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TENTATIVE PROGRAM
for the
VSJF Annual Conference 2018
on
**Social Science Research and Society in Japan and Germany:
Impact, Institutions and Perspectives**
from Friday, November 23 - Sunday, November 25, 2018
at the Japanese-German Center Berlin (JDZB),
Saargemuender Str. 2, 14195 Berlin

as of November 15, 2018

(November 22 and 23: [Gender-Workshop](#))

Friday, November 23

14.30 – 15.00 *Registration*

15.00 – 15.30 Welcome

Tokiko KIYOTA (JDZB)
Verena BLECHINGER-TALCOTT and Cornelia REIHER (Freie Universität Berlin)
Anke SCHERER (VSJF)

**15.30 – 17.00 Roundtable Discussion: Social Sciences-Society Relations in Japan and Germany:
Challenges and Opportunities**

Chair: Verena BLECHINGER-TALCOTT (Freie Universität Berlin)

Kenneth MORI MCELWAIN (University of Tōkyō)
Joanna PFAFF-CZARNECKA (Bielefeld University)
Marie SÖDERBERG (Stockholm School of Economics)
Iris WIECZOREK (GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies Hamburg/IRIS
Science Management Inc. Tōkyō)

17.00 – 17.30 *Coffee break*

**17.30 – 18.45 30th Anniversary of the German Association for Social Science Research on Japan:
Social Science Research on Japan in Germany between Academia and Society**

Chair: Anke SCHERER (VSJF)

**The Foundation of the German Association for Social Science Research on Japan
Revisited**

Gesine FOLJANTY-JOST (Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg)
Ulrich TEICHLER (University of Kassel)

Roundtable Discussion: The Future of Social Science Research on Japan in Germany

Klaus VOLLMER (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München)
David CHIAVACCI (University of Zurich)
Cosima WAGNER (Freie Universität Berlin)
Ludgera LEWERICH (Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf)

18.45 – 19:00 Award Ceremony for the First Biannual Contemporary Japan Best Paper Prize
Presenter: Isaac GAGNÉ (Contemporary Japan)

19.00 *Dinner*

Saturday, November 24

09.30 – 11.00 Panel 1 – Social Science Research on Japan in Germany: Impact and Sustainability in a Changing Environment
Chair: Franz WALDENBERGER (German Institute for Japanese Studies, DIJ Tōkyō)

Social Institutional Change in Japan: Comparative and Transnational Perspectives
Karen SHIRE (University of Duisburg-Essen)

Research on Civil Society in Japan: what is it good for?
Gesine FOLJANTY-JOST (Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg)

Transferring Japanese Management Concepts - Impact on Company Practices. Some Reflections on Personal Experiences
Ulrich JÜRGENS (Berlin Social Science Center, WZB)

11.00 – 11.30 *Coffee break*

11.30 – 13.00 Panel 2 – Societal Challenges and Scholarship: Expert and Lay Relations
Chair: Gabriele VOGT (Universität Hamburg)

Citizen Science and Food in Japan: From Ui Jun to Fukushima
Cornelia REIHER (Freie Universität Berlin)

Designing Local Democracy: Institutional Reform Proposals for Local Elections and Assemblies in Japan
Ken Victor Leonard HIJINO (Kyōto University)

Care Robots as Socio-Technical Systems in Japan and Objects of Reference for Future Care Scenarios in Germany
Cosima WAGNER (Freie Universität Berlin)

13.00 – 14.30 *Lunch*

14.30 – 16.00 VSJF Section Meetings – Part 1 (Sitzungen der Fachgruppen – Teil 1)

16.00 – 16.15 *Break*

16.15 – 17.30 VSJF Section Meetings – Part 2 (Sitzungen der Fachgruppen – Teil 2)

17.30 – 18.00 *Coffee break*

18.00 – 19.30 General Meeting of the VSJF

19.30 *Dinner*

Sunday, November 25

09.30 – 11.00 Panel 3 – Scholars' Changing Roles in Japan: Expert Knowledge and Society

Chair: Annette SCHAD-SEIFERT (Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf)

Hiroshima, Nanjing and Yasukuni: Contending Discourses on the Second World War in Japan

Ki'ichi FUJIWARA (University of Tōkyō)

Social Inequality in Japanese Society

Hiroshi ISHIDA (University of Tōkyō)

11.00 – 11.30 Wrap-Up and Final Discussion

Verena BLECHINGER-TALCOTT (Freie Universität Berlin)

Cornelia REIHER (Freie Universität Berlin)

11.30 *End of Conference*

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FACHGRUPPEN-PROGRAMME 2018**FACHGRUPPE BILDUNG UND ERZIEHUNG**

- 16.15 **Begrüßung**
Karsten HELMHOLZ (Universität Hamburg)
Stephanie OSAWA (Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf)
- 16.15 – 16.45 **Non-Profit-Education: NPO-lead Career Guidance at Senior High Schools**
Vincent Benvoglio LESCH (Universität Hamburg)
- 16.45 – 17.15 **Active Ageing: Mitigating Japan's demographic crisis?**
Anna-Lea SCHRÖDER (Universität Hamburg)
- 17.15 – 17.30 **Abschlussdiskussion**

