

This thesis focuses on the long term home care policies conducted in Japan, in order to draw lessons for France. Our analysis is developed through three topics : i) the analysis of the differences between the Japanese and the French systems in the public care organisation and in the care received by the elderly, ii) the examination of potential barriers to access to public elderly care in Japan; iii) the study of the impact of informal care on the labor participation of Japanese middle-aged women. In this regard, we carried two qualitative studies comparing Japanese and French policies, and two microeconometrics studies of individual and family behaviour of caring in Japan. This study outlines the specificities of the policies conducted in both countries, and highlights the strengths and weaknesses of the Japanese model.

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