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Title of Project : Institution Building and Policymaking that Reflect Needs of Citizens: An Approach of Political Economy

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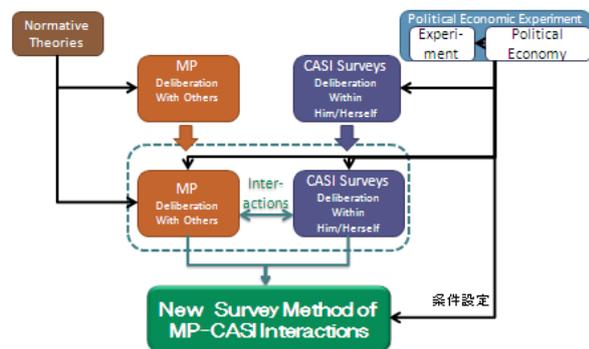
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Keyword : Political Process

【Purpose and Background of the Research】

It is indispensable for a democratic political system to build institutions or make policies based on citizens' needs. However, we cannot build institutions or make policies that reflect needs of those citizens by simply conducting public opinion surveys that tap superficial opinions of the respondents. But, it is necessary to measure thoughts of the citizens after the surveys indicate necessary conditions and even the burdens that the citizens have to take under certain conditions to build an institution (or make a public policy).

【Figure 1】 Framework and Purpose of This Research



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【Research Methods】

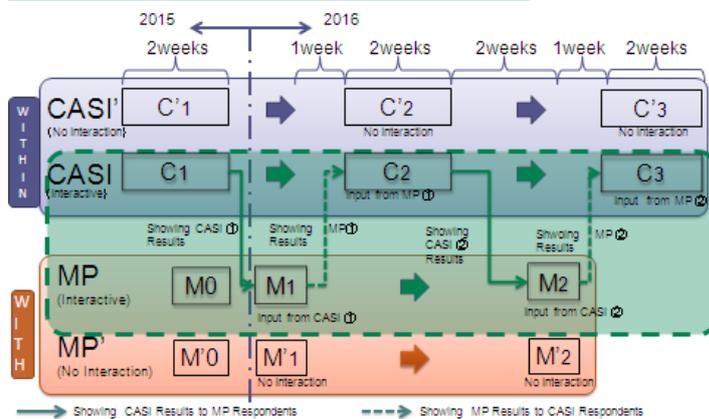
We are going to conduct CASI (Computer Assisted Self-administered Interview) surveys through which we will present two opposite lectures for and against a certain issue (e.g., participating in TPP) to a randomly selected national sample of respondents and measure their attitudes.

We are also planning to conduct Mini-Publics through which we will provide an opportunity and environment of deliberation for the same issue as the CASI surveys to those respondents who are nationally selected and volunteered to gather and discuss on the given issue.

We will let the sample of Mini-Publics know the results of CASI surveys, and will let the sample of CASI surveys know the results of mini-publics. Through this new method of Public Opinion Surveys of ‘Deliberation within’ vs. ‘Deliberation

with’, we will be able to measure true attitudes or deliberated decisions of the citizens.

【Figure 2】 Interactions between CASI and MP



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【Expected Research Achievements and Scientific Significance】

Through the new method of Public Opinion Surveys of ‘Deliberation within’ vs. ‘Deliberation with’, we will be able to integrate a measuring public opinions based on the empiricism and a measuring citizens’ deliberated decisions based on the political philosophy. As an expected consequence of our new survey method, we will be able to find a policy position into which diversified citizens’ opinions will be converged.

【Publications Relevant to the Project】

- Hino, Airo and Aiji Tanaka eds., *Yoronchosa-no Atarashii Chihei: CASI Houshiki Yoron-Chosa (A New Horizon of Public Opinion Survey: CASI Method)*, Tokyo: Keiso-Shobo, 2013.
- Kohno, Masaru ed., *Atarashii Seiji-Keizaigaku no Taido (Quickening a New Political Economy)*, Tokyo: Keiso-Shobo, 2013.

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【Homepage Address and Other Contact Information】

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