

格差の連鎖・蓄積とライフコースに関する総合的研究

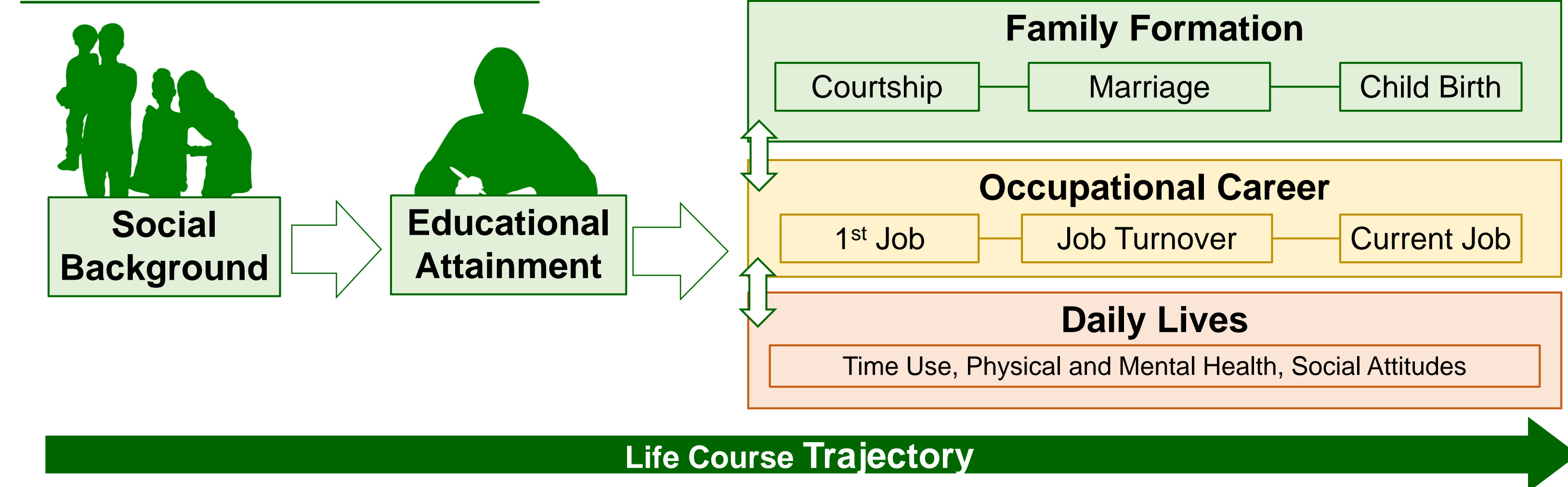
Comprehensive Study of Accumulation of Advantages and Disadvantages across Life Course

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Japanese Life Course Panel Surveys (JLPS)

Research Framework



JLPS-Y and JLPS-M (from 2007)

- **Background of the Research Project**
 - Unfavorable labor market conditions among Japanese youth from the late 1990s
 - Delayed marriages and declining birth rates among the youth
 - Necessity of a panel survey that follows young people in the long-term
- **Two Panel Surveys**
 - Since 2007, the JLPS project has conducted a panel study **targeting the youth (20-34 years old in 2007) and middle-aged people (35-40 years old in 2007)**.
 - Sample sizes of the JLPS-Y and JLPS-M in 2007 (wave 1) are 3,367 (response rate: 34.5%) and 1,433 (response rate 40.4%), respectively.
 - Follow up surveys are conducted every year, and we **completed the 12th wave in the early months of 2018**.
 - New respondents who were 39 to 44 years old in 2011 were added in the 2011 survey because of the panel attrition from 2008 to 2010.
 - The JLPS-Y and JLPS-M maintained response rates between 70 and 80 percent for each wave.



