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Abstract

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Legal Education Reform in Japan: Lessons for Melbourne?

Legal education is undergoing rapid change throughout Asia. In this workshop presentation, I will reflect on the research underlying a forthcoming monograph, *Legal Education in Asia: Globalisation, Change and Contexts* (Steele and Taylor, Routledge, forthcoming 2009), focusing on Japan as a case study. As part of national and far reaching reforms to its justice system, Japan commenced post-graduate law schools in 2004. Despite fundamental differences in traditions, politics and economics, common themes of change, renewal and reform link the Japanese and Melbourne experiences. After 5 years, can the experience of reform in Japan provide lessons for us in Melbourne as we undertake our own legal education evolution?