

UNIVERSITÄT HAMBURG – KYOTO UNIVERSITY Symposium  
Hamburg, 7/8 June 2017

Reforming Democracy and Social Inclusion:  
Subnational and Supranational Approaches in Japan and Beyond

**Venue:** Asien-Afrika-Institut, Edmund-Siemers-Allee 1, East wing, Room 120

Panel Abstract:

While the regulatory limitations of the nation state have been a topic of research in political science for some decades, the ongoing globalization on the one hand, and a global rise of populism and nationalism as somewhat of a ‘counter-movement’ on the other hand, have added a new timeliness to this topic. Democracies in Europe, Japan and beyond currently face the common challenge of redefining their scope of functionality. This panel proposes to address the subnational and supranational perspectives of democracy put in action, in order to gain insights into how political actors address this challenge. On the subnational level, issues such as decentralization, and social movements will be addressed; on a supranational level, the focus shall lie with trends of regionalization in the light of increasing border-crossing movements of people.

Panel Schedule June 7th:

**Reforming Social Inclusion:  
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**10.30 am – 12.30 pm**

**Emiko Ochiai:**

Changing Care Diamonds in Europe and Asia: Paths of the Longevity Revolution

**Thurid Eggers, Christopher Grages, Birgit Pfau-Effinger:**

Explaining Cross-National Differences in Care Policy Marketization – The Role of Cultural Ideas, Institutions and Actors

**Wako Asato:**

Formalizing Care Work: Intersection between Welfare and Migration Regimes

**Gabriele Vogt:**

Policies Designed to Fail: Health-Caregiver Migration to Japan and Germany

**Birgit Pfau-Effinger:**

Women’s Labor Market Integration in Institutional and Cultural Context – Theoretical Approach and Comparative Analysis

**Anna-Lea Schröder:**

Lifelong Learning in Japan: Neoliberal Care-Prevention vs. Activating Welfare State?

**Ralf Och:**

Civil societies’ in municipal social policy – the direction of engagement matters

**12.30 pm – 2.00 pm lunch break**

**Reforming Democracy:  
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**2.00 pm – 4.00 pm**

**Alexander Weiß:**

The Relevance of Japanese democratic concepts in Comparative Political Theory

**Ken V. L. Hijino:**

Changing Dynamics of Multilevel Democracy in Japan

**Denise Sablinski:**

Local-level Populism in Japanese Politics: The Case of the Restauration Party in Osaka

**Gabriele Vogt:**

Political Protest from the Periphery: Social Movements and Global Citizenship in Okinawa

**Anna Wiemann:**

Network-building in Movement Waves: The Case of Post-Fukushima Japan

**4.00 pm – 4.30 pm coffee break**

**4.30 pm – 5.30 pm**

**Matchmaking Session**

(senior scholars only)