

# FUNDING PROGRAM FOR NEXT GENERATION WORLD-LEADING RESEARCHERS

**Project Title:** A new paradigm for child bearing and rearing : research on social sectors in France and Japan

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## 1. Background of research

Child bearing and rearing is fundamental in sustaining a vigorous society. Today, we are searching for a new paradigm which can resolve the problems of low fertility rate, unemployed talent of women, long working hours of men, and disparities in the world. It is important to find **a third way of improving social sector**, beyond the social-democratic model that relies on government or liberal-residual model that relies on market.

France has recovered the fertility rate to a replacement level and has reduced the child's poverty through redistribution systems. Many civil movements that are based on **the association law of 1901** are gathered to form an unique social sector called **National Union of Family Associations (UNAF)**. On the contrary, Japan enacted the not-for-profit organization law in 1998, and new civil movements have just begun.

## 2. Research objectives

This research aims to **establish the third model both theoretically and empirically** by comparing French social sector with Japanese one. I will examine French and Japanese social sector in detail which advocate family policies and provide services for families.

## 3. Research characteristics (incl. originality and creativity)

First, this study **focuses on French social sector**, while many studies tend to focus on the U.S. social sector. France and Japan are classified into a conservative regime by G. E. Andersen.

Second, **my method is sociological field work**. Beyond quantitative or institutional studies, I will interview some of the important associations about their objectives, achievements, human resources, organizational principles, finances, relationship with other organizations, related laws and history.

Third, this project is **dialogue-oriented**. I will do active interviews, address my results to the world in three languages (Japanese, English and French) from the website, and plan to host a French-Japanese International Seminar on Social Sector in Tokyo.

## 4. Anticipated effects and future applications of the research

**Social sector plays important roles between government, market and family in articulating this triangle (welfare mix)**. A new paradigm will provide a potential breakthrough to the wide range field of social policies as well as social economy and political scheme.

# International Comparison

(solidarity, mutual association, association law 1901)

France

social-democratic  
government

conservative-corporatist

liberal-residual  
market

Sweden

(cooperative, public movement,  
life security based on social rights)

social  
sector

The U.S.

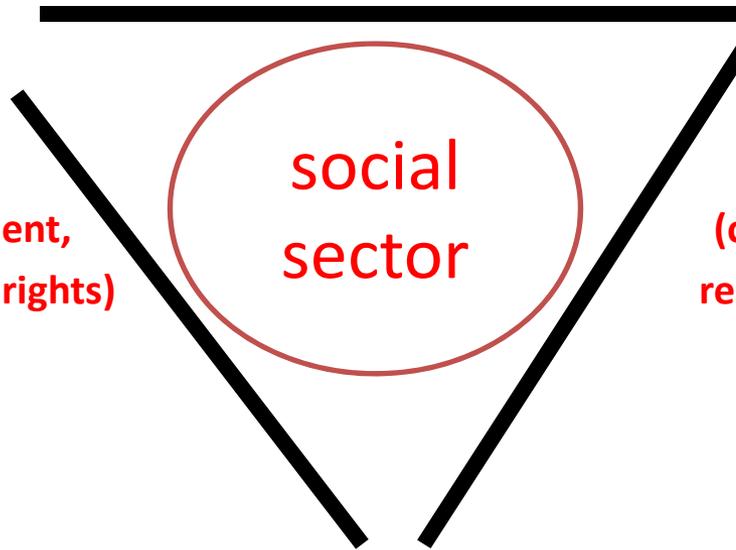
(charity, social enterprise,  
redistribution through donation)

families

conservative-familist

Japan

(traditional community, new NPOs)



# Research schedule

2011.3~2012.3

2012.4~2014.3

**Field work on  
French social  
sector**

**CNAF, UNAF etc.  
2011.5, 2011.9, 2012.3**

**Focus on  
important  
associations  
2012.9, 2013.9**

**Field work on  
Japanese social  
sector**

**Associations in Shizuoka  
and in Japan**

**Active interviews**

**Analysis  
Transmission  
Communication**

**Theoretical consideration  
Presentation & discussion  
Opening a web site  
(Japanese English French)**

**French-Japanese  
seminar (2013.3)  
ISA meeting (2014.7)  
Publication**

**I will address to the world  
a new paradigm for child bearing and rearing  
in order to promote life innovation.**