

On March 13, 2013 the Center for Comparative Socio-Economic and Socio-Political Studies held a workshop within the framework of an on-going seminar dedicated to the analysis of methodological problems of political, social and cultural transformations in the contemporary world. The current series is dedicated to social and political change in Western and non-Western democracies. The workshop focused on **Japanese politics, economy and society**. **Prof. Dmitry Streltsov** (MGIMO University) delivered a paper on the evolution of the Japanese political system and on party politics in contemporary Japan. **Dr. Serghei Chugrov** (MEMO and Polis academic journal) focused on Japanese national identity and on the changes in Japanese mentality. **Dr. Elena Leontieva** spoke on the country's economic development in the 2000s, and **prof. Nobio Simotomai** (Hosei University, Tokyo) commented on territorial conflicts and on their reflection in the public and expert discussions in present day Japan.