

Preface

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The current issue of the *Ars Vivendi* journal has 4 papers, including a special section featuring Disabled Woman and Sexuality.

Ignacio Calderón Almendros, who spent a few months with us in Institute of *Ars Vivendi* contributes to this volume by discussing the crucial relevance of education to overcome the discrimination and to promote the diversity in school (“Differences and Inequality in Schools: The language of oppressed people as hope”).

The paper by Elizabeth Depoy and others reports the results of the study checking the usability of a mobility device co-designed by users and researchers (“The development and testing of a contemporary co-designed mobility support to reduce abandonment and support outdoor fitness adherence”). For Japanese readers, I would like to stress the point that “designing” is not only for the research and development of new tools but also for changing our way-of-life, although the Japanese word “dezain” only has a very narrow meaning in the field of textiles.

For the special section, Julia Bahner (“Mapping the terrain of disability and sexuality: from policy to practice”) and Naoko Kawaguchi (“Difficulties disabled women in Japan face with regard to love, marriage, and reproduction”) are included, with a short and excellent introduction by You Tuchiya who planned and chaired the seminar on this topic at Aichi University.