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## 16th German-Japanese Young Leaders Forum 2024/25

from Friday, February 28, to Sunday, March 9, 2025

Draft Program (as of December 2024)

Language: English

Winter School

Topic: Resilient Democracy: Young Leaders' Responsibilities to Protect and Develop Liberal Democratic Societies in Turbulent Times

Friday, February 28, to Thursday, March 6, 2025

Accommodation: Hotel Asia Center of Japan, Tokyo

Website: [www.asiacenter.or.jp/eng/](http://www.asiacenter.or.jp/eng/)

### Friday, February 28

From overseas    Arrival in Japan

Individual transfer from airport to hotel

From Japan        Individual transfer to hotel

20:00 –            Get-together dinner at hotel

### Saturday, March 1

Excursion program, activities to foster interaction between the participants

## Sunday, March 2

Welcome by the Chair of the Winter School (Prof. Dr. Axel Klein, University of Duisburg-Essen)

Welcome by representative of the Japanese-German Center Berlin (Ambassador Takeshi Yagi, President *tbc*)

Self-introduction of participants, sharing their professional backgrounds, motivations and expectations

Introduction to the topic and the concept of the Winter School by the Chair

Formation of working groups, and initial analyses and debates

## Monday, March 3, to Thursday afternoon, March 6

Presentations and input by speakers with time for discussions

Various formats of group work and breakout sessions, including room for discussions within the groups and between different groups

Excursions and visits to relevant institutions with further input by professionals

Summary by the Chair of the Winter School and final discussion

## Alumni Conference

Topic: Future Modern Society: How can design and technology help shaping a democratic society which is diverse, inclusive, equitable and identifying?

Thursday, March 6, to Sunday, March 9, 2025

## Thursday evening, March 6

19:00 – Get-together dinner with alumni of 2006-2023

Welcome by the Board of the Alumni Association

Welcome by representative of the Japanese-German Center Berlin

## Friday, March 7

### Morning

Introduction of Alumni Association

Self-introduction of alumni of 2006-2023 and participants of 2024/25

Introduction of concept and program of the Alumni Conference by the Steering Committee of the Alumni Association

Workshop

Afternoon

Panel Discussion: "Future Modern Society: How can design and technology help shaping a democratic society which is diverse, inclusive, equitable and identifying?"

**Saturday, March 8**

Morning

Excursions including input by speakers and discussions

Afternoon

Sightseeing

**Sunday, March 9**

Evaluation of the Winter School 2024/25

YLF Alumni Association Members' Assembly

Joint meeting of "new" and "old" alumni

Official closing (noon)

Individual return

End