

## **Professor Reiji Matsumoto**

Reiji Matsumoto, Professor of Political Science at Waseda University, was born in Tokyo in 1946.

He studied and got a master degree in law and political science at the University of Tokyo. Former Boursier du Gouvernement de France (1974-1976) and Fulbright researcher (1984-1986), he has always been working on Tocqueville and completed in 2008 his translation of *De la démocratie en Amérique*. In 2005, he organized with Nobutaka Miura and Shigeki Uno an international conference for the commemoration of the bicentenary of the French aristocrat's birth, to which leading Tocqueville scholars of France and the United States, Françoise Mélonio, Lucien Jaume, Olivier Zunz, James T. Schleifer and others, were invited.

He co-edited a book collecting all the submitted papers, which was published last year from the University of Tokyo Press. Along with Tocqueville studies, his academic interest ranges from the French view of America to the comparative intellectual history of France, America and Japan. His recent publications in English are:

"Tocqueville and Japan" in Aurelian Craiutu & Sheldon Gellar, ed., *Conversations with Tocqueville: the Global Democratic Revolution in the Twenty-first Century* (Lexington Books, 2009)

"Is Democracy Peaceful? Tocqueville and Constant on War and the Army" in *The Tocqueville Review/La Revue Tocqueville*, 28-1 (2007)

"From Model to Menace: French Intellectuals and American Civilization" in *The Japanese Journal of American Studies*, 15 (2004)