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Hannes Mosler

DEAR READERS,

EDITORIAL

01

EDITORIAL

This year marks a transformative chapter for the Institute for East Asian Studies, distinguished by new collaborative ventures, dynamic research initiatives, and a commitment to addressing the rapidly evolving socio-political environment in East Asia. In partnership with leading scholars and institutions, we continue to advance our understanding of critical issues such as cross-border migration, political shifts, and the evolving economies shaping East Asia's future.

As we celebrate the Institute for East Asian Studies' 30th anniversary, we reflect with gratitude on our growth from modest beginnings into a dedicated research community focused on East Asia's social, political, and economic landscapes. On the occasion of the 28th Duisburg East Asia Day, we took the opportunity to discuss the importance of the Asia-Pacific region in the 21st century with a panel of experts. This milestone underscores our commitment to fostering deeper understanding and collaboration, and we are honored by the support of our academic partners and the broader community who have been part of our journey.

A highlight of this year was the launch of the German Research Foundation-funded Research Training Group *East Asian Futures*, in partnership with Ruhr University Bochum. This program unites scholars across disciplines to explore East Asia's visions of the future, particularly how governance, technology, and societal values shape the region's path forward. Our inaugural cohort is already providing critical insights, enriching our understanding of East Asia's complex role on the global stage.

In addition, the Institute hosted the 2023 Annual Meeting of the Association of Chinese Political Studies (ACPS), facilitating in-depth discussions on issues such as U.S.-China relations and shifting dynamics in the Indo-Pacific. Furthermore, we were proud to host the International Political Economy of Labor Migration (IPELM) conference, which provided a platform for scholars to discuss current developments and future prospects of labor migration. This event aligns with the new DFG Research Training Group 2951 *Cross Bor-*

der Labor Markets: Transnational Market Makers, Infrastructures, Institutions, in collaboration with the University of Bielefeld. These initiatives highlight our ongoing commitment to exploring complex socio-economic dynamics in transnational labor markets.

In our special event *The Parliamentary Election in South Korea and the State of Liberal Democracy in East Asia*, our expert panel on elections provided timely insights into the challenges facing democracies in East Asia, examining the 2024 parliamentary elections in South Korea, as well as earlier elections in Taiwan and Japan.

As we look to the future, we remain committed to advancing research, fostering sustainable academic exchange, and expanding our reach in East Asian Studies. I am grateful to our dedicated staff, partners, and supporters who have been integral to the Institute's success, and I am excited about the future directions we will pursue together.

Warm regards,

Hannes Mosler
(Director, IN-EAST)

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SPOTLIGHT

IM BLICKPUNKT

Taipei, Night Market
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02 SPOTLIGHT

1 INAUGURATION OF THE NEW DFG RESEARCH TRAINING GROUP 2833 EAST ASIAN FUTURES AUFTAKTVERANSTALTUNG DES NEUEN GRADUIERTENKOLLEGS

In 2022, the German Research Foundation had decided to fund the new Research Training Group (Graduiertenkolleg), jointly requested by Ruhr University Bochum (Faculty of East Asian Studies) and University of Duisburg-Essen (IN-EAST): RTG 2833 *East Asian Futures: Visions and Realisations on National, Transregional and Global Scales*, affiliated with the research association Alliance for Research on East Asia (AREA) Ruhr.

The inaugural event took place in the restaurant Beckmanns Hof on the campus of the Ruhr University Bochum on **October 9, 2023**. There were about 60 guests present, among them also RUB chancellor Christina Rheinhardt.

At the beginning, Prof. Dr. **Denise Manahan-Vaughan**, Vice-Rector for Structure, Strategy and Planning (RUB) held the opening message. Speaker Prof. Dr. **Christine Moll-Murata** and co-speaker Prof. Dr. **Markus Taube** then gave an introduction into the event. The historian Prof. Dr. **Rüdiger Graf** from the Leibniz Centre for Contemporary History Potsdam and the sociologist Dr. **Lisa Suckert** from the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies Cologne outlined the challenges of this approach respectively from a historical and a social science perspective and discussed them with the audience. The event was also displayed as a video conference.

