

Call for Papers for the 60th annual conference of the JSPE  
The Great East Japan Earthquake and the Nuclear Disaster, and Research  
Agenda of Political Economy

October 6 (Saturday) and 7 (Sunday), 2012, at Ehime University, Matsuyama, Japan

Last year the Japan Society of Political Economy (JSPE) devoted a special plenary session to the problems raised by the Great East Japan Earthquake and the nuclear disaster in the Annual Conference. We discussed the problems jointly based on all the comments and proposals that are directed to this session from members and nonmembers from all over the world. We also planned a special conference on the earthquake and the nuclear disaster on 24 and 25 March 2012 in Fukushima. In the process many important issues were raised, including the great east Japan earthquake and Fukushima nuclear disaster, economic development and the environment, natural resources and energy, the role of political economists in changing economic policies. We decided to face these issues in this year's plenary session.

The JSPE is an interdisciplinary association devoted to the study, development, and application of political economy to social problems. Japan has been an important laboratory for developing and debating ideas about capitalism and its dynamics. On the one hand, many political economists in Japan have chosen to work with diverse approaches to political economy – the French Regulation school, the Cambridge Keynesian models, institutionalist and historical schools, and so on. On the other hand, Japan has given rise to several distinct strands of Marxian political economy such as the Uno School. JSPE has been the largest organization of heterodox economists in Japan since its founding in 1959. Its annual meetings have provided important occasions for debate among diverse points of view. Beginning in October 2001, the JSPE began inviting non-Japanese economists to make presentations and engage in debates at these annual meetings.

(For more information see its homepage: [http://www.jspe.gr.jp/en\\_front](http://www.jspe.gr.jp/en_front))

JSPE invites proposals for the English sessions in the following categories.

English Sessions I: Topics relating to the plenary session such as: (1) the great east Japan earthquake and nuclear disaster, (2) economic development and the environment, (3) economic development and natural resources and energy, (4) political economy and alternative policies.

English Sessions II: All proposals reflecting the tradition and analytical perspective of JSPE which include (1) The global economic crisis (2) regimes of capitalism, (3) gender and inequality, and (4) Heterodox economic theories.

Submission Procedures and the Deadline:

Proposals should reach the JSPE Committee for International Communication and Exchange (Jspece@jspe.gr.jp) by 31 May 2012 at the latest.

When submitting your proposal, please include:

1. The title of proposed paper and the category of the session;
2. Name and academic affiliation;
3. E-mail and postal address;
4. An abstract (up to 500 words).

Notification of acceptance will be sent by 30 June.

Cost: Attendants will pay their conference fee (6000 yen per person including the conference dinner), as well as their own transportation, accommodation and other personal expenses.

Matsuyama is located in the northwest of Shikoku Island famous for its excellent natural hot spring (Dogo Onsen) and superb seafood. [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/D%C5%8Dgo\\_Onsen](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/D%C5%8Dgo_Onsen)

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