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We are very pleased to present *The Journal of Social Science* No.44.

In this issue, we have three articles and one review article, which are all concerned with contemporary issues that the world is facing. Also, we have two summaries of the open lectures. Professor Craig Parker spoke under the title, "Crime and Crime Control Strategies in the United States", making a comparison amongst several countries; Professor Shyusei Tanaka talked under the title of "Bureaucratic Politics and Democratic Politics", based on his own experiences in politics.

In their contributions, Professor Shigeru Ishiwata and Associate Professor Nobuyuki Miyazaki argue from economic viewpoints, respectively providing a macro and micro framework for environmental accounting systems.

Ms. Akiko Kato, a Ph.D. student of the Graduate School of Public Administration, discusses in her article the problems deriving from the application of WTO/TRIPs agreement in developing countries, examining especially the case of India.

In a review article, I look at the changing roles and position of Japan within the context of the Asia-Pacific region.

How do global issues cast shadows on each region? What kind of new frameworks are emerging? It is our hope that this issue of *The Journal of Social Science* will be of some help in at least considering about these questions.

We look forward to future contributions to *The Journal of Social Science*.

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