

GSID Rural and regional development program open seminar

Title: Capability and Women's Well-being in India and Japan*

Presenter: Amlan Majumder * & Takayoshi Kusago

Time: 13:00-14:15 Thursday 20th Oct.

Venue: Seminar room 6, GSID 5th floor

Abstract: The objective is to present an analysis on wellbeing of women in India and Japan with focus on reproductive freedom within the framework of Capability Approach. It recognises freedom of choice in matters of reproduction and contrasts capabilities of a mother on ideal number of children with those of functioning achievements or actual reproductive performance to define reproductive freedom and adopts a matrix representation of the problem exploring quadruplicate possibilities. It also tries to understand reasons behind experiencing such possibilities and implications of those and finds that different sections of mothers in India and Japan with different background characteristics are exposed to different conditions and warrant different set of policies or attention. The study utilises data from Indian National Family Health Survey 2006 and Japanese General Social Survey 2008.

Amlan MAJUMDER is an Assistant Professor of Economics at Dinhat College (under the University of North Bengal), India. Presently he is based at Kansai University, Osaka, Japan with JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship.

Takayoshi KUSAGO is a Professor in Social System Design at Kansai University, Japan.

Contact: Yoshiaki Nishikawa (ext. 4964) Seminar is open public. No registration required.

* This work is supported by 'FY 2010 JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship for Foreign Researcher (P 10316)', Japan Society for the Promotion of Science.