

<p>24 University Partnership Systems and Innovation: International Comparison of Networking Strategies in the Knowledge Economy Leader: KITAGAWA Fumi, Senior Researcher, Department for Higher Education Research</p>
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(1) Purpose and Aim of Study

This study addressed the role played by universities in the innovation process, in the context of multi-level governance structures in innovation policy and in light of the concepts of knowledge economy and globalization. In particular, it involved international comparison of university-to-university partnerships and strategies for networking among universities, industry, and public bodies.

(2) Outline of Research Results

- Conducted comparative research at policy level and on institutional strategy.
- In fiscal 2005, examined the multi-level development of innovation policy and institutional strategy in universities, mainly using case studies from Japan.
- In fiscal 2006, conducted surveys and research on innovation processes at regional level and in urban spaces and the development of university partnerships and networks, with a focus on “local innovation policy” and the use of universities’ intellectual resources.
- In terms of research outputs, presented at a workshop at the University of Salford, Manchester, in November 2005, and published two scholarly articles and one working paper.
- Also engaged in cross-border information exchange and research interchange through activities such as participation in OECD-hosted meetings and joint research in the UK.