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# ACTIVITIES OF ACADEMIC SOCIETIES

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## 1. Constitutional and Administrative Law

### a. Constitutional Law

1. *The Japan Association of Public Law* held its 62nd General Meeting at Kinki University on October 11 and 12, 1998. During the two day meeting, the following presentations were made under two general themes, Information Disclosure and Public Regulation.

#### *[First Day]*

(1) Rechtsprobleme der modernen, technisierten Gesellschaft, Zugang der Öffentlichkeit zu Regierungsunterlagen sowie Datenschutzprobleme, by Tsuyoshi Hiramatsu (Professor, Kwansei Gakuin University);

(2) Info-Media Law: The “Fluctuation” of Law and Society in relation to Development of Information Technologies, by Junichi Hamada (Professor, University of Tokyo);

(3) Regulation and the Market-based Approach, by Makoto Kojo (Professor, Sophia University);

(4) Public Regulation and Paternalism, by Hitoshi Serizawa (Professor, Aoyama Gakuin University).

**[Second Day]****A. Constitutional Law Session**

(1) Freedom of Information: A Critical Survey of the Information Disclosure Bill, by Masahiro Usaki (Professor, Dokkyo University);

(2) Der Schutz der persönlichen Daten, by Toshiyuki Munesue (Professor, Kobe University);

(3) Rundfunkrecht, by Hidemi Suzuki (Professor, Hokuriku University);

(4) Le régime juridique de télécommunication, by Kazuteru Tagaya (Professor, Chiba University).

**B. Administrative Law Session**

(1) Trade Regulation and Antitrust: Osaka Bus Association as a Window, by Tadashi Shiraishi (Associate Professor, University of Tokyo);

(2) Rechtliche Kontrolle funktioneller Regulierung- Staatliche Regulierungen durch u. mit Private-, by Tsuneharu Yonemaru (Professor, Ritsumeikan University);

(3) Welfare State and Public Regulation, by Kenji Kamino (Professor, Nagoya University);

(4) Public Regulation in Interest Group Democracy, by Makoto Usami (Professor, Chukyo University).

2. *The Japan Association for the Study of Constitutional Law* held its Spring Meeting at Aoyama Gakuin University on May 10, 1997 and its Autumn Meeting at Kansai University on October 10, 1997 under the unified topic of “Nation State at a Turning Point and Constitutional Theory”. The following presentations were made:

**[Spring Meeting]**

(1) “Freedom” and “Order” in the Hyper-information Society, by Kouki Tachiyama (Associate Professor, Yamaguchi University);

(2) L’État-Nation et la protection internationale des droits de l’homme, by Noriko Ofuji-Haraoka (Lecturer, Seigakuin University);

(3) “International Peace and Security” and the Right of Self-defense: National, International, or Global?, by Toshikazu Cho (Asso-

ciate Professor, Muroran Institute of Technology);

(4) Transnational Activities of Corporations and Sovereign States, by Haruo Saburi (Professor, Nagoya University).

**[Autumn meeting]**

(1) Zur europäischen Integration und staatlichen Souveränität, by Hiroshi Takahashi (Associate Professor, Kyushu International University);

(2) International Protection of the Environment: Sovereignty as a Big Stumbling Block, by Kaoru Horie (Lecturer, Senshu University);

(3) Diplomacy and Local Government, by Takashi Ebashi (Professor, Hosei University);

(4) Nationality and Constitution, by Takashi Monden (Associate Professor, Fukuoka Women's University)

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**b. Administrative Law**

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**[First Day-General Meeting]**

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