

Essence of Law" (1935–1936). The key to solve the essence of Tsuneto's legal philosophy, he said, is to untie the knot binding his theory on values and essence of law. Yagi concluded that any attempt to probe his theory on essence of law would be lopsided, calling for further study on it in relation to the theory of values of law.

[Reference: "Japan's Legal Philosophy I," 1980]

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## 8. International Law and Comparative Law

### a. International Law, Public and Private

The Spring Congress of *the International Law Association* was held at Tsudajuku University on May 1, 1979.

The following reports were made on the respective subjects.

"Disarmament and Security of Non-Nuclear-Weapon States," by Asst. Prof. Mitsuru Kurosawa of Niigata University.

"Economic Coercion and International Law," by Prof. Eiichi Fukatsu of Nihon University.

"International Problems Arising from Unilateral Cancellation of Concession Agreements," by Prof. Shigeo Kawagishi of Kobe Gakuin University.

"Theory of Private International Law of Friedrich Karl von Savigny," by Asst. Prof. Yoshiaki Sakurada of Hokkaido University.

The Autumn Congress of *the International Law Association* was held at Kyoto University from October 20 through 21.

The First Day. Unified Theme – "Law and Politics surrounding Japan - U.S. Trade Relations."

Reports were made as follows:

“The Theory of Fairness in Japan - U. S. Economic Relations,” by Prof. Nagayo Honma of Tokyo University.

“An Analysis of the U. S. - Japan Trade Frictions based on the Dahi-Harsani’s Power Model,” by Asst. Prof. Taizo Yakushiji of Saitama University.

“Dynamics and Impact of External Commercial Law,” by Prof. Shin-ichiro Michida of Kyoto University.

“Trend of U. S. Trade Policies Vis-a-vis Japan and the 1979 U. S. Act of Trade Agreement,” by Prof. Michio Matsushita of Jochi (Sophia) University.

Lecture. “International Trade Relations as Seen from the East European Countries,” by Prof. Remigiusz Bierzanek of Warsaw University.

The second day: Unified Theme – “Study of International Covenants on Human Rights.”

The following reports were made on the respective subjects.

“Obligation of Protecting Human Rights and Prohibition of Discrimination in the Human Rights Covenants,” by Prof. Yuichi Takano of Jochi University.

“Ratification of the Human Rights Covenants in Japan,” by Katsuya Suzuki, Chief of Law Section, the Foreign Ministry.

“Human Rights Covenants and Law of Aliens,” by Prof. Takao Sawaki of Rikkyo University.

“Guarantee of Human Rights and State Rationale,” by Prof. Kentaro Serita of Kobe Shosen University.

*The Private International Law Association* held a meeting on May 14 at Keio University.

Prof. Ken Nishi of Kobe University gave a report on “Article 310 of the French Civil Code,” and Attorney Tohru Tanaka on “Action for Confirmation of the Relationship between Foreign Parents and Their Children.”

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