International Workshop: Inequalities and Preference for Redistribution

Workshop co-organized with Doshisha University in the framework of the research project "Inequalities and Preference for Redistribution" supported by the Toyota Foundation. Inequalities have increased over the last thirty years. However, this increase has not been the same in every country. Moreover, the perception of these inequalities differs across countries in a paradoxical way: concern about inequality is the largest in Europe, where it has been actually slighter. Differences between actual inequalities and their perception could be explained by a difference of values in the three regions of study, USA, Europe and Japan. Does the perception of inequalities matter more than the objective determinants of inequalities as it leads to different forms of redistribution? Does the fact of having different values make the concept of “fairness” take different forms in each region?

Program

July 6th
Venue: Doshisha University, Imadegawa Campus, Ryoshinkan 3rd floor, Seminar Room No.1
9:00: Opening remarks by Sébastien Lechevalier (EHESS, FFJ) & Tadashi Yagi (Doshisha University)

Redistributive Politics with Target-Specific Beliefs
9:10: Keynote speech by Christina Fong (Carnegie Mellon University)
10:40: Coffee break

Session I: Poverty Perception, Attitude towards Government Role, and Preference for Redistribution

Preference for Redistribution and Poverty Perception in China using the CGSS 2006 and a Multivariate Ordered Probit Models with Endogeneity
11:00: Zhou Xun (Jiangxi University of Finance and Economics)
Discussant: Conchita D’Ambrosio (University of Luxembourg)

Revisiting Cross-National Variations in Preference for Redistribution: A Comparison between US, France, and Japan
11:50: Ryo Kambayashi (Hitotsubashi University), Sébastien Lechevalier (EHESS) & Marc Jenmana (PSE)
Discussant: Andrew E. Clark (Paris School of Economics)
12:40: Lunch break
Session II: Political Economy Perspective

Economic Insecurity and Political Preferences
14:00: Andrew E. Clark (Paris School of Economics)
Discussant: Christina Fong (Carnegie Mellon University)

Attitudes towards Inequality and Re-distribution
14:50: Toshiaki Tachibanaki (Kyoto Women's University) & Sayaka Sakoda (Doshisha University)
Discussant: Sébastien Lechevalier (EHESS)
15:40: Discussion
16:30: End of the first day of the workshop

July 7th
Venue: Doshisha University, Imadegawa Campus, Ryoshinkan 3rd floor, Seminar Room No.1

Session III: Asian Cases

Living Conditions and Well-Being: Evidence from Asian Countries
9:00: Conchita D’Ambrosio (University of Luxembourg), co-written with Andrew E. Clark and Anthony Lepinteur.
Discussant: Ryo Kambayashi (Hitotsubashi University)

Assortative Mating, Female Labour Supply and Income Inequality in Japan
9:50: Arnaud Lefranc (Université de Cergy-Pontoise), co-written with Fumiaki Ojima (Doshisha University)
Discussant: Toshiaki Tachibanaki (Kyoto Women's University)
10:40: Coffee break

Does Learning Opportunity at College Affect Preference for Redistribution? - The Case of Japan
11:00: Kunio Urakawa (Kyushu University)
Discussant: Arnaud Lefranc (Université de Cergy-Pontoise)
11:50: Concluding remarks by Sébastien Lechevalier (EHESS, FFJ) and discussion
12:30: End of the workshop