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A symposium in the JDZB series "The Future of Democracy"

Democracy as Practice: Japan and Germany on Civic Education, Participation, and Plurality

Date: Monday, November 2, 2026, 9:30–11:30 a.m. (CET) / 5:30–7:30 p.m. (JST)

Venue: Japanese-German Center Berlin (JDZB), Berlin and via Zoom

Organized by: Japanese-German Center Berlin and European Academy Berlin (EAB)

Program

Language: German and Japanese with simultaneous interpretation

09:00 Doors open at the JDZB

09:20 – 09:30 Admission to Zoom

09:30 – 09:45 **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Dr. Julia Münch, Secretary General; Japanese-German Center Berlin

Dr. Christian Johann, Director; European Academy Berlin

Christian Echle, Head of the Department Asia and Pacific; Konrad Adenauer Foundation

09:45 – 10:05 **Impulse Talks: Democracy and Participation in Japan and Germany**

Prof. Dr. Shigeo Kodama, Professor of Education; Shiraume Gakuen University & College

Prof. Dr. Gernot Wolfram, Professor of Media and Cultural Management; Macromedia University of Applied Sciences

10:05 – 11:15 **Panel Discussion: Political Education Beyond the Classroom - Participation, Plurality, and Democratic Responsibility**

Tamami Ueno, Democracy Education Project Leader; Japan Youth Council

Joseph Langner, Co-Managing Director; JoinPolitics

Kotaro Sumi, Third-year student in the Interdisciplinary Social Sciences Course at the College of Arts and Sciences; University of Tokyo

Commentator:

Prof. Dr. Akiko Kawashima, Associate Professor in the Department of Child Psychology; Shiraume Gakuen University, Director; Shiraume Institute of Child Studies

Moderation:
Dr. Phoebe Stella Holdgrün, Head of Team Project Management; JDZB

Q&A

11:15 – 11:30 **Reflections and Closing Remarks**

Prof. Dr. Gabriele Vogt, Professor of Japanese Studies and Director of the Department of Asian Studies; Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich

11:30 – 12:30 **Networking Lunch**

MC: Kokoro Kuroiwa, Project Officer; JDZB

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