

**IS IMMIGRATION NECESSARY?  
WORK, GROWTH AND THE FUTURE IN THE US AND JAPAN**

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**Friday, September 10**

**10 a.m.-10:30 a.m.**

**Welcome and introduction**

John D. Skrentny, Director of CCIS and David S. FitzGerald, Associate Director of CCIS

**10:30 a.m.-12:15 a.m.**

**What role do low-skilled migrants play in the Japanese and American labor markets?**

***The Japan case***

Yasushi Iguchi, Professor of Economics, Kwansei Gakuin University.

***The US case***

Frank Bean, Chancellor's Professor of Sociology and Economics, Director, Center for Research on Immigration, Population and Public Policy, University of California, Irvine.

***Discussant***

Jeffrey S. Passel, Senior Demographer, Pew Research Center.

**1:45 p.m.-3:30 p.m.**

**What role do high-skilled migrants play in the Japanese and American labor markets?**

***The Japan Case***

Nana Oishi, Faculty of Liberal Arts, Sophia University, Japan.

***The US case***

Philip L. Martin, Professor of Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of California, Davis.

***Discussant***

Ikuo Kume, Professor of Political Science, Waseda University, Japan.

**3:45 p.m.-4:15 p.m.**

**Similarities, Differences, & comparative perspectives on low- & high-skilled migration**

B. Lindsay Lowell, Director of Policy Studies, Institute for the Study of International Migration, Georgetown University.

**Saturday, September 11**

**10:00 a.m.-11:45 p.m.**

**Alternatives to migration? Education, mechanization, wages, the role of women**

***The Japan Case***

Toshimitsu Shinkawa, Professor of Political Science, Kyoto University.

***The US Case***

Marc Rosenblum, Senior Policy Analyst, Migration Policy Institute.

***Discussant***

Dowell Myers, Professor and Director, Population Dynamics Research Group, University of Southern California School of Policy, Planning and Development.

**1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m.**

**The Politics of migration in Japan, Asia and the US**

***The Japan Case***

Taro Kono, Legislator, 15<sup>th</sup> District of Kanagawa, Japan.

***The US Case***

Daniel J. Tichenor, Philip H. Knight Professor of Political Science, University of Oregon.

***Discussant***

John D. Skrentny, Director, Center for Comparative Immigration Studies, UC-San Diego

**3:15 p.m.-3:45 p.m.**

**The US and Japan's Immigration Dilemmas in Comparative Perspective**

Manolo Abella, Chief Technical Adviser, ILO EU Project on Governance of Labour Migration in Asia.