Same-Sex Marriage: Comparison of Canada, US and Japan

The legalization of same-sex marriages is no longer an issue in North America, but how about Japan? In March 2021, for the first time ever in Japanese legal history, the district court will decide on the legalization of same-sex marriage. The debate on whether to legalize same-sex marriage or not, is now very heated topic. In this talk, Professor Takashi Shirouzu will discuss how Japan should deal with this issue by looking at both Canada and US’s approach toward legalizing Same-Sex Marriage from the viewpoint of Comparative Constitutional law. During the discussion, we will also examine how the legalizing of same-sex marriages would challenge the Japanese notion of a traditional family.

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