Conscription Experience and Occupational Career
An Analysis of SSM Survey Data

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ABSTRACT

This paper examines the impact of conscription experiences on occupational careers using career data from SSM surveys. Although conscription experiences are said to have a major influence on one’s life, there is little research using statistical techniques. We analyze the occupations before and after conscription using data from SSM surveys and clarifying the impact of the conscription experience.

Our research resulted in two findings. First, conscription experiences have a negative influence on occupational careers. The occupational careers of those who experienced conscription became unstable and their social status was lowered. Second, the negative influence was weakened gradually.

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