Survey Questionnaire from the 1st wave to the 12th wave of JLPS-Y and JLPS-M

Related Projects of JLPS

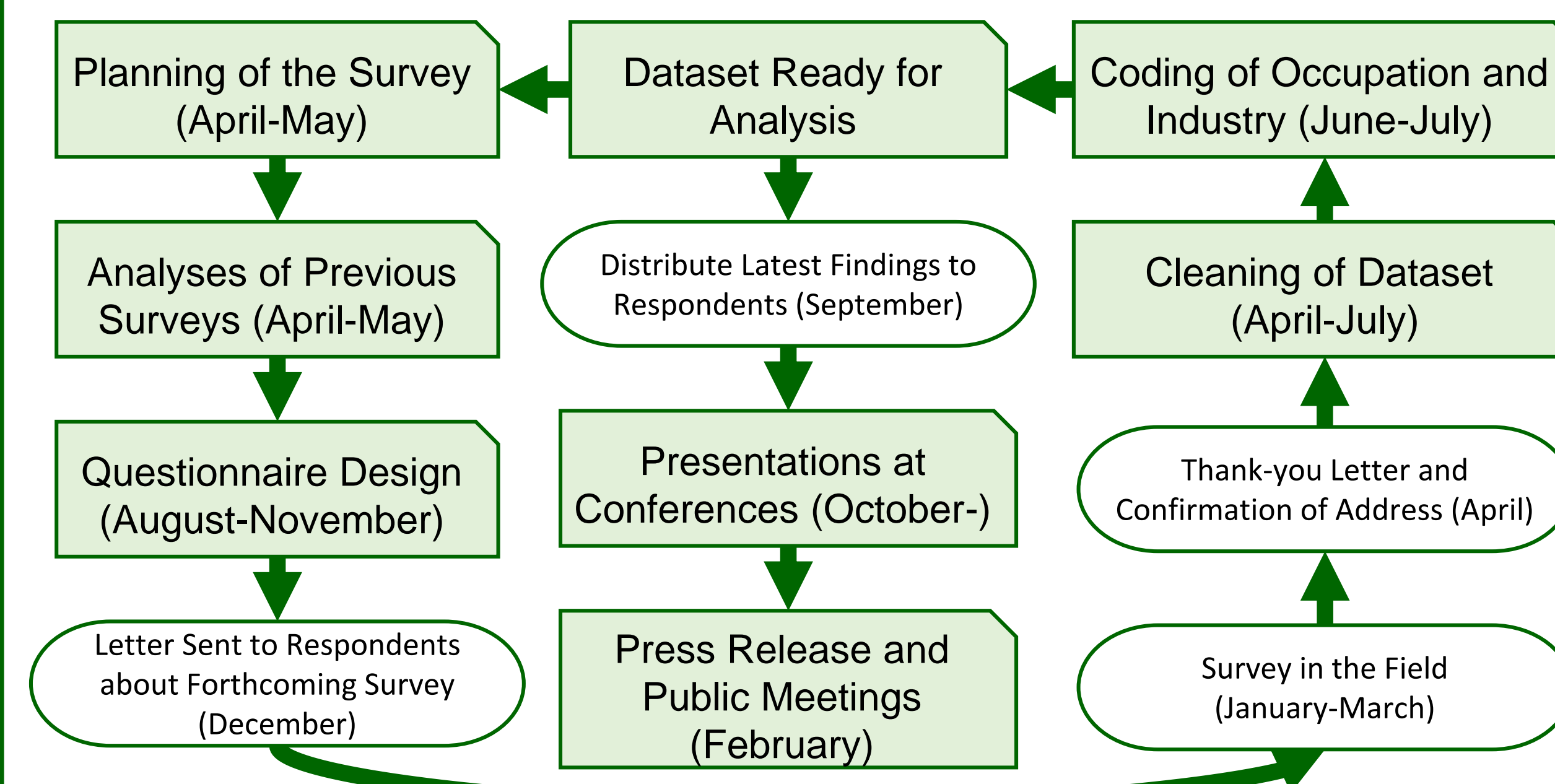
- **JLPS-H (from 2004)**
 - A panel survey that has followed **high school seniors since their graduation in 2004**
 - Information of both their schools and parents are included.
 - The JLPS-H **completed the 14th wave as of 2018**.
- **JLPS-J (from 2015)**
 - A panel survey that followed **9th grade students and their mothers since 2015**.
 - Follow up surveys are conducted every two years.

Research Outputs of JLPS

- In 2017, a series of ‘Cumulative Advantages and Disadvantages among the Youth’ was published by Keiso Shobo Publishing (written in Japanese).
- A series of discussion papers provides preliminary results from the project (written in Japanese or English).



Operational Cycle for Each Wave



- The Social Survey Research Department, the core of the Survey Management Group, is responsible for planning, developing, and conducting panel surveys, as well as cleaning and coding the surveys and depositing the data in the archive.
- The square boxes indicate the activities of the Survey Management Group, and the elliptic boxes, the contact with respondents.
- We use the data cleaning and coding process as training for young researchers, and this offers an opportunity for early career researchers to learn the details and operation of the panel surveys.

