

# Call for Papers

JSPE 58th Annual Conference, 2010

On

*The Transformation of the Social Economic System and the Challenges of Political Economy:  
Can Japan Change?*

To be held on October 23-24, at Kansai University in Osaka, Japan

The 58<sup>th</sup> annual conference of the JAPAN SOCIETY OF POLITICAL ECONOMY (JSPE) will be held on October 23 (Saturday) and 24 (Sunday), 2010, at Kansai University in Osaka. The theme of the plenary session is: *The Transformation of the Social Economic System and the Challenges of Political Economy: Can Japan Change?* In the last annual conference at the University of Tokyo in 2009, we focused on the world economic crisis of 2008 and the future of capitalism. We analyzed the historical path of this crisis, and theoretically understand the roots of this crisis. We tried to think about the future of capitalism.

We understand the age of neo-liberalism which caused a great rise in unemployment after the serious financial crisis, should be ended. Now, we must seek new possibilities for the social economic system and the future of transformation concerning Japan after neo-liberalism. However, we would like to think about the transformation of the Japanese social economic system within a structural change of the world economy, because the center of the world economy is gradually shifting from the United States to the BRICs (Brazil, Russia, India, and China). In other words, the theme of the plenary session has been set out of interest in "What will we do from now on?" within the world economy after neo-liberalism in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

We would like to ask about the possibility of change in our social economic system at the plenary session. We are living in Japanese society where an old system has perished. However, a new system has not yet been born. The old systems mentioned here are an export-driven economic growth of Japan, a redistribution policy of tax and spending under the Liberal Democratic Government, and the neo-liberal structural policy which was undertaken by the Koizumi administration. Now, Japan has come to a deadlock over the economic policies, related to industry, welfare, and employment. There is no industrial policy like the Green New Deal in the United States. In order to find a way out of the deadlock, we need to discuss an alternative framework with which we can replace the neo-liberal paradigm beyond Fordism, and Financial Capitalism.

We call for papers from JSPE members and from others interested in participating in this conference which is based on the aforementioned theme. We will welcome various participants with a wide range of interests and methodological approaches. Although the main conference language is Japanese, we will organize English-language sessions on October 23, especially aimed at accepting those from overseas who are willing to participate in the following two categories:

English Sessions 1: Topics relating to the general theme of the conference

These sessions are designated to the topics relating to the conference general theme: *The Transformation of the Social Economic System and the Challenges of Political Economy: Can Japan Change?*

English Sessions 2: Other specific topics

These sessions will be organized to focus on other specific topics such as environment, gender and regional economies (including China and others), and so on, while remaining completely open to suggestions and proposals.

Submission Procedures and the Deadline

All those who want to present a paper at the conference should send an abstract of the paper [in 200 words] with (1) name, (2) address (E-mail and mailing address), (3) affiliation and other relevant data **by no later than June 13, 2010** to: Prof. Nobuharu Yokokawa

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\*Notification of acceptance will be sent by June. 27. Attendants will pay their conference fee (5000 yen including the conference buffet), as well as their own transportation, accommodation and other personal expenses.

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