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## JILPT Research Activities

### *International Workshop*

The JILPT held an international research workshop under the theme “Working Time” in January 25 in Tokyo. In order to engage in cross-national discussion and comparative analyses on the above theme, we invited researchers from six countries: France, Germany, Sweden, U.K. and U.S. as well as from Japan. We discussed the issue of working time, focusing on flexible working hours. The submitted papers will be published and are scheduled to be posted on the JILPT website.

The speakers and submitted papers were as follows:

Gerhard Bosch, University of Duisburg-Essen (Germany), *Working Time and Working Time Policy in Germany*.

François Michon, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (France), *From “Working Less for More Jobs” to “Working More for More Money”: Recent Development and Issues on Working Time in France*.

Dominique Anxo, Växjö University (Sweden), *Working Time Policy in Sweden*.

Colette Fagan, University of Manchester (UK), *Working Time in the UK—Developments and Debates*.

Samuel Rosenberg, Roosevelt University (USA), *Long Work Hours for Some, Short Work Hours for Others: Working Time in the United States*.

Kazuya Ogura, JILPT (Japan), *Long Working Time and Flexibility of Working Time Management and Work Place in Japan*.

### *Research Reports*

The findings of research activities undertaken by JILPT are compiled into Research Reports (in Japanese). Below is a list of the reports published from December 2008 to February 2009. The complete text in Japanese of these reports can be accessed from the JILPT website\*. We are currently working on uploading abstracts of reports in English onto the JILPT website as well.

#### Research Material Series

No. 51 *Development of Active and Systematic Human Resource Markets (Labor Markets): Seventh Northeast Asia Labour Forum* (January 2009)

No. 50 *Minimum Wage Systems in Europe and North America* (January 2009)

\*JILPT website: <http://www.jil.go.jp/english/index.html>