

### **1. Spring Meeting**

- (1) “The Reform of Parliamentarism and the Electoral Regime after the ‘Political Reform’”  
Masahito Tadano (Associate Professor, Hitotsubashi University).
- (2) “Constitutionalism and Democracy in the Final Report of the Judicial Reform Council”  
Yutaka Kubota (Professor, Tokyo University of Agriculture & Technology).
- (3) “Trends and Issues in Educational Reform: Focusing on the Proposed Amendments to the Fundamental Law on Education”  
Shigeto Aramaki (Professor, Yamanashi Gakuin University).
- (4) “The New Bill for the Protection of the Fundamental Rights among the Private Entities”  
Go Koyama (Associate Professor, Keio University).

### **2. Autumn Meeting**

- (1) “Constitutionalism in Postwar Constitutional Studies”  
Koji Tonami (Professor, Waseda University).
- (2) “Constitutionalism, Citizenship and Public Sphere”  
Koji Aikyo (Associate Professor, Shinshu University).
- (3) “Constitutionalism and the Doctrine of Exceptional Power of State”  
Naoki Murata (Professor, Kansai University).
- (4) “Limits of Constitutional Amendment in Postwar Constitutional Studies of Japan”  
Masahiro Akasaka (Professor, Kobe University).

## **2. Law of Property and Obligations**

**I.** *Japan Association of Private Law* held its 66th General Meeting at Hitotsubashi University on October 13 and 14, 2002.

**Symposiums:****The First Section: Development of Life Science and Private Law —  
“Tentative Law of Bioethics”**

Chaired by Takeshi Kawai (Professor, Teikyo University) and Taeko Miki (Professor, Waseda University).

(1) “Identifying Issues”

Takeshi Kawai (Professor, Teikyo University).

(2) “Possession and Management of a Gamete, an Ovule and an Embryo”

Atsushi Motoyama (Associate Professor, Aichi University).

(3) “Contracts for Assisted Reproductive Technologies and Informed Consent”

Masayuki Tanamura (Professor, Waseda University).

(4) “Paternity of the Child Born by Medically Assisted Procreation”

Fumio Tokotani (Professor, Osaka University).

(5) “The Woman Who Giving Birth to a Child as a Result of Assisted Reproductive Technologies Shall be the Mother of the Child”

Michiko Ishii (Professor, Tokyo Metropolitan University).

(6) “Right of a Child to Learn about His Origin”

Toyohiro Nomura (Professor, Gakushuin University).

(7) “Enforceability and Significance of the Ruling of in vitro Fertilization and Human Cloning”

Fumio Tokotani (Professor, Osaka University).

**The Second Section: Recent Development of Civil Code Doctrine**

Chaired by Tamotsu Isomura (Professor, Kobe University) and Shoji Kawakami (Professor, Tohoku University).

(1) “The Basic Framework of the ‘Sharp Distinction between Real and Personal Rights’ in the Pandekten Scheme”

Masanobu Kato (Professor, Nagoya University).

(2) “The Dichotomy of Rights in Rem and Rights in Personam: A View from a Common Law Perspective”

Norio Higuchi (Professor, University of Tokyo).

(3) “Social Structure of the Birth of the Notion of Ownership”

Masanobu Kato (Professor, Nagoya University).

- (4) “The Emergence of a Property System and the Dichotomy between Real and Personal Rights”  
Shozo Oota (Professor, University of Tokyo).
- (5) “The Dichotomy between Real Rights and Personal Rights: A Retrospective and Prospective Study”  
Nobuhisa Segawa (Professor, Hokkaido University).
- (6) “The Distinction between Real Rights and Personal Rights Looked at from the Point of View of the Securitization of Real Property”  
Tsuneo Matsumoto (Professor, Hitotsubashi University).

**Workshop:**

- (1) “Reform of Condominium Law (Amendment Act 2002)”  
Kuniki Kamano (Professor, Chiba University).
- (2) “How Should be the Protection of Short-Term Lease Contract of Immovables Held in Hypothec Under the Reform of Art. 395 Japanese Civil Code?”  
Hisakazu Matsuoka (Professor, Kyoto University).

**First Section:**

- (1) “The Effect of Contract to the Third Party”  
Nozomi Yamada (Lecturer, Nagoya Gakuin University).
- (2) “The Proposal of Amendment to Japanese Construction Lien Law”  
Akiko Imuro (Lecturer, Kansai University).
- (3) “The Subrogation Real Based on the Property-Guaranty Fiduciary”  
Makoto Imao (Associate Professor, Meiji Gakuin University).
- (4) “The Obligation of return about Interest of Use”  
Kenichi Yuno (Associate Professor, Yamaguchi University).
- (5) “The Oppositional Effect of Conventional Set-Off to Third Party”  
Yosuke Murayama (Associate Professor, Nagasaki University).
- (6) “Implication in Notion of ‘Fairness’ in Set-Off”  
Yachiko Yamada (Associate Professor, Toyo University).
- (7) “The Review of Cause of Action based on Real Rights”  
Chikaomi Hotta (Lecturer, Japan Coast Guard Academy).
- (8) “The Legal Meanings of Consent of Patient”  
Kaku Kawahara (Professor, Toyo University).

**II.** *Japan Association of Land Law* held its 44th General Meeting at Waseda University on October 12 and 13, 2002.

**First Section:**

“The Right to reside”

Akira Suzuki (National Institute of Public Health).

Shoji Shinozuka (Waseda University).

Michiko Naoi (Tokyo Gakugei University).

Shoji Okamoto (Shimane University).

**Second Section:**

“The Cadastral Research”

Norio Yasumoto (Ritsumeikan University).

Matsuoka Naotake (Japan Federation of Land and Building Surveyors Associations).

### **3. Family Law**

*The Japan Association of Socio-Legal Studies on Family Law* held its 19th Annual Meeting at Meiji University in Tokyo on November 16, 2002. The theme and the reports were as follows:

Theme: Legally Secured Portions on Estate: in Connection with the Partition of Estate

Introduction by Shuhei Ninomiya (Professor, Ritsumeikan University).

- (1) “Issues of the Legally Secured Portions in the Case of the Partition of Estates”

Masaaki Matsubara (Judge, Chiba Family Court).

- (2) “Investigation for the Share in the Succession of a Co-successor Who Received a Gift and/or Contributed Specially: Actuality and Problems”

Minoru Ota (Investigator, Kobe Family Court).

- (3) “Legally Secured Portions on Estate in Germany and French Law”

Tomoko Matsuo (Assistant Professor, Kyoto Sangyo University).