



Joint Workshop:

Project Members From Japan (Universities of Kanazawa, Shimane, and Kyoto)

Centre for Russian and East European Studies (CREES)

Centre for East European Language Based Area Studies (CEELBAS)

**VARIETIES OF CAPITALISM IN
RUSSIA AND EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES:
A COMPARISON WITH DEVELOPED COUNTRIES**

Wednesday 22nd , September 2010

Room 109, Muirhead Tower, University of Birmingham

Project Outline

Just after the literature on varieties of capitalism (VoC) began to influence post-communist studies, the financial crisis occurred in the US bringing about a global economic crisis in 2008. The members of the Economic and Monetary Union including some Central-Eastern European countries face financial instability originating from the ongoing sovereign debt crisis, while Asian economies are likely to achieve a the growth rate of approximately 8 per cent in 2010.

In this context, is the VoC approach still effective in explaining capitalism in the post-communist and developed countries? Or has the time come to think about the commonalities of capitalism ? This workshop tries to address these issues by examining the characteristics of capitalism and current social-economic conditions in Russia and the Central-Eastern Europe, and comparing them with the current tendencies of capitalism in the developed countries.

Agenda

9:30 – 10:00 Arrival, tea and coffee

10:00 - 10:30 Welcome Note and Orientation

Welcome Speech: Prof. Derek Averre (Director of CREES)

Explanation of the Project by Prof. Takumi Horibayashi, leader of the project funded by the Japanese Society for the Promotion of Science. Project title:

Varieties of Exit from State Socialism and Evolution : Comparative Study of the State Capacity and Strategy for Establishing Capitalism

Self-Introduction of Participants

SESSION I | Characteristics of Russian Capitalism and the Impact of the Global Crisis on the Russian Economy and Society

10:30 – 12:15

Chair: Dr. Richard Connolly, University of Birmingham & CEELBAS

Associate Prof. Hiroaki Hayashi, University of Shimane

Russian Social Structure and the Impact of Global Economic Crisis on the Life of Ordinary Russians

Prof. Satoshi Mizobata, Kyoto University

Characteristics of Russian Capitalism and Impact of the Global Economic Crisis on the Russian Economy after 2008: Compared to Japan's Capitalism and its Current Tendencies

12:15 - 13:00 Lunch

SESSION II | Change and Varieties of Capitalism in the Developed and the Central-East European countries

13:15 - 15:00

Chair: Dr. Derek Averre, University of Birmingham

Prof. Takumi Horibayashi, Kanazawa University

**Varieties and Dynamics of Capitalism in the Developed Countries and
Characteristics of Capitalism in the Central and Eastern European countries**

Prof. Julian Cooper, University of Birmingham & CEELBAS

Russia as a Populous Emerging Economy: A Comparative Perspective

Dr. Richard Connolly, University of Birmingham & CEELBAS

**Patterns of Integration with the World Economy: Emerging Europe in Comparative
Perspective**

Closing Remarks

15:00 - 15:15: Closing Remarks

Prof. Julian Cooper, University of Birmingham

Prof. Satoshi Mizobata, Kyoto University

Attendance is free based upon registration. Please note number of places is limited. Please contact Dr. Richard Connolly via e-mail: r.connolly@bham.ac.uk to register.