Understanding Inequalities:
Multidisciplinary Approaches and Comparative Perspectives

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Friday, 11 July

1:30 p.m. Welcome Address by Hiroshi Ishida (Director, ISS) and general introduction by Kenji Hirashima (ISS) and Sébastien Lechevalier (EHESS)

Part I: New approaches on inequalities

Chair: Kenji Hirashima (ISS)


Discussant: Ryo Kambayashi (Hitotsubashi University)
2:30-2:50 p.m. Sandrine Bretonnière (Cadis-EHESS/CNRS): “Inequalities in cancer care: focusing on barriers to compliance during treatments”

**Discussant:** Chiaki Ishigaki (Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, The University of Tokyo)

3.00 p.m. Coffee Break

3:30-3:50 p.m. Shin Arita (ISS): “A Comparative Analysis of Social Stratification in Japan, Korea and Taiwan”

**Discussant:** Gilles Postel-Vinay (PSE, EHESS)

4.00-4:20 p.m. Kaku Sechiyama (Graduate School of Arts and Sciences): “Patriarchy in East Asia: A Comparative Sociology of Gender”

**Discussant:** Sandrine Bretonnière (Cadis-EHESS/CNRS)

4.30-4:50 p.m. Hiroshi Yoshikawa (The University of Tokyo, Faculty of Economics): “Equality and social security in Post war Japan”

**Discussant:** Sebastien Lechevalier (EHESS)

5.00 p.m. General Discussion

5:30 pm: closing of the first day

6:00 p.m. Reception

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**Saturday, 12 July**

**Part II: Labor Inequalities: concepts & issues**

**Chair:** Sébastien Lechevalier (EHESS)
09:30 - 09:50 am  Bénédicte Zimmermann (Georg Simmel Center, EHESS)
“Inequalities at Work: From Resources to Capabilities”

Discussant: Yuichiro Mizumachi (ISS)

10:00-10:20 a.m.  Bernard Thomann (Inalco): “Another labor inequality: the social invisibility of miner’s occupationnal diseases”

Discussant: Kazutoshi Kase (ISS)

10:30 a.m.  Coffee Break

11:00-11:20 a.m.  Yuichiro Mizumachi (ISS): “Why Are There Many Expendable Workers in Japan? — Issues and Mechanisms Underlying the Non-Regular Worker Problem”

Discussant: Bénédicte Zimmermann (Georg Simmel Center, EHESS)

11:30-11:50 a.m.  Ryo Kambayashi (Hitotsubashi University): “Good Jobs, Bad Jobs, and the Great Recession: Lessons from Japan’s Lost Decade” (joint with Takao Kato, Colgate University)
Discussant: Sébastien Lechevalier (EHESS)

Noon-00:20 p.m.  General discussion

00:20 p.m. -1:20 pm  Lunch

**Part III: From Opinions to Discourses and Policies**

Chair: Bernard Thomann (Inalco)

1:30-1:50 p.m.  Caroline Guibet Lafaye (Centre Maurice Halbwachs & GRECO, CNRS): “Rejection and tolerance of inequalities and their new dimensions in France”
Discussant: Shigeki Uno (ISS)

2 p.m.-2:20 p.m.  Shigeki Uno (ISS): “The transformation of intellectual discourses on equality/inequality in contemporary Japan”

Discussant: Caroline Guibet Lafaye (Centre Maurice Halbwachs & GRECO, CNRS)
2:30 pm - 2:50 p.m. Sébastien Lechevalier (EHESS & MFJ): “Social mobility, social beliefs, and attitudes to redistribution. A comparison between the United States, France, and Japan”

Discussant: Takeshi Fujitani (ISS)

3. p.m.-3:20 p.m. Takeshi Fujitani (ISS): “The Fate of Redistributive Taxation in the Era of Globalization” (joint with Holger Görg, Kiel Institute)

Discussant: Akiko Suwa-Eisenmann (PSE, INRA)

3.30 p.m. Coffee Break

4. p.m.-4:20 p.m. Kenji Hirashima (ISS): "Nothing new to the unique welfare state? Japan in comparison with France"

Discussant: Bernard Thomann (Inalco)

5. p.m. Discussion

5:30 pm: closing of the workshop

6:00 p.m. Dinner