Afterwards, the participants embarked on a tour through the Chinese Garden of the Ruhr University and engaged in lively discussions during the buffet in the evening.

Ideas about the future in East Asia have only become more similar to our own since the 1980s. In an interdisciplinary perspective, doctoral students are investigating these ideas since 1850. Throughout the 20th century, East Asian conceptions of the future diverged considerably from those of the West. Since the onset of accelerated globalization in the 1980s, however, some trends have developed in parallel. Thus, the future of Germany, Europe, and the world is already being shaped by interactions with East Asia. The programme develops and applies an analytical model of conceptions of the future, complementing research in the humanities (history, linguistics, philology, religious studies) with research in the social sciences (economics, political science, sociology).

Doctoral dissertations in this research training group study and explain how projections and conceptions of the future have emerged, on what premises they are based, and how they have been and continue to be applied to the paradigmatic fields of (1) Language, Religion, and Ideology, (2) Self and Society, (3) Resources and Technology, and (4) Sovereignty and Governance. Research focuses on the period between 1850 and the present, with recourse to earlier intellectual heritage where necessary.

As of now, 10 doctoral students have started their dissertations as the first cohort, accompanied and supported by four postdocs.



Markus Taube, Christine Moll-Murata, and Denise Manahan-Vaughan (RUB Vice-Rector)
Photo: Katja Marquard, RUB

Speaker: **Christine Moll-Murata**
(RUB / OAW)

Co-Speaker: **Markus Taube**
(UDE / IN-EAST)

Further contributors from the IN-EAST: Professors **Hannes Mosler**, **Nele Noeselt**, **Karen Shire** as Participating Researchers, **Eetu Laustela**, **Kohei Matsuura**, **Minkyun Park**, **Igor Sevenard** as Doctoral Researchers, and **Monika Arnoštová** as Postdoctoral Researcher.

Inaugural Event Group
Photo: Katja Marquard, RUB



2 ACPS 2023 ANNUAL MEETING

ASSOCIATION OF CHINESE POLITICAL STUDIES



On **October 10–12, 2023**, the IN-EAST hosted the Annual Meeting of the Association of Chinese Political Studies. Organizer: the team of **Nele Noesselt's** Chair of Chinese Politics.

The event was reserved for ACPS members and invited scientists, but the keynotes on the three conference days were open to the public:

October 12, 2023: **Steve Chan** (University of Colorado, Boulder): Why Thucydides' Trap Misinforms Sino-American Relations.

October 13: **Brantly Womack** (University of Virginia): Indo-Pacific v. Pacific Asia: Politics and Economics in Asia's Future.

October 14: **Rosemary Foot** (University of Oxford): Reining in a Liberal UN: China, Power Shifts, and the UN's Peace and Security Pillar.



Nele Noesselt



Karen Shire



Steve Chan



Brantly Womack



Rosemary Foot



Haiyu Xie, Sau Kan Chan, Tianrong Pan, Danielle Wu



Markus Taube, Steve Chan

3 IN-EAST RESEARCH FORUM

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH COLLOQUIUM



Each semester the IN-EAST conducts a lecture series with contributions by international renowned scientists from various countries. This international research colloquium is part of the MA study programs.

The winter term 2023/24 series with the title *Labor, Mobility and Migration of (East) Asia* as well as the summer term 2024 series, entitled *Diversifying Immigrant Societies in (East) Asia* was organized by Aimi Muranaka.



4 EAST ASIAN FUTURES ONLINE COLLOQUIUM

SUMMER TERM 2024

The DFG Research Training Group 2833 *East Asian Futures* hosted two guest lectures in **Winter term 2023/24**:

Hsin-Hui Lin (Science Fiction Writer; PhD Candidate at National Chengchi University, Taipei): Beyond Boundaries, into Diverse Futurities: My Journey as a Female Sci-Fi Writer in Taiwan,

Derek Kramer (University of Sheffield): Flagging the Future: Science, Symbolism, and Sovereignty in Post-Liberation Korea, 1945–1950.

The lecture series was continued with the Online Colloquium in **Summer term 2024**, consisting of five guest lectures.



5 VSJF ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2023: LABOR AND (IM)MOBILITY IN JAPAN AND EAST AND SOUTHEAST ASIA

TRANSNATIONAL, REGIONAL AND RURAL-URBAN PERSPECTIVES

The conference took place on **November 3–5, 2024** at the Japanese-German Center Berlin (JZDB), organized by **Ruth Achenbach** (Goethe University Frankfurt), **Helena Hof** (University of Zurich / Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen), **Aimi Muranaka** (IN-EAST, University of Duisburg-Essen), **Joohyun Justine Park** (Goethe University Frankfurt), **Megha Wadhwa** (Free University of Berlin), JDZB and VSJF. Lifetime full-time employment and the male breadwinner model have been recognized as key characteristics of the Japanese employment system. Nevertheless, demographic change, urbanization, and deregulation in employment have led to adjustments in the employment system, including the integration of women, the elderly, and international and internal migrants. At the same time, gendered forms of regular and irregular employment continue to persist in the Japanese labor market. This phenomenon is not unique to Japan, but can also be observed in

other Asian economies, such as South Korea and Taiwan, which are exposed to similar economic, demographic and social changes. Some Asian economies undergo internal migration from rural to industrial or business centers or experience international migration from economically developing countries. Furthermore, travel restrictions during the Covid-19 pandemic and economic and social uncertainties have led to career, geographical, and social (im)mobility within and beyond borders. To shed light on these developments, this conference reconsidered how workers experience (im)mobility within/beyond borders, how they grapple with new work styles (such as remote work) and how employers, governments, or other non-state actors shape labor and employment in contemporary East and Southeast Asia. The conference examined the complex interlinkages of (im)mobility and labor with demographic change, rural decline, the emergence of global cities and (offshore) economic zones, and

the subsequent socio-cultural change in East and Southeast Asia. It provided a platform for discussing emerging trends and unexpected developments captured by empirical research on labor and (im)mobility within East and Southeast Asian economies. Doing so the conference aimed at driving theoretical advancements of the way socio-economic, cultural and demographic changes are interwoven and mutually affecting. This interdisciplinary, multifaceted approach problematized simplistic dichotomies such as migration from the Global South to the Global North or upward social mobility through rural-urban migration. The conference sought to disentangle local/municipal, national, and transnational processes of labor and (im)mobility in Japan and the wider region. The conference was partially funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education (BMBF), the German Research Foundation (DFG) and Toshiba International Foundation.



6 TAG DER LEHRE UND CAREER COUNSELLING MEETING

VON DEN KOORDINATOREN UND DEM ALUMNIVEREIN ALFREDO

Am **11. Dezember 2023** fand der *Tag der Lehre* im BA Moderne Ostasienstudien statt, an dem Studierende, Lehrende, Vertreterinnen des Instituts und der Fakultät für Gesellschaftswissenschaften zusammenkamen, um verschiedene Themen rund um die Weiterentwicklung des Studiengangs zu erörtern. In einer Reihe von Arbeitsgruppen wurden dabei Erfahrungen aus den Sprachkursen, das Auslandsjahr sowie generelle Aspekte der Studienstruktur thematisiert. Im Austausch wurden Anregungen gegeben, die insbesondere auf die Optimierung der Lernangebote und die Anpassung an die Bedürfnisse der Studierenden abzielten. Dabei standen sowohl die sprachpraktische Ausbildung als auch strukturelle Fragen zur Entlastung im Studium und zur Flexibilisierung von Anforderungen im Mittelpunkt der Gespräche. Im Kontext des verpflichtenden Auslandsjahres wurden die Herausforderungen, die durch unterschiedliche Rahmenbedingungen in den Zielländern entstehen, besprochen. Es wurden Ansätze diskutiert, um diese noch besser zu berücksichtigen und bestehende Regelungen bedarfsorientiert anzupassen.

Parallel fand eine entsprechende Veranstaltung für die beiden MA-Programme des IN-EAST statt, in der die Studierenden selbstständig Themen identifizierten, über die sie vertieft sprechen wollten. Starkes Interesse äußerten die Studierenden neben Feedback zur Workload-Verteilung im Studium und Erfahrungen mit KI in der Lehre besonders in Bezug auf Fragen der Karriereentwicklung/-planung und dem Nutzen von Networking-Veranstaltungen, zum Beispiel mit Alumni. Im regen Austausch zwischen den Studierenden wurde deutlich, dass die Vielfalt der Studienschwerpunkte (unterschiedliche Sprachwahl, unterschiedliche Fachdisziplin) zahlreiche mögliche Karrierewege eröffnet, aber auch eine Orientierung erschwert. Basierend auf den durch die Studierenden formulierten Bedarfen und Wünschen wurde im Folgesemester durch die Koordinatorin und die Alumnivereinigung AFRéDO ein *Career Counselling Meeting* veranstaltet.

This *Career Counselling Meeting*, held by AFRéDO and the coordinator (in English), took place on **June 26, 2024**, which addressed questions and needs from the Teaching Day 2023. In addition to the actual target group, the MA students of IN-EAST, the event was also open to our BA students. The focus was on possible career paths in/to East Asia as well as the fundamental question of – before looking for a job – how to identify jobs that match individual skills and aptitudes, how to obtain further information and, if necessary, how to prepare for them in a targeted manner. In addition to the advice and career examples presented by **Helmut Demes** and **Dirk Petzold** as AFRéDO representatives, students also contributed tips and ideas and discussed them in the open round. After the event, the most important content from the discussion round – supplemented by additional links, literature tips and other resources – was made available to all participants.

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MA Coordinator



Dirk Petzold



7 AUFTAKTVERANSTALTUNG CHINA-KOMPETENZNETZWERK FÜR DEN WISSENSCHAFTSSTANDORT RUHR NIEDERRHEIN

INAUGURATION OF C-NET RNR

Am 12. Dezember 2023 fanden sich über 30 Vertreter:innen aus Wissenschaft, Wirtschaftsförderungen und Kommunen zur Auftaktveranstaltung des Projekts China-Kompetenznetzwerk Ruhr Niederrhein (C-NET RNR) im Gerhard-Mercator-Haus der Universität Duisburg-Essen ein.



Die Projektleiter Prof. Dr. Markus Taube (Universität Duisburg-Essen) und Prof. Dr. Jörn-Carsten Gottwald (Ruhr-Universität Bochum) gingen in ihren Grußworten zunächst auf die Hintergründe der Initiative ein. Deren Ziel ist es, die China-Expertise am Wissenschaftsstandort Ruhr-Niederrhein zu erfassen, zu vernetzen und weiter auszubauen, um innerhalb des Netzwerks besser informierte, evidenzbasierte Entscheidungen bezüglich der Kooperation mit chinesischen Partner:innen zu ermöglichen. Daran anknüpfend stellte die Projektkoordinatorin Dr. Susanne Stein (AREA Ruhr) die Handlungsfelder und Aktivitäten von C-NET RNR vor.



Markus Taube, Susanne Stein, Jörn-Carsten Gottwald
Fotos: Kerstin Lukner



Im anschließenden Impulsvortrag erläuterte Dr. Almuth Wietholz (Leibniz-Gemeinschaft) den Anwesenden zentrale Aspekte eines chinabezogenen Chancen- und Risikomanagements und regte ihre Zuhörer:innen zu einem lebhaften Austausch an, der im zweiten Teil der Veranstaltung in drei Arbeitsgruppen zu den Themen Netzwerkaufbau, Wissens- und Kooperationsmanagement fortgesetzt wurde. Projektleitung: Prof. Markus Taube (IN-EAST, Universität Duisburg-Essen) und Prof. Jörn-Carsten Gottwald (OAW, Ruhr-Universität Bochum), Projektkoordination: Dr. Susanne Stein (AREA Ruhr).

Die Aktivitäten von C-NET RNR basieren auf der Erfassung und Kartierung der China-Expertise und des chinabezogenen Knowhows in der Region. Davon ausgehend konzentriert sich C-NET RNR auf drei Handlungsfelder:

- die Schaffung lebendiger Netzwerkstrukturen durch die Organisation und Moderation regelmäßiger Netzwerktreffen, Fach-Foren und die Veranstaltung eines jährlichen „China-Tags“ in der Region Ruhr-Niederrhein
- die Förderung von Peer Learning-Prozessen und der Diffusion von Wissen innerhalb des Netzwerks
- die Organisation eines gezielten und modular angelegten Wissenstransfers in das Netzwerk durch ein breitgefächertes Angebot von maßgeschneiderten Veranstaltungen (Basis-/Expert:innen-Workshops, Nachwuchs-Akademie, Chinesisch-Sprachkurse) und ein modulares System von digitalen Wissensbausteinen (Podcasts und Video-Tutorials).

<https://www.cnetnr.de>

8 DIE PARLAMENTSWAHL IN SÜDKOREA UND DER STAND DER LIBERALEN DEMOKRATIE IN OSTASIEN

AUS DER REIHE OSTASIEN-GESPRÄCHE

Am 12. April 2024 veranstaltete das IN-EAST wieder ein Ostasien-Gespräch zu einem aktuellen Thema, diesmal mit Fokus auf den liberalen Demokratien Ostasiens (Japan, Südkorea, Taiwan). Am 10. April 2024 fanden in Südkorea die Wahlen zur 22. Nationalversammlung statt. Sie liegen in etwa in der Mitte der Amtszeit des derzeitigen konservativen Präsidenten Yoon Suk-yeol. Sie haben damit den Charakter von Halbzeitwahlen (midterm elections) und können als Stimmungsbild zur Politik der amtierenden Regierung interpretiert werden. Der Opposition wurde erneut die Mehrheit im Parlament gegeben, um weiterhin gegenzusteuern, so dass es keine Rückendeckung für die konservative Regierungspolitik gibt. Wie steht es um die liberale Demokratie in Südkorea? Und wie sieht es bei den demokratischen Nachbarn in Japan und Taiwan aus? Welche Schlüsse lassen sich ziehen aus den Wahlergebnissen 2023 in Japan und 2024 in Taiwan? Mit diesen Leitfragen wurde über den Stand der liberalen Demokratien in Ostasien referiert.

Begrüßung und Moderation:
Nicolas Schillinger (IN-EAST)

- Vorträge:
- Hannes Mosler** (IN-EAST): Die Bedeutung der südkoreanischen Parlamentswahl vom 10. April 2024
 - Frédéric Krumbein** (Tel Aviv University): Die Bedeutung von Taiwans Wahl am 13. Januar 2024
 - Axel Klein** (IN-EAST): Die endlosen Leiden der japanischen Demokratie



Frédéric Krumbein Axel Klein Nicolas Schillinger Hannes Mosler

9 SÜDKOREA IN DEN 1970er- UND 2020er-JAHREN

FOTOS VON ECKART DEGE UND STUDENTEN DER KOREANISTIK

Eckart Dege, Jahrgang 1942 und emeritierter Professor am Geographischen Institut der Universität Kiel, bereiste Korea zwischen 1970 und 2013 mehrfach und konnte so den rasanten Wandel von einem Agrarland zu einem hochmodernen Industriestaat hautnah miterleben und mit der Kamera einfangen. Später, in den 2020er-Jahren, fotografierten Studenten der Koreanistik der University of Seoul das stark modernisierte Land, teilweise dieselben Motive von ähnlichen Standpunkten aus.

Eckart Dege hatte seine Fotos der University of Seoul (UOS) übereignet. 2023, im Rahmen der Feierlichkeiten zum 140. Jahrestag der Aufnahme diplomatischer Beziehungen zwischen Korea und Deutschland, wurden im Museum der UOS die Fotos von Eckart Dege und von den Studenten gezeigt.

Anschließend wurde ein Teil dieser Sammlung in der Universität Bonn ausgestellt, und danach jeweils unterschiedliche Zusammenstellungen der Fotos einigen Universitäten für Ausstellungen zur Verfügung gestellt, u.a. jetzt dem IN-EAST in Duisburg.



Incheon Fishing Port, 1975 Foto: Eckart Dege



Seoul, Myeongdong, 1971 Foto: Eckart Dege



Seoul, Myeongdong, 2022 Foto: 유채경



Gunsan (Jeollabuk), Sinchang-dong, 1975 Foto: Eckart Dege

Rita Németh und Harald Krähe haben die Ausstellung im IN-EAST kuratiert, die Eröffnung fand statt am **18. April 2024** mit einer kurzen Einführung von Prof. Hannes Mosler, Inhaber des Lehrstuhls für Sozialwissenschaftliche Ostasienstudien – Korea.





SÜDKOREA
in den 1970er- und 2020er-Jahren

ECKART DEGE
Prof. em. Universität Kiel
Fotos aus den 1970er-Jahren

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10 30 JAHRE IN-EAST – DIE BEDEUTUNG DER ASIA-PAZIFIK-REGION IM 21. JAHRHUNDERT

28. DUISBURGER OSTASIENTAG 2023

Am **7. Juni 2024** feierte das IN-EAST sein 30-jähriges Bestehen und veranstaltete in diesem Rahmen auch seinen 28. Ostasientag.

Begrüßung und Einführung:
Hannes Mosler und **Markus Taube** (IN-EAST)

Ostasien in der Asien-Pazifik-Ära

Moderation: **Hannes Mosler**
Patrick Köllner (GIGA Hamburg): Von Asien-Pazifik zu Indo-Pazifik: Geostrategie und Institutionengefüge in Asien

Moderation: **Nele Noesselt** (IN-EAST)
Eric Ballbach (SWP Berlin): Außenpolitik Nord- und Südkoreas in der Ära des Indo-Pazifiks

Frédéric Krumbein (Tel Aviv University): Diktaturen gegen Demokratien? – Die Rolle von Menschenrechten in Indo-Pazifik-Strategien und in Chinas Asienpolitik

Moderation: **Hannes Mosler**
Forschung am IN-EAST – Buchpräsentation: *Immigration and Quality of Life in Ageing Societies. How Attractive for Migrants are Japan and Germany?* von **Aimi Muranaka**, **Florian Coulmas** (beide IN-EAST) und **Zi Wang** (Nanjing University; nicht anwesend)

Podiumsdiskussion: Die Asien-Pazifik-Region und die Rolle der universitären Forschung und Ausbildung
Moderation: **Nicole Bastian** (Handelsblatt)
Verena Blechinger-Talcott (FU Berlin)
Dirk Petzold (MAN Energy Solutions)
Thomas Heberer (IN-EAST)

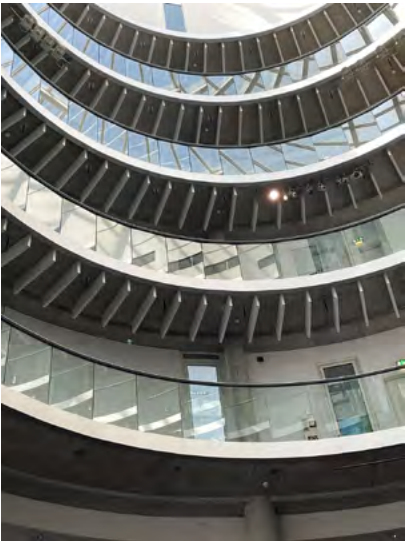
Empfang

Als Direktor des IN-EAST begrüßte **Hannes Mosler** das Publikum und gab nach kurzer Einführung in das Thema weiter an **Markus Taube** (Stellvertretender Direktor), der in einem längeren Statement anlässlich des 30-jährigen Bestehens des IN-EAST die letzten drei Dekaden Revue passieren ließ. Moderiert von **Hannes Mosler** und **Nele Noesselt** beleuchteten drei Vorträge die Situation in Ost- (und Südost-) Asien: **Patrick Köllner** (GIGA Hamburg) sprach über Geostrategie und Institutionengefüge (vor allem Bündnisse) in Asien und die – neben Ostasien – zunehmende Einbeziehung Südostasiens und Australiens (und Indiens) in den Fokus der Wissenschaft – deshalb „Indo-Pazifik“. **Eric Ballbach** (SWP Berlin)

