



# Employment Strategy and Labour Markets in Europe: a view from Japan

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### ***Stalking the Unknown Beast: Policy Change and the EU***

What is the European Union? This presentation approaches the EU from the perspective of policy change. While the term 'policy change' is far from unambiguous, the ways major policies are changed should provide an important key to understanding the nature of the polity in which such changes take place. The major policy change in focus in this presentation will be the 'European Employment Strategy' (EES), which was developed from the employment title newly inserted into the Treaty of Amsterdam (1997).

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### ***European labour market institutions: resilience to the crisis?***

The aim of the presentation is to analyze to which extent the European labour market institutions resisted to the crisis. It deserves to be analyzed considering the short term and the long term impacts that the crisis may have brought about in Europe and the changes in paradigm it has resulted in regarding the degree of fragmentation of the European labour markets and the governance of the labour market policies.

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