The 4th Next-Generation Global Workshop
“Nation-States and Beyond: Private and Public Spheres under Globalization”
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We held a very exciting workshop in last November. It was the 4th Next-Generation Global Workshop which is one of the major activities of Global COE. The Next-Generation Global Workshop is held every year with the purpose of offering early career scholars an opportunity to give presentations and engage in dialogue with scholars of the same generation from various parts of the world. This year, it was for the first time jointly hosted by Seoul National University and Kyoto University Global COE Program. Moreover, also for the first time, it was held outside of Japan and was held in Seoul National University, Seoul from November 24-25, 2011. The workshop was a great success with 11 sessions with 29 overseas presenters and 9 presenters from Japan.

For the first time, I also joined the workshop not only as an organizing member but also as a presenter. I took this chance to present the outline and research plan of my long-term research project “Redefining work in post-industrial East Asia.” Personally, it was a precious experience for me to have scholars from all over the world as an audience who paid great attentions to my presentation and gave me very useful comments. After participating in the workshop both as the organizing member and as a presenter, I have great confidence that the Next-Generation Global Workshop will serve its role not only as supporting young scholars to develop their academic work with global and comparative perspective but also in building an invaluable international network for these young scholars (including me!) which may be more important in the realization of next generation’s vision on the better community, society and world.
今年のワークショップの最大の特徴は、各テーマシナリオを担当する研究者によるプレゼンテーションとディスカッションの両方の場で、異なる文化の視点から議論が展開されたことでした。参加者たちは、枠組みを越えて、異なる文化を共有し、相互に学び合ったため、本ワークショップは、新しい視点からの理解と同僚間の協力の機会を作り出しました。