



Symposium in honor of
Oliver E. Williamson
2009 Nobel Laureate in Economics

**Defining the Agenda for the Next Decade of Research on
Economic Governance**

Saturday October 16, 2010
14:00 – 18:00
Gakushuin University
Mejiro, Tokyo

As we begin the second decade of the century, the economic institutions of capitalism are under increased scrutiny and many proposals for remediation are under debate. The conceptual framework and methods of comparative institutional analysis, and in particular the study of the mechanisms of governance, provide a clear perspective from which to evaluate the remediation proposals. By focusing on the right problems, researchers are thus in a position to inform the remediation debate.

The symposium will engage Professor Williamson in presentations and discussions in a way that leverages his many contributions and deep understanding to help prioritize research directions for this decade and beyond. In the spirit of Professor Williamson's approach, the symposium will encourage interdisciplinary dialogue and seek to identify relevant, concrete, and tractable research problems and methods that promise to further our understanding of:

- behavior under bounded rationality and incomplete information
- transaction costs
- contracts
- governance mechanisms
- organizations
- law and economics
- institutions including formal and informal law
- public policy toward business

Speakers and topics

[Oliver E. Williamson](#)

Edgar F. Kaiser Professor Emeritus of Business, Economics, and Law
University of California, Berkeley

Topic: "Public Bureaucracy, Politics, and Economic Organization" [abstract](#)

[Masahiko Aoki](#)

Tomoye and Henri Takahashi Professor Emeritus of Japanese Studies
Department of Economics, Stanford University

Topic: "Between Game Theory and Institutional Studies: The Dual-Dualities of the Institutional Process" [abstract](#)

[Hideshi Itoh](#)

Professor of Commerce and Management
Hitotsubashi University

Topic: "What Do Formal Contracts Do" [abstract](#)

Language: English (no translation)

Admission: free, online pre-registration required

[REGISTER HERE](#) by September 30, 2010 (seats limited, early registration advised)

[Access to Gakushuin University](#)

Financial support provided by the JSPS Award for Eminent Scientists from the [Japan Society for the Promotion of Science](#)

Photograph copyright 2010 University of California Regents

Updated 2010.8.20