

Forms in Economics and Business Administration

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From November 15th to 17th, 2013, the 76th Symposium of the Science on Form was held at Aoyama Gakuin University in Shibuya-ku, Tokyo, Japan. The theme of the symposium was “Forms recognized in Economics and Business Administration” (The Society for Science on Form, Japan, 2013). Due to their abstract nature, Economics and Business Administration have not received much attention academically in the field of science of form.

Therefore, on this occasion, we found it necessary to take up this theme again to contribute to the advancement of the “Science of Form”. At the symposium, oral presentations were given on subjects related to “Economics or Business Administration and form”, in which the topics were not limited only to a tangible form, but also included form as an abstract concept.

On the first day of the symposium, Professor Akiko Kamesaka from Aoyama Gakuin University School of Business Administration gave a presentation as an invited lecturer (Kamesaka, 2013). On the second day, Professor Takeshi Yoshida from Aoyama Gakuin University School of Business Administration also gave a presentation as a guest lecturer (Yoshida, 2013), and Professor Hiroki Takada from Fukui University Graduate School of Engineering gave a presentation as a special lecturer (Takada, 2013). In addition, some society members also gave insightful reports during general presentation sessions (Suzuki *et al.*, 2013; Takaki, 2013).

To commemorate these achievements, the editorial board of this journal FORMA of the Society of Science on Form planned to publish an issue specific to this symposium.

From the end of 2014 through 2015, we received six papers from five researchers who are at the forefront of fields relevant to this issue. Three original papers, written by Professor Yoshida, Aoyama Gakuin University, Professor Takayuki Morimoto, Department of Mathematical Sciences, Kwansei Gakuin University, and Professor Takada, Fukui University are included. Two review articles were written by Professor Emeritus Ryuji Takaki, Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology and Professor Elly Shiozawa, Meiji University School of Commerce. One additional paper was posted by Professor Emeritus Takaki as a forum article, which was related to “the Debate about the Future of Science of the Form” in the symposium.

We hope that these six papers will contribute to the future developments of the Society for Science on Form, Japan.

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