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Perspectives from Japan

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SATURDAY, SEPT 8

SUNDAY, SEPT 9

Tokyo Arrivals

Individual transfer to the Tokyo University

Accommodation

Mukogaoka Faculty House Forest Hongo Hotel

Venue

Tokyo University, Institute of Social Sciences, Hongo Campus

18:30 - Welcome Dinner

Start-off

10:00 - 18:00

Tokyo Old and New - Sightseeing Tour

MONDAY, SEPT 10

Institute of Social Science

09:30 - 10:00

Welcome / Institute of Social Science

SATO, IWAO (ISS)

10:00 - 10:30

Aims of the Summer School and Program Orientation

Working Group Formation

BLECHINGER-TALCOTT, VERENA (GEAS)

10:30 - 12:00

Session 1: What is Changing? Institutional Change in Japan since the 1990s

BLECHINGER-TALCOTT, VERENA (GEAS)

Lunch

13:30 - 15:00

Session 2: Perspectives on Institutional Change in Japan: Women and Politics

Miura Mari (Sophia University) Coffee Break

15:30 - 18:30

Session 3: Perspectives on Institutional Change in Japan: Organised Labour and Activism

NIGGEMEIER, JAN (GEAS)

Meeting and Discussion with Activists from the Association of Families Concerned about Karoshi (Death from Overwork) and the Social Justice Learning Collective

TUESDAY, SEPT 11

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 12

Institute of Social Science/ Meeting Room

10:30 - 12:00

Session 4: Perspectives on Institutional Change in Japan: Politics

Noble, Gregory (ISS)

Lunch

Optional:

12:20

Presentation by Florentine Koppenborg (GEAS graduate) at the Institute of Social Science Study Group (brown bag lunch)

14:00 - 17:00

Session 5: Theorizing Institutional Change

JACKSON, GREGORY (GEAS)

Coffee Break

17:00 - 18:30

Working Groups

Individual Evening Program

Institute of Social Science/ Meeting Room

09:30 - 09:45

Session 6: Perspectives on Institutional Change in Japan: Work

The Sociology of Labour Market Institutions and Employment Institutional Change — Theorizing Japanese Developments

SHIRE, KAREN (UNI DUISBURG-ESSEN)

Coffee Break

11:00 - 12:00

Discussion

Lunch

13:30 - 18:30

Visit to the Japanese Diet

Individual Evening Program

THURSDAY, SEPT 13

Institute of Social Science/ Meeting Room

10:00 - 12:00

Session 7: Perspectives on Institutional Change in Japan: Society and Inequality

Changing Landscapes of Social Mobility in Japan: Is Japan Becoming a More Unequal Society?

ISHIDA, HIROSHI (ISS)

Coffee Break

11:00 - 12:00 **Discussion**

Lunch

13:30-16:30

Session 8: Perspectives on Institutional Change in Japan: Social Policy

Heinrich, Steffen (DIJ)

Coffee Break

15:30-16:30

Discussion

16:30-18:30 Working Groups

Individual Evening Program

FRIDAY, SEPT 14

Institute of Social Science/ Meeting Room

10:00 - 13:00

Session 9: Methodological Perspectives on Understanding Institutional Change

Measuring Institutional Change: Mixing Quantitative and Qualitative Methods to Understand Educational Change in Japan ENTRICH, STEVE (GEAS)

Coffee Break

12:00 - 13:00 **Discussion**

Lunch

14:30 - 16:30
Working Groups
Summaries

Coffee Break

18:30 - 22:00

Perspectives on Institutional Change in Japanese International Relations

Dinner speech and discussion with Klaus Vietze, Minister, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Tokyo (Restaurant tba)

Seightseeing Day

09:00 - 18:00 Day Trip to Kamakura

End of Summer School

Departure

Transfer to Tokyo-Narita – individual return home

PARTICIPANTS

FROM JAPAN

FROM BERLIN

GEAS Faculty

Verena Blechinger-Talcott

Verena Blechinger-Talcott is professor of Japanese politics and political economy at Freie Universität Berlin, Director of the Graduate School of East Asian Studies (GEAS, since 2012) and Vice

President of Freie Universität Berlin since August 2018.

Her research interests include Japanese politics in comparative perspective, political economy and institutional change, the role of domestic actors in international relations and corporate social responsibility. She has been a professor at the FU Berlin since 2004. During that time, she served as Associate Dean and Dean of the Department of History and Cultural Studies (2007-2011). She also chairs the FU Berlin's Center for Area Studies (since 2009) and is a member of FU Berlin's Academic Senate. Previous appointments include assistant professor of government, Hamilton College, Clinton, NY (2003-2004), Advanced Research Fellow, Program on US-Japan Relations, Harvard University (2002-2003) and Research Fellow (1997-2002) and Deputy Director (2001-2002), German Institute for Japanese Studies (DIJ), Tokyo. She is a member of the German-Japanese Forum and has been treasurer of the European Association for Japanese Studies (since 2011). From 2000-2002, she was a member of the editorial board of Social Science Japan Journal (SSJJ), published by the Institute of Social Science, U Ťokyo.

