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Location: Multimedia Laboratory, Senriyama Campus, Kansai University

Webcast to Tokyo Laboratory for Policy Studies, Tokyo Center, Kansai University

Official Language: English

9:00- **Registration**

9:30-9:35 **Opening Address**

Keiichiro Matsushita (Program Chair; Professor, Faculty of Economics,
Kansai University)

Harushige Kusumi (President, Kansai University)

Chair: Seiichi Inagaki (Professor, Institute of Economic Research,
Hitotsubashi University)

9:40-11:10 **Keynote Speech 1** “Social Security Taxes and Household Decisions of
When to Retire: An Analysis Based on Microeconomic Data”

John Laitner (Professor, Department of Economics, University of
Michigan)

Discussant: Hidehiko Ichimura (Professor, Graduate School of
Economics, Faculty of Economics, The University of Tokyo)

11:10-11:20 **Coffee Break**

11:20-12:50 **Keynote Speech 2** “Tracking the Financial Crisis and Great Recession in
the U.S. via an Internet Survey”

Michael Hurd (Principal Senior Researcher and Director, RAND Center
for the Study of Aging, RAND Corporation)

Discussant: Charles Yuji Horioka (Professor, Institute of Social and
Economic Research, Osaka University)

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| 12:50-14:00 | Lunch Break |
| 14:00-14:05 | Opening Address Chair: Keiichiro Matsushita (Program Chair: Professor, Faculty of Economics, Kansai University) |
| 14:05-15:05 | Afternoon Session (Speech 30 min. Discussion 15min. Discussion between speaker and Session members 15 min.) First Speech: “Inter-Industry Wage Differentials and Its Contribution to Income Inequality: A Micro Data Analysis on Urban China” Zhao CHEN (Professor, China Center for Economic Studies, Fudan University) Discussant: Yuko Arayama(Professor, Graduate School of Economics, Nagoya University: President, Japan Economic Policy Association) |
| 15:05-15:15 | Coffee Break |
| 15:15-16:15 | Second Speech: “Empirical Study of Emergency Medical Service and the Role of e-Health” Kazunori Minetaki(Senior Researcher for Statistical Analysis, The Research Institute for Socionetwork Strategies) Yuji Akematsu(Visiting Research Fellow, University of Hyogo: The Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (PD)) Masatsugu Tsuji (Professor, Graduate School of Applied Informatics, University of Hyogo) Discussant: Satoshi Shimizutani(Consulting Fellow, Research Institute of Economy, Trade & Industry: Senior Research Fellow, Institute for International Policy Studies) |
| 16:15-16:25 | Coffee Break |
| 16:25-17:05 | Overview Speech: “Micro Data Analysis and Economic Policy in Japan” Yasuharu Ukai (President, The Society of Socionetwork Strategies: Dean, The Research Institute for Socionetwork Strategies) |
| 17:10-19:00 | Banquet (Fujiya Cafeteria) Master of Ceremony: Sayaka Shiotani(Associate Professor, College of Business Management, J.F. Oberlin University) |