# HAPPINESS AND EMPLOYMENT STATUS

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## Increasing ratio of non-regular workers in Japan



## Consequence on labor productivity



# Reason for the decline in labor productivity growth



### Questions posed

- Are there possibility of the cooperation between regular and non-regular workers in increasing the productivity?
- How non-regular workers feel about the working conditions and reward?
- Voluntary choice or involuntary choice ?
- □ How the state differs among countries?
- What makes the differences?

# Marginal effect of redistribution on aspiration



#### The optimal condition for redistribution



## Measuring the degree of happiness

- Positive vs Negative happiness
  - $\rightarrow$ Foundation of the dichotomic approach?
- (1) Empirical result : results of principal factor analysis
- (2) Neuro science implications
  - Primary reinforcers: "Rewards" vs "Punishers"
- → Secondary reinforcers are given by the combination of primary reinforcers and learning.

## Empirical findings (1)

- Increasing of capability is important for improving positive happiness both for regular and non-regular in all the countries except for Germany. (Figures 4-1 and 4-2)
- Pecuniary reward increases positive happiness of non-regular workes in UK, France and Germany. Others are not so. Why? (Figures 4-1 and 4-2)

# Empirical Findings (2)

- When regular workers feels the gap between real and ideal on wage and career, the level of positive happiness decreasess in all the countries. (Figure 4-3)
- The same is true for the non-regular workers, but the negative size is larger for non-regular workers. (Figure 4-4)

## Implications (1)

- Is it possible to estimate whether non-regular status is chosen voluntarily or not?
- If the gap between real and ideal decreases happiness, the status is deemed to be involuntary choice.
- Figure 4-4 shows that Japanese non-regular workers feels relatively smaller positive happiness. They are choosing non-regular status involuntarily.

# Implications (2)

- What is meant by the difference in the effect on happiness of career building?
- Especially the difference between regular and nonregular suggests the differences in aims of working.
- French non-regular workers may not aim to improve their human capital by working.