Since 2013, she has been serving on SSJJ's editorial advisory board. The author of many articles and book chapters, her main publications include the monographs Governing Insecurity in Japan (co-ed., 2014), A New Japan? Political and Social Change in Japan since the 1990s (co-ed., 2013), Governing Japan. Political System, Reform Processes and International Relations in International Comparison (co-ed., 2006), Facing Asia – Japan's Role in the Political and Economic

Dynamism of Regional Cooperation (co-ed., 2000), and Political Corruption in Japan: Causes, Consequences, and Reform (1998).

Gregory Jackson

Gregory Jackson is professor of management and labour at the School of Business and Economics at Freie Universität. His research examines how corporate governance is influenced by diverse organizational and institutional contexts, utilizing crossnational comparison to better understand the regulatory and other societal influences on the corporation, particularly using the cases of Germany, Japan, the UK and USA. His research aims to link disparate fields of scholarship, including institutional theory, organizational analysis, economic sociology, and comparative political economy. Particular empirical interests have been the relationship of corporate governance and human resource management, and issues around corporate social responsibility and labor standards. A number of his projects on public policy have been sponsored by the Department of Trade and Industry (UK), the Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry (Japan), the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales, and the Hans-Boeckler Foundation. His research also is cited by The Economist, Financial Times, and BBC radio. He is an editor of British Journal of Industrial Relations and serves as Chief Editor of Socio-Economic Review since 2012. Recent Publications: Jackson, Gregory & Rathert, Nikolas (2017): Private Governance as Regulatory Substitute or Complement? A Comparative Institutional Theory of CSR Adoption by Multinational Corporations. In Dörrenbächer, Christoph & Geppert, Mike (eds.) Research in the Sociology of Organizations: Multinational Corporations and Organization Theory. (Emerald: 445-478) and Jackson, G. & Bartosch, J. (2016): Corporate Responsibility in Different Varieties of Capitalism: Exploring the Role of National Institutions, Gütersloh: Bertelsmann Foundation.

Steve R. Entrich

Steve R. Entrich graduated with a Master's degree in History and Education at the University of Potsdam, before studying Japanese at the Humboldt University, Berlin and conducting research in Japan (Dōshisha University, Kyoto, and DIJ Tokyo). In 2016, he received his PhD for his thesis on shadow education in Japan. Since February 2018, he works as a Post-Doc researcher at the Graduate School of East Asian Studies (GEAS), Freie Universität Berlin. His research examines national and international trends in (shadow) education, social inequality in educational attainment, theories on social inequality and educational reform policy. Recent publications include Shadow Education and Social Inequalities in Japan: Evolving Patterns and Conceptual Implications (Springer, 2018), 学校外教育 と学校生活 [Out-of-school education and school life]. In: Fumiaki Ojima & Sohei Aramaki (eds.), 高校生たちのゆくえ – 学校パネル調 査からみた進路と生活の30年— [High school students' pathways - 30 years of life course and school life trajectories as seen from a school panel survey] (w/ Taki Hirofumi, 2017, Tokyo: in press) and 日本 "影子教育" 决策:学生的选择 还是家长的 压 力? [Behind shadow education decision-making in Japan: A choice of students or parental pressure?] (Educational Science Research 2017, 28(5): 67-76).

Jan Niggemeier

Jan is currently a research fellow at German Insitute of Japanese Studies DIJTokyo and PhD candidate at Graduate School of East Asian Studies (GEAS) at Freie Universität Berlin since October 2014 and is holding a BA in East Asian Politics and Economics from Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Germany, Jan completed a MSc in Asian Studies at Lunds Universitet, Sweden and furthermore received a MA in Japanese Language at Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg, Germany and Keio University, Tokyo, Japan Other research stays in Tokyo included Sophia University in 2016-17. Focusing on social movement activism in Japan, his thesis project, under the supervision of Verena Blechinger-Talcott, traces processes of advocacy groups and grass-roots labour activists

as strategic agents in cross-national diffusion. In particular, Jan attempts to find out about conditions and mechanisms, which explain varying degrees of transnationalisation of contemporary Japanese movements going global.

Katrin Gengenbach

Katrin Gengenbach is managing director of Graduate School of East Asian Studies at Freie Universität since 2013. Former appointments include working as a teaching/research fellow at Leipzig University, Technical University Dresden and as office representative of European Association of Japanese Studies (EAJS). After graduating in Japanese and Hispanic Studies from Leipzig University, she has spent most of her PhD procedure between 206 and 2009 as visiting researcher at the University of Tokyo (Interfaculty Initiative of Information Studies), at DIJ Tokyo and The University of Foreign Studies (Humanities, WINC). She received her PhD in 2011 in Japanese Cultural Studies from Leipzig University. Her research interests include gender, alternative and protest movements, and anarchist/ syndicalist networks and theories in Japan. Her latest activities include organizing and chairing panels at several conferences and film screenings on urban futures, gender, labour conflicts and academic management.

