

## The Political Economy and Economic History Society

The Political Economy and Economic History Society was originally established in 1948 as the Agrarian History Society, aiming to study the overall process of agricultural and economic reform after WWII and to forecast the future of Japanese society. In its early years, the Society held an annual conference and published *The Bulletin of Agrarian History*. Since 1958, it has published *The Journal of Political Economy and Economic History* quarterly. In October 2002, the Society decided to change its name from the Agrarian History Society to the present Political Economy and Economic History Society.

Today, the Society is headed by a Board of Directors with over 20 members, which supervises the Editorial Committee, the Research Committee and the Secretariat. The Editorial Committee publishes *The Journal of Political Economy and Economic History* quarterly. The Journal maintains a high reputation for the quality of its articles, judged under the double-referee examination. The Research Committee manages bi-annual conferences in spring and autumn. The Spring Conference, usually held in Tokyo, consists of a symposium on up-to-date subjects as well as of a session presenting doctoral dissertations by emerging scholars. The Autumn Conference, a two-day meeting, holds several panel discussions, seminar sessions, poster sessions as well as a symposium.

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