

Kick-off Seminar on August 7th, 2008

Gender Equality and Multicultural Conviviality in the Age of GCOE Globalization

GCOE kick-off seminar was held at the University of Tokyo.

The kick-off seminar was held in Fukutake Learning Studio of Interfaculty Initiative in Information Studies at the University of Tokyo on August 7th, 2008 (from 4pm to 5:30pm) by School of Law, Tohoku University, and the Institute of Social Science, the University of Tokyo. After the adoption of this program in June 2008, this seminar was the first public event in order to explain and introduce GCOE program over the next five years and to build the worldwide network.

The program of the seminar consisted of addresses by INABA Kaoru, Dean of School of Law, Tohoku University and KOMORIDA Akio, Director of Institute of Social Science, the University of Tokyo, and self-introduction by GCOE program members, followed by the presentations to identify the issues. The presentations were made as "From Gender Equality to Multicultural Conviviality" by Professor TSUJIMURA Miyoko, GCOE Project Leader of Tohoku University, "Parochialism and Universalism" by Professor OHNISHI Hitoshi, GCOE Project Sub Leader of Tohoku University, "Fighting against Social Exclusion, Realizing Conviviality" by Professor OSAWA Mari, Chief of the GCOE Program Branch of the University of Tokyo, and "Life-Nurturing Families and Supportive Societies" by Professor MIZUNO Noriko, GCOE Project Sub Leader of Tohoku University.

(See <http://www.law.tohoku.ac.jp/gcoe/schedule/20080807.html>).

Afterwards, question-and-answer session regarding the presentations was held followed by referral of fellow recruitment as the informative matter by GCOE project. Approximately 70 domestic and overseas researchers, graduate students, and staffs who were interested in this theme attended. Vigorous questions regarding the effect of globalization on gender equality were raised.

The reception party afterwards provided the opportunity for project planning and discussion among participants. This kick-off seminar made a great opportunity to interact for persons involved in GCOE program and those who were interested in the program.

