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BACKGROUND

One of the ideological engines of Global Capitalism is neo-liberalism or market fundamentalism, which is derived from the anglo-american world and forms the cornerstone of mainstream views. Mainstream studies always assume the existence of a pure marketplace as an analytical framework and put forth a policy agenda based on neo-liberal doctrine. But market economy cannot remain in existence without social and institutional foundations. This is especially true from the viewpoint of East Asian capitalism. Many East Asian countries experienced great economic success during 1980's and first half of 1990's in their own fashion. However, after introduction of neo-liberal policies, especially deregulation on the financial sector, East Asian countries lost their vitality and faced financial crises in 1997 and 1998. Japan also experienced deep depression during the 1990's. The Japanese Government introduced several neo-liberal policies to restore Japanese capitalism, but these policies seem to have created a widening gap in the Japanese society.

To undertake the study of the nature of Global Capitalism or Globalization, it is necessary to have international collaboration between social scientists. The initiative of establishing the International Forum on Comparative Political Economy of Globalization is precisely to serve this purpose. The Launching Conference of the Forum, in September 2005 at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, was intended to pave the way for subsequent multilateral and bilateral collaborative academic activities. And on this basis, the Second Conference was held at Remin University of China, Beijing at 1-3 September 2006. The Third Conference organized by SGCIME (The Study Group on Contemporary Issues and Marxian Economics, Japan) intends to generate scholarly work in the spirit outlined above.

SPEAKERS

Keynote Speech

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Session 1&2 Neo-liberalism : Session 3&4 Finance

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