Symposium on Asian Perspectives on Social Stratification and Inequality

Sponsor: Center for the Study of Social Stratification and Inequality
Organizer: Yoshimichi Sato (CSSI)
Venue: Main Meeting Room, 11th floor of New Humanities Building of Tohoku University
Date: October 27-28, 2012

Program

Notes: Each speaker has 30 minutes for presentation and 10 minutes for discussion.
Facilities for Powerpoint presentations are available.

October 27 (Saturday)
9:00-9:10 Opening remarks by Yoshimichi Sato
9:10-10:30 Session 1 (Moderator: Hiroki Takikawa)
Keiko Nakao and Hachiro Iwai Cross-Cultural Comparisons on Status Attainment: Comparison among Four East Asian Societies based on EASS-2008
Raymond Sin-Kwok Wong Comparative Social Mobility in East Asian Societies
10:30-10:40 Break
10:40-12:00 Session 2 (Moderator: Hiroki Takikawa)
Doo-Seung Hong, Eun Young Nam, and Jee Young Seong Non-regular workers in Korea: A Truely Disadvantaged Class?
Arturo Martinez Jr., Mark Western, Michele Haynes, and Wojtek Tomaszewski Moving to Higher Quality Employment: An Exploratory Study of Multiple Job Holders in Indonesia
12:00-13:00 Lunch (COE Meeting Room on 6th Floor of Faculty of Arts and Letters)
13:00-14:00 Keynote Lecture (Moderator: Yoshimichi Sato)
Meir Yaish Social Class and Economic Inequality: Attitudes toward Income Inequality in 20 Capitalist Societies
14:00-14:10 Break
14:10-15:30 Session 3 (Moderator: Rumi Matsuzaki)
Yoshimichi Sato Non-regular Workers Trapped in the Gap between Changing Reality and (Almost) Unchanged Institutions
Arthur Sakamoto and Yuka Minagawa A U.S.-Japan Comparison of the Effects of Absolute and Relative Income Differentials on Happiness
15:30-15:40 Break
15:40-17:00  Session 4 (Moderator: Rumi Matsuzaki)
Menandro S. Abanes  Ethno-religious Identification and Social Stratification and Inequality in the Philippines
Anastasia Gorodzeisky and Moshe Semyonov  Making a Living at Two Labor Markets: Earnings of Filipinos in the Global and the Domestic Economy

18:00  Reception (Restaurant La Foret, Sendai International Center)

October 28 (Sunday)
9:10-10:30  Session 5 (Moderator: Edmond Agyeman)
Wei Zhao  Dual Institutional Structure and Housing Inequality in Transitional Urban China
Dongshu Ou, Suet-ling Pong, and David Post  Integration or Ethnic Enclave? Emergent Stratification and the Future of Mainland Immigration to Hong Kong

10:30-10:40  Break

10:40-12:00  Session 6 (Moderator: Yoshimichi Sato)
Reiko Yamato  How Has Economic Globalization, Mediated by Country-specific Institutions, Influenced Women’s Employment at Marriage and Childbirth? A Comparison between Japan and Taiwan
Dirk Hofäcker, Heike Schröder, Matthew Flynn, and Yuxin Li  Does the Promotion of Extended Working Lives Foster the Emergence of New Inequalities? Comparing Trends and Determinants of Work-retirement Transitions in Japan, Germany and the United Kingdom

12:00-13:00  Lunch  (COE Meeting Room on 6th Floor of Faculty of Arts and Letters)

13:00-14:20  Session 7 (Moderator: Ichiro Numazaki)
Wei-hsin Yu and Chi-Tsun Chiu  Off to a Good Start: Trends in First Job Quality and Stability in Japan, Korea, and Taiwan
Hiroshi Kanbayashi and Hirohisa Takenoshita  Labor Market Institutions and Job Mobility in Asian Countries: A Comparative Study of Japan and Taiwan

14:20-14:30  Concluding remarks by Meir Yaish

Papers for circulation
Dongshu Ou and Suet-ling Pong “Human Capital and the Economic Assimilation of Recent Immigrants in Hong Kong”
Mohammad Taghi Sheykhi “Ageing and the Appearance of Underclass in Iran: A Growing Problem for Family and Society”

Maria Costanza Torri and Andrea Martinez “Women’s Narratives of Empowerment and Micro-Entrepreneurship in India: The Case Study of Gram Mooligai Company Limited”

Alissa Tolstokorova “Ukrainian Middle Class Being Shaped in Europe: Labour migration as a class-forming factor in Ukrainian Society”