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Title	Listening Comprehension and Acquisition in Skill-based Course Design
Abstract	Current SLA theory suggests listening course design that combines comprehension exercises (top-down) and acquisition exercises (bottom-up), with a focus on noticing, restructuring, and stretching. A listening course was constructed to incorporate this theory into a two-week-per-single-videotext system (with one of the weeks getting the comprehension focus and the second week getting the acquisition focus), over a 14-week semester, using the theme of technology. The course was part two of a three part series of listening courses in the English Language Program at the School of Policy Studies in Kwansai Gakuin University. Student feedback (n = 502) was taken in the form of a 34-item, 4-point Likert-type questionnaire, with two qualitative questions following. Feedback items relating to the incorporation of tasks within current theory received positive feedback. Positive feedback was also received by teachers and was accompanied by several ideas to improve the current course. Of greatest interest was the idea to increase the focus on bottom-up style exercises in the current course at an earlier point for the purpose of student confidence, which slightly contradicts current theory.
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Title	Rampant Racism in America (1)
Abstract	Since the Civil Rights Movement of the 50s and 60s, it appears that things have changed in American society, but on close examination things have turned worse. African-Americans are at the bottom of the totem pole economically: there have been so much bitterness, in-fights among ethnic minorities which were not so evident in the 50s and 60s. It seems that racism has taken a different form than it had been in the past. Some say that there is no racism any longer with the improvement of social and legal structures in society. But the fact is that there still is rampant racism in American society. This became evident in the Presidential elections in the past with the whites' maneuvering and willful manipulation of black voters: malfunction of voting machines in poor black areas. In 2005 Hurricane Katrina made an ugly expose of the Presidential irresponsibility in caring for the victims and slow federal responses to the national crisis. In this article reasons and clues for solutions for rampant racism are being explored and elucidated in two parts.
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Title	The Electronic Spinning of Social Relationship in Ubiquitous-Japan: Reshaping Socio-Spatial Relationship with GPS Location Technology Mobile Phone?
Abstract	Using updated surveys from the government and telecommunication providers, academic studies and journalistic reports, this paper examines how Japanese society evolves due to widespread integration of mobile communication into the lives of ordinary people, focusing on children and elderly. Examining the ever-upgrading of location-navigation technology in a competitive market of expansionary value-added communication services, it highlights the intensification of inter-personal relationship and the temporal-spatial anchorage of the seemingly borderless communication.
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Title	現代廃棄物紛争と法的諸問題(2) —仮処分判例を中心として— Current Wastes Disputes and Legal Issues Related (2) —With Reference to Preliminary Injunction Precedents—
Abstract	Preliminary injunction is indispensable in wastes disputes for several reasons. First of all, the fact that formal lawsuit takes too much time until it provides final remedies for nuisance victims necessitates preliminary injunctions for them not to suffer from serious injuries by the construction and operation of wastes disposal facilities. In addition, the court is more likely to hesitate to issue final injunctions under the standard for judgement of injuries triggering legal remedies for the victims should such facilities come to be operated in a way that their closing down run against public interests. Although the victims' interests of health integrity are more important than any other evasive public interests, it is difficult to deny such a court's tendency as the consummation of wastes facilities makes the victims' entitlement for legal remedies less promising. On the other hand, at the time when such facilities are not yet constructed or operated, it is hard to prove the likelihood that residents around such facilities will be hurt by them. This article examines various legal issues relating to preliminary injunctions utilized for wastes disputes.
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Title	私邸庭園の立地する蘇州の伝統的居住地区における屋外空間の機能的特徴に関する研究 A Study on the Functional Characteristics of the Outdoor Spaces in Residential District of Suzhou, China
Abstract	Most of the residential gardens in Suzhou, China are located in the center of the traditional residential district. Before exploring how local people use these gardens as outdoor space, it is necessary to grasp the current situation of the ways that different kinds of outdoor space are utilized. A survey of how residents use various outdoor spaces at the district was given to residents from four residential districts. The result of the survey shows that local people use the different kinds of outdoor spaces mainly as ① the place to carry out daily routine which could also be done inside the house, ② the place to carry out casual activities, ③ the place to carry out leisure activities, ④ the place to carry out community activities. Since the distribution of the four different types of outdoor spaces is unbalanced among the districts, it is necessary to make future decisions based on the current situation of outdoor spaces.

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Title	日本の新宇宙開発パラダイム A New Paradigm for Japan's Space Development
Abstract	This paper examines the salient features of the past space development in Japan. In spite of Japan's non-military oriented space development efforts, they have been biased toward technology-push pattern rather than application-pull pattern. In order to make policy changes toward more desirable space development, a need for a new paradigm will be proposed. This new paradigm includes formulation of a sound policy agenda, promotion of more application-oriented projects, decentralization, and mass participation. As a tool to analyze each nation's space development pattern, a Space Development Index is also proposed. Based on the new paradigm, a number of policy proposals at the national, regional and international level will be presented. Reflecting the geopolitical change surrounding Japan, the need for establishing a regional space security forum will be proposed.

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Abstract	On 21 September 1999, a major earthquake rocked Taiwan causing horrific casualties and damage. In Chi-Chi Township, at the epicentre, damage was so severe that 80% of the housing was unusable. Some of the historic buildings such as an old railway station and a traditional literati academy had been severely damaged. After the catastrophe, numerous damaged historic buildings urgently needed to be saved and preserved. Thus, an urgent rescue plan and execution strategy was needed. This brief has four parts: firstly, a general description of the survived historical building and related area preservation progress, then, some precious heritage sites surveyed and collected in Chi-Chi Township. The third part examines the advantages and disadvantages of the then policies, regulations and laws affecting historic properties. Lastly, a rescue and preservation task plan-proposal for historic buildings. This paper summarizes the earthquake damage to historic heritages in Taiwan and the government response in rescuing those historic buildings, aiming to serve as a reference for strategies to rescue the precious heritages, for and after, future disasters.

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Title	障がいを持つ学生への学習支援(4) 関西学院大学総合政策学部における教材点訳のシステムについて Educational Support to the Audio-visually Handicapped Students (4) Translation of Teaching Materials into Braille in SPS, Kwansei Gakuin University
Abstract	Since 2004, we have carried out an educational support to audio-handicapped students (note-take by PC) at the School of Policy Studies, Kwansei Gakuin University. In this report, we explain our translation system of teaching materials into braille.

● Policy Topics

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