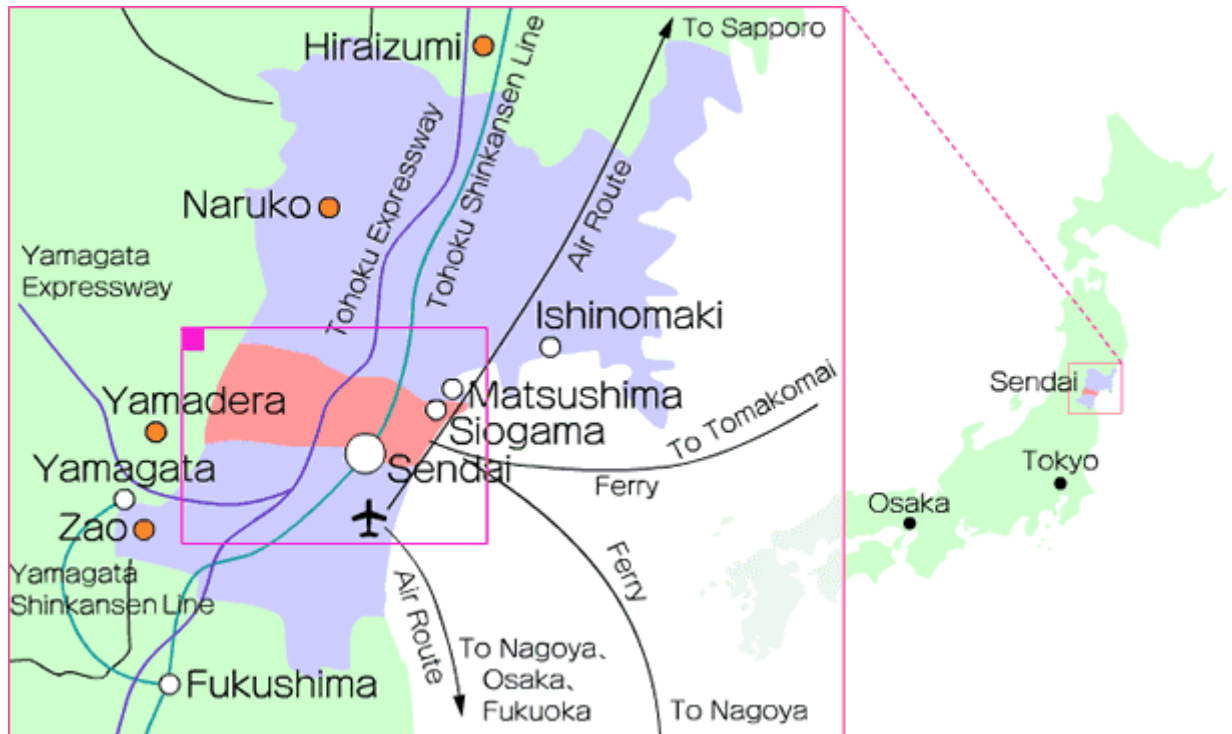
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<http://www.sentabi.jp/1000/10000000.html> (English)

<http://www.sentabi.jp/4000/40000000.html> (Korean)

Maps

1. The Location of Sendai City



2. Sendai City Map



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