FACHGRUPPE GESCHICHTE

- 14.30 – 15.15 **Rethinking Postwar Japan's History Problem at the Crossroads of International History and International Relations Theory**
Hitomi KOYAMA (Leiden University)
- 15.15 – 16.00 **Unclaimed Prize: Japanese Oil Explorations in Manchuria before the Pacific War**
Daqing YANG (George Washington University & Max Planck Institute for the History of Science)
- 16.00 – 16.15 *Coffee break*
- 16.15 – 17.00 **The Theoretical Scope of Fujita Shōzō's Concept of Contemporary Totalitarianism**
Takamichi SAKURAI (University of Heidelberg/Keiō University)
- 17.00 – 17.30 **Discussion**

FACHGRUPPE POLITIK

- 14.30 – 14.45 **Begrüßung**
- 14.45 – 15.10 **Understanding the Constitutional Democratic Party: Its Characteristics, Ideology and Social Structure**
Felix SPREMBERG (University of Tübingen)
- 15.10 – 15.35 **Deliberative Innovations - Curing the Malaise of Japanese Representative Democracy?**
Momoyo HÜSTEBECK (University of Duisburg-Essen, IN-EAST School of Advanced Studies)
- 15.35 – 16.00 **The Other Labour Movement: Community Unions' Role in Japanese Labour Revitalisation**
Jan NIGGEMEIER (Freie Universität Berlin, Graduate School of East Asian Studies)
- 16.00 – 16.15 *Kaffeepause*
- 16.15 – 16.40 **Regulating for Welfare? The Politics of Private Pension Schemes in Japan**
Steffen HEINRICH (German Institute for Japanese Studies, DIJ Tōkyō)
- 16.40 – 17.05 **Understanding Government Statistics on Foreign Workers in Japan**
Matthias HENNINGS (Kwansei Gakuin University)
- 17.05 – 17.30 **Beyond "one size fits all": Kaizen in Japan's Development Cooperation in Sub-Saharan Africa**
Ruth ACHENBACH (Goethe University Frankfurt)

FACHGRUPPE SOZIOLOGIE UND SOZIALANTHROPOLOGIE

- 14.30 – 14.40 **Begrüßung**
Celia SPODEN (Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf)
- 14.40 – 15.20 **Rural Japan's Appeal to Old and New Residents: A Migration Analysis of two Case Studies in Aso Region (Kumamoto)**
Antonia MISERKA (University of Vienna)
- 15.20 – 16.00 **A "Happiness Capital"? The Role of Social Capital in Offsetting the Impact of Structural Decline in a Rural Japanese Community and the Interaction with Personality**
Dionyssios ASKITIS (University of Vienna)
- 16.00 – 16.15 *Coffee break*
- 16.15 – 16.55 **(Kein) Raum für uns: Räumliche Perspektiven auf Beziehungswelten lediger Erwachsener in Tokio**
Nora KOTTMANN (German Institute for Japanese Studies, DIJ Tōkyō)
- 16.55 – 17.30 **MA Project: Unions' Involvement in the Minimum Wage Movement: Can Social Movement Unionism Revitalize the Labor Movement in Japan?**
Stefanie SCHWARTE (Universität Hamburg)

FACHGRUPPE STADT- UND REGIONALFORSCHUNG

- 14.30 – 14.40 **Begrüßung**
- 14.40 – 15.20 **The Ambiguity of Kizuna: The Dynamics of Social Ties and the Role of Local Culture for Community Building in post-3.11 Japan**
Julia GERSTER (Freie Universität Berlin)
- 15.20 – 16.00 **The Reconstruction of Dejima – Perspectives for the City of Nagasaki**
Thomas STÄRZ (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München)
- 16.00 – 16.15 *Kaffeepause*
- 16.15 – 16.55 **Governing the "Man-Made Disaster" – Town-Building and Local Self-Governance in the Peripheries of Amalgamated Municipalities in Japan**
Hanno JENTZSCH (German Institute for Japanese Studies, DIJ Tōkyō)
- 16.55 – 17.30 **Communicating Risk to the Fish Market at the Center of the World**
Anne-Sophie KÖNIG (Universität Hamburg)

FACHGRUPPE TECHNIK

- 14.30 – 14.35 **Begrüßung**
Susanne BRUCKSCH (Deutsches Institut für Japanstudien, DIJ Tōkyō)
Cosima WAGNER (Freie Universität Berlin)
- 14.35 – 15.05 **Autonomie-Sicherheits-Paradox der Servicerobotik in Japan**
Hironori MATSUZAKI (Carl von Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg)
- 15.05 – 15.35 **Der dominante Safety Focus: Patientennutzen, medizinisches Risiko und öffentliche Erwartungshaltung bei der Zulassung von Medizintechnologie in Japan**
Susanne BRUCKSCH (Deutsches Institut für Japanstudien, DIJ Tōkyō)
- 15.35 – 16.00 **Offenes Forum: Forschungsberichte und Diskussion**

FACHGRUPPE WIRTSCHAFT

14.30 - **Begrüßung**

Secular Trends in the Japanese Labor Market

Stefania LOTTANTI VON MANDACH (University of Zurich)

Georg BLIND (University of Zurich)

16.00 – 16.15 *Kaffeepause*

Microeconomic Drivers of Japanese Competitiveness

Horst MELCHER (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München)

- 17.30 **Allgemeine Diskussion: Aktuelle Fragen der japanischen Wirtschaft**