International Activities

International Collaboration with Researchers in East Asia

- The JLPS designs certain survey items for international comparison.
- Every year since 2013, we have held joint workshops with researchers from South Korea and Taiwan, who share similar research motivations.



Harmonization Project

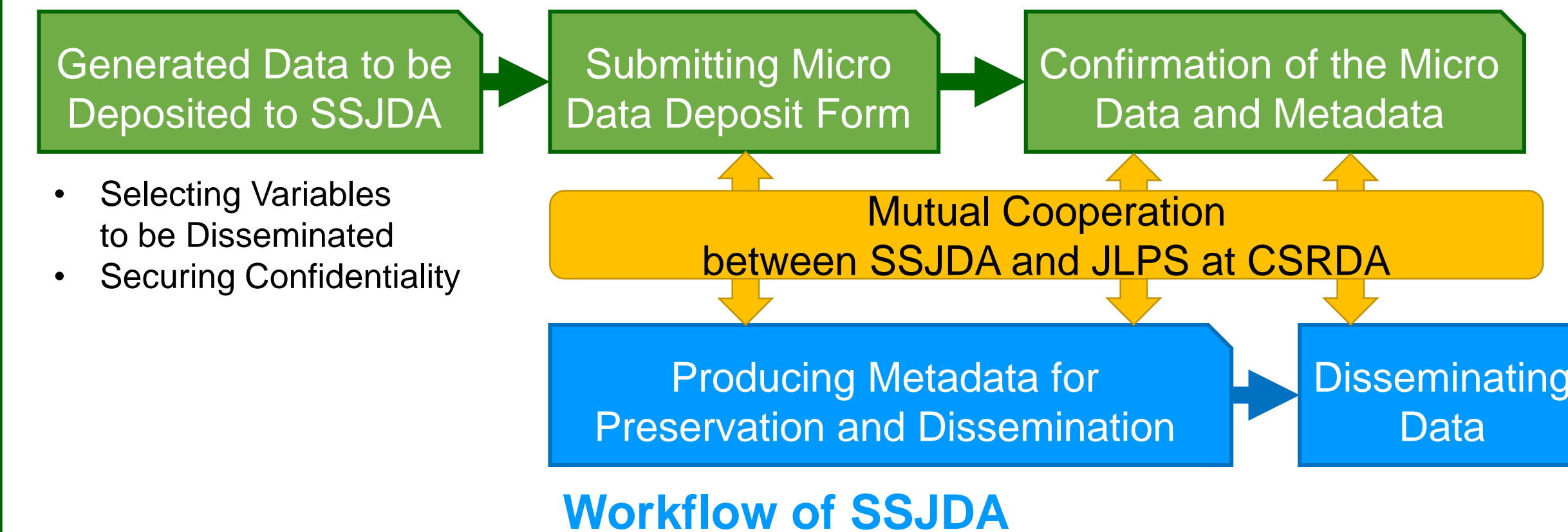
- The JLPS recently joined a harmonization project of panel surveys based in Germany: “**The Transition to Adulthood in a Comparative Perspective: a research program based on harmonized national panel studies from East Asia, North America, and Western Europe.**”

Data Release at CSRDA

(Center for Social Research and Data Archives)

Dissemination of the JLPS data from the Social Science Japan Data Archive

Workflow of JLPS



- The data from JLPS are currently available from the SSJDA through **the 6th wave of JLPS-H and the 8th wave of JLPS-Y and JLPS-M**.
- Over 1,000 researchers and students have already used JLPS data.

Secondary Data Analysis Workshop

- CSRDA holds Secondary Data Analysis Workshops.
- Researchers outside CSRDA may participate in workshops and receive financial support to attend them.
- We help researchers who are interested in JLPS to organize and run workshops in which JLPS data are used.
- Since 2010, six workshops have been organized and attended by over 70 researchers.



Agenda for Future Activities

Promoting International Activities

- Developing international research collaboration
- Cooperation with the harmonization project
- Disseminating English data

Improving the Quality of the Survey

- Investigating a mechanism of panel attrition
- Improving the methods of retaining contact with respondents

Constructing Sustainable Survey

Operation and Data Analysis

- Establishing an efficient survey operation and securing more time for analyzing data