
ACTIVITIES OF ACADEMIC SOCIETIES

Jan.–Dec., 2004

1. Constitutional Law and Administrative Law

I. *The Japan Public Law Association* held its 69th General Meeting in Hokkaido on October 10 and 11, 2004. The following presentations were made under the unified theme of “Basic Concepts of Contemporary Public Law Scholarship.”

1. General Meeting at the Sapporo Convention Center on October 10, 2004

- (1) “The Current Phase of Human Rights Theory”
Shiro Okubo (Professor, Ritsumeikan University).
- (2) “Reexamining the Government Structure Theory”
Nobuhiro Okada (Professor, Hokkaido University).
- (3) “Constitutional Principles and the System of Administrative Law Theory”
Takenori Murakami (Professor, Osaka University).
- (4) “Basic Concepts of Administrative Law and the Interpretative Theory of Administrative Law”
Masao Okada (Professor, Okayama University).

2. First Session at Hokkaido University on October 11, 2004

- (1) “On the Conceptions of Human Rights”
Fumio Yasunishi (Professor, Rikkyo University).
- (2) “The Subject Enjoying Human Rights: Especially on the Relationship between ‘Individuals’ and ‘Organizations’”
Masatoshi Sasaki (Professor, Osaka City University).
- (3) “The Concept of Public Welfare”
Kazuhiko Matsumoto (Professor, Osaka University).
- (4) “The Concept of Legislation”
Masahiro Akasaka (Professor, Kobe University).
- (5) “Reexamining the Concept of ‘Administration’”
Motonari Imaseki (Professor, Waseda University).

3. Second Session at Hokkaido University on October 11, 2004

- (1) “The Person Concerned and His/Her Rights under the Administrative Law”
Kazuhiko Kanbashi (Professor, Rikkyo University).
- (2) “Administrative Discretion as a Basic Concept of Administrative Law”
Ryuichi Yamashita (Professor, Hokkaido University).
- (3) “Administrative Legislation: In Terms of the Conventional Dichotomy Theory”
Kikumi Noguchi (Professor, Hosei University).
- (4) “Administrative Actions: What Meaning Should Be Recognized Today in the Time-honored Concept?”
Masahiko Ota (Associate Professor, Tokyo University).
- (5) “The Concept of National Reparation and Illegality under the State Redress Law”
Kazuo Kitamura (Professor, Ritsumeikan University).

II. *The Japan Association for Studies of Constitutional Law* held its Spring Meeting at Senshu University on May 8, 2004 and its Autumn Meeting at Otaru University of Commerce on October 9, 2004, under the themes of “Constitutional Dynamics and the Problems of Constitutional Theory” and “Constitutional Dynamics in Comparison” respectively.

1. Spring Meeting

- (1) “La Mondialisation et la Dynamique Constitutionnelle au Japon”
Mamiko Uneno (Professor, Chuo University).
- (2) “The Role of Government and Communitarianism”
Yoshiyuki Koizumi (Professor, Kansai University).
- (3) “Umwandlung des Menschenbilds von der Behauptung der Verfassungsänderung in Japan”
Michio Oshikubo (Associate Professor, Hyogo University of Teacher Education).
- (4) “Fluctuation of the Vision of ‘Constitution’?: From Arguments in Research Commission on the Constitution”
Noriyuki Tsukada (Associate Professor, Fukui University).

2. Autumn Meeting

- (1) “Do the Changes of Social Structure and Consciousness in Today’s Japan Require a Revision of the Constitution?”
Hitoshi Serizawa (Professor, Aoyama Gakuin University).
- (2) “Social Solidarity in France and the European Union”
Mitsuko Fujino (Professor, Fukushima Medical University).
- (3) “Constitutional Dynamics in Comparison: U.S. of America — Discourse of ‘Crisis’ and the ‘Social Issues Agenda’”
Yoko Shida (Professor, Musashino Art University).
- (4) “Practical Studies of the Constitutional Law in Comparison: From a Viewpoint of Asia Today”
Norikatsu Sasagawa (Professor, International Christian University).

“Special Address: Bienvenue à Hokkaido, l’Association Nationale de Recherches sur la Constitution” was delivered by Tadakazu Fukase (Professors Emeritus, Hokkaido University).