Viktoria Orban

Viktoria is a PhD student in international relations at the Graduate School of East Asian Studies since 2016. Her dissertation examines the dynamics of Japan-EU-USA security relations.

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Pei is a PhD student in the Einstein Visiting Fellow project "East Asia Security" at the Graduate School of East Asian Studies. She examines China's governmental responsiveness towards public opinions over China's international crises. Her recent publications include Reciprocation? Not in Media Coverage (China-India Brief, 2015) and Towards a Peaceful and Stable South China Sea (Centre on Asia and Globalisation Research Project of Territorial Disputes in the South China Sea, 2015).

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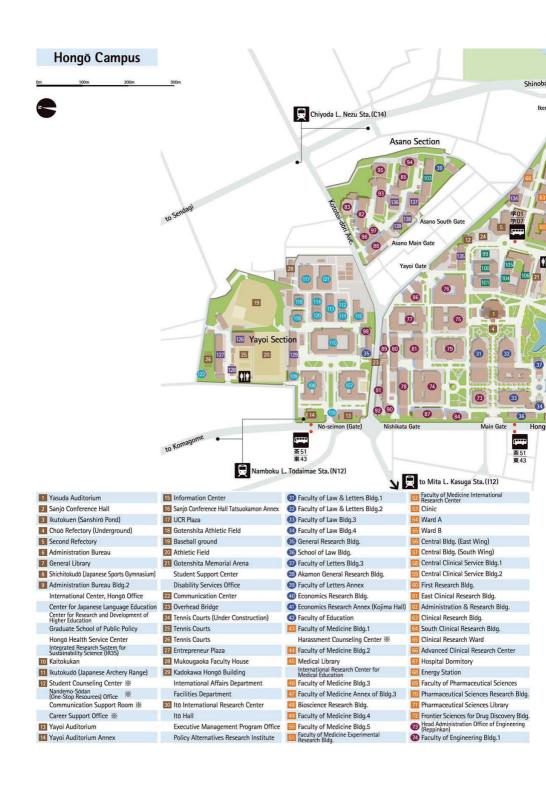
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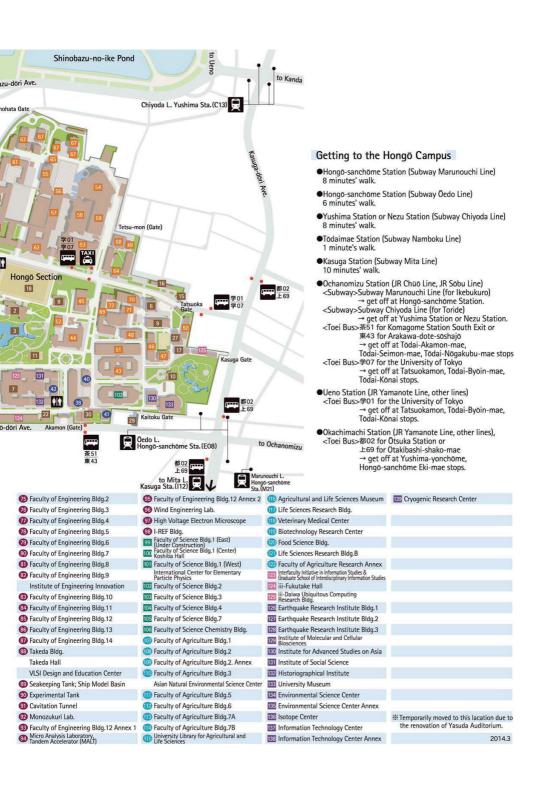
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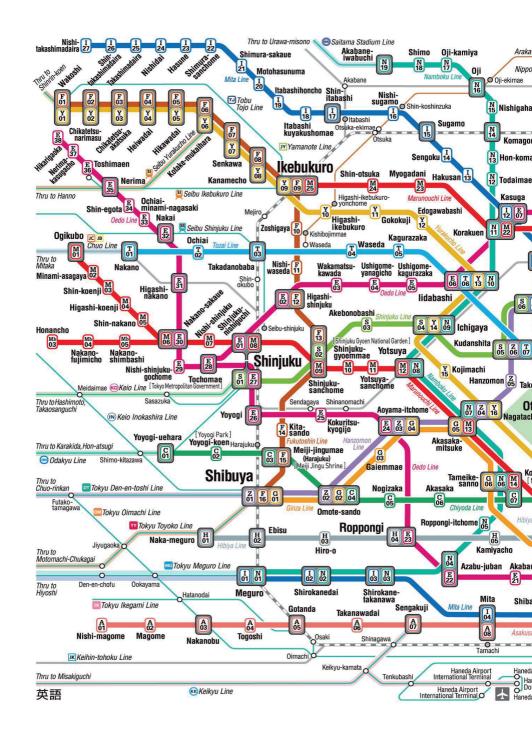
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