referierte über die Außenpolitik Nord- und Südkoreas der letzten Jahre, und wie es damit in der nahen Zukunft weitergehen könnte. **Frédéric Krumbeins** (Tel Aviv University) Thema waren die Menschenrechte, ihr Standing in den und ihre Instrumentalisierung durch die Demokratien und Diktaturen (besonders China) im Indo-Pazifik und im „Westen“. Obwohl 1948 der Erklärung der Menschenrechte von vielen Staaten der Vereinten Nationen, auch von China, zugestimmt wurde, sind sie von einer weltweiten Verwirklichung weit entfernt, auch weil es unterschiedliche Meinungen über ihre Inhalte und ihre Anwendbarkeit auf unterschiedliche Gesellschaften gibt.



Etwas über die Forschung am seit 30 Jahren bestehenden IN-EAST erfuhr das Publikum durch die Vorstellung des Buches *Immigration and Quality of Life in Ageing Societies. How Attractive for Migrants are Japan and Germany?* durch die Autoren **Aimi Muranaka**, **Florian Coulmas** (IN-EAST) und **Zi Wang** (Nanjing University; nicht anwesend). Die anschließende Podiumsdiskussion handelte von der Wichtigkeit der universitären Forschung und Ausbildung, zu der das IN-EAST beiträgt. Moderiert von **Nicole Bastian** (Handelsblatt) sprachen **Verena Blechinger-Talcott** (FU Berlin), **Thomas Heberer** (IN-EAST) und **Dirk Petzold** (MAN Energy Solutions). Es wurde wieder betont, wie wichtig es ist, Expertise über die Länder Ostasiens (gerade auch China) durch Kooperation und Aufenthalte vor Ort aufzubauen und weiterzugeben. Ein Empfang mit Trinken und Essen war der Abschluss dieser Veranstaltung, die im Tec-Tower des Technologiezentrums Tectrum stattfand, einem architektonisch sehr interessanten Gebäude, in dem man sich wie im Inneren eines Gasometers fühlt.



Thomas Heberer,
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Aimi Muranaka und Florian Coulmas

11 PROPOSAL WORKSHOP 2024

DFG RESEARCH TRAINING GROUP 2833 EAST ASIAN FUTURES

The DFG Research Training Group 2833 *East Asian Futures: Visions and Realisations on National, Transregional and Global Scales* hosted the Proposal Workshop of its first cohort on **June 13–15, 2024** at Gerhard-Mercator-Haus in Duisburg. In the weeks leading up to this event, the doctoral researchers vigorously prepared their proposals, incorporating feedback they received from their supervisors and in consultation with the Mercator fellows. For most of them, the Proposal Workshop constituted the first opportunity to present their initial research consisting of research topic, research question and methodological approach to a wider audience. Nearly 50 people attended the workshop and gained insight into what the doctoral researchers and postdocs of the research training group (RTG) have established so far.

The event commenced with the Opening Message by Prof. Dr. **Hannes Mosler** (Director of IN-EAST, UDE). In her Words of Introduction Prof. Dr. **Christine Moll-Murata** (Faculty of East Asian Studies, RUB) introduced the programme, outlining its four thematic fields: Language, Religion and Ideology; Self and Society; Science and Technology; Sovereignty and Governance, as well as the four types of approaches to the future: future of expectation, future of planning, future of risk, and future of preservation. After that the audience listened to the presentations of the doctoral researchers who got feedback from the Mercator Fellows. Later the