

East Asia)

(4) The Significance of the Japanese Constitution and Japan Association for Studies of Constitutional Law, Tamiko Ueno (Professor, Chuo University)

4. General Discussion

(1) Asia, Oceania and Constitutionalism, by Cheryl Saunders (Director, Centre for Comparative Constitutional Studies, Melbourne University)

(2) Constitution in Asia and Japan, by Yasuo Sugiwaru (Surugadai University)

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2. Administrative Law

1998

The Japan Association of Public Law held its 63rd General Meeting at Seijo University on October 10 and 11, 1998. The following presentations were made under two themes, "Ideas and Holders of Human Rights" and "Disasters and Public Law".

First Day: General Meeting

(1) The Concept and Holder of Human Rights, by Koji Sato (Professor, Kyoto University)

(2) Group Rights, by Koichi Yokota (Professor, Kyushu University)

(3) Interpretation and Scheme of Law to Cope with Disaster (*Verfassungsauslegung und Rechtspolitik in der Katastrophe z.B. Erdbeben*), by Yasutaka Abe (Professor, Kobe University)

(4) Disaster Reconstruction and Law, by Norio Yasumoto (Professor, Ritsumeikan University)

Second Day

1. (First Session) Ideas and Holders of Human Rights

(1) The Ability of Autonomous Decision-making and the Holders of Human Rights: In Cases of Elderly People and People with Disabilities, by Hiroyuki Takai (Associate Professor, Kyoto Sangyo University)

(2) Children's Rights: Protection and Autonomy in Children's Law in the United States, by Akira Morita (Professor, Toyo University)

(3) Women's Rights: Analysis of a Court Judgement from a Gender-Sensitive Perspective, by Noriko Wakao (Associate Professor, Hiroshima Women's University)

(4) Constitutional Rights of Juristic Person, by Shiro Okubo (Professor, Ritsumeikan University)

(5) Group Rights: Focusing on the Right to Development, by Masaaki Ina (Professor, Asia University)

2. (Second Session) Disasters and Public Law

(1) Disaster and Responsibility of the Government (*Erdbeben-schutz als Staatsaufgabe*), by Go Koyama (Associate Professor, Meijo University)

(2) Constitutional Right to be secured from Natural Disaster (*Eine Bemerkung uber das Grundrecht auf Schutz vor den Naturkatastrophen*), by Tatsuo Kudo (Professor, Chuo University)

(3) Reexamination of Japan's Urban City and Town Planning Act on the Occasion of Disasters, by Syohei Sakawa (Attorney, Osaka Bar Association)

(4) Problems of Disaster Response Systems, by Naofumi Ota (Associate Professor, Kyoto Prefectural University)

(5) Administrative Measures for Disaster and Allocation of Public Resources, by Tsuyoshi Nishitani (Professor, Yokohama National University)

(6) *Bemerkungen zu der zweiten Forschungsgruppe*, by Toshitani Munesue (Professor, Seijo University)

1999

The Japan Association of Public Law held its 64th General Meeting at Osaka City University on October 10 and 11, 1999. The following presentations were made under two themes, "The Cabinet and Administrative Organization" and "Decentralization".

First Day: General Meeting

(1) The Restructuring 'Constitution' of this Country ("*kono-kuni no katachi*") and Future of Diet-Cabinet Relations, by Katsuyoshi Takami (Professor, Hokkaido University)

(2) A Study on the Reform of the National Government Organization in Connection with the Duties and Functions of "Public Administration", by Kaoru Inaba (Hosei University)

(3) The State and Local Government in the Constitution of Japan, by Yoshikazu Ohkuma (Professor, Kyushu University)

(4) On the 1999 Reform for Decentralization (*Sur la Reforme Decentralisatrice de 1999*), Mitsuo Kobayakawa (Professor, Tokyo University)

Second Day:

1. (First Session) The Cabinet and Administrative Organization

(1) Reforming the Cabinet System, by Makoto Ohishi (Professor, Kyoto University)

(2) Position, Competence and Function of the Prime Minister, by Nobuhiro Okada (Professor, Hokkaido University)

(3) The Connection between the Cabinet and Other Administrative Agencies (*Zur gute Verbindung zwischen der Regierung und der Verwaltung*), by Toru Mori (Associate Professor, Tsukuba University)

(4) Public Corporation and Independent Administrative Corporation, by Katsuya Uga (Professor, Tokyo University)

(5) Monitoring and Assessment of the Administrative (*Die Aufsicht und Bewertung der oeffentlichen Verwaltung*), by Takenori Murakami (Professor, Osaka University)

2. (Second Session) Decentralization

(1) *Aufgabenverteilung zwischen Staat und Kommunen aus dem Gesichtspunkt der Verfassung*, by Masao Hirota (Associate Professor, Economic Research Institute, Yokohama City University)

(2) *Die heutigen Grundfragen der kommunalen Demokratie: Kommunales Parlament, Burgerbeteiligung, Burgerentscheidung*, by Takeshi Hitomi (Professor, Tokyo Metropolitan University)

(3) *Der Verwaltungsrechtsweg in Streitigkeiten zwischen Staat und Kommunen als Hoheitstraeger: von Rechtmassigkeitskontrolle Rechtspositionen der Gemeinden*, by Hiroyuki Shiraishi (Professor, Senshu

University)

(4) The Relation between Prefectures and Cities-Towns-Villages: Some Reflections on the Two-tier Structure from the Perspective of the Constitutional Theory, by Hideki Shibutani (Professor, Meiji Gakuin University)

(5) Devolution and the Local Government Finance System: In the Light of Constitutional Relationship between the Central and the Local Governments, by Toshio Fuke (Professor, Nagoya University)

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3. Law of Property and Obligations

1998

The Japan Association of Private Law held its 62nd General Meeting at Gakushuin University on October 11 and 12, 1998.

Symposium: The Centenary of the Japanese Civil Code and the Reform of Contract Law.

It was discussed whether and how the Contract Law of the Japanese Civil Code whose validity has lasted more than a century without any important amendments should be henceforth amended to solve some present problems which have arisen from the complication and internationalization of trades.

1999

The Japan Association of Private Law held its 63rd General Meeting at Doshisha University on October 11 and 12, 1999.

Symposium: The Legislative Task Concerned with Consumer Contract Law.

The meaning of the Consumer Contract Law, its relation to the