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What Future for the Social Security System in Japan?

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Summary

After “the crisis” of the welfare state followed by its shrinking, we have been on the transition to a formation of an alternative/new one, the so-called post-welfare state in various ways, depending on the country. How has Japan coped with this crisis of welfare state? In general, the welfare budget was cut and the “Independence Support” –Japanese version of workfare reform– was introduced in many areas. The outcomes of these reforms are the widening of

income gaps and the increase of poverty and the anti-poverty campaign. Partly due to this, the DPJ managed to remove the LDP from power, which is a historical change on the Japanese political scene. In the seminar, will be discussed (1) How Japan coped with “the crisis of welfare state” and (2) What is the future for the social security system in Japan by drawing on two major social security policies of DPJ which are Child Allowance and Earned Income Tax Credit.

Short Biography of KATADA Kaori



KATADA Kaori was graduated in Social Policy from Tokyo Metropolitan University. She was part-time lecturer at Tokyo Gakugei University and Obirin University, before being appointed Assistant Professor in the Department of Social Welfare and Social Policy of Saitama Prefectural University. She is a committee member of the Basic Income Japan

Network and a member of the executive board of Hot-Pot, a NPO dealing with poverty. Her research areas include politics of poverty, women and poverty, social policy and basic income.

Short Biography of Thierry RIBAUT



Thierry RIBAUT is economist, researcher at CNRS (National Scientific Research Center) since 1994. A former fellow of the Japan Society for Promotion of Science, he has been a visiting professor and researcher in several

universities and institutions in Japan (Tokyo Univ., Nagoya Univ., Kwansei Univ., Japan Institute of Labor), New Zealand (Victoria Univ.) and Germany (Jena Univ.). He has been appointed Research fellow at UMIFRE 19 CNRS-MAEE, French Research Institute on Contemporary Japan, French-Japanese House (Tokyo), to conduct a research on Japanese Youth in Emergence.

<http://clerse.univ-lille1.fr/spip.php?article125>.

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NB : The presentation will be followed by a discussion with the participants (in English, no translation).

How to get there ?



Nichifutsu Kaikan (MFJ) : Shibuya-ku, Ebisu, 3-9-25

▷ From the Ebisu JR station take the Skywalk Exit, turn left and walk 5 mn alongside Yebisu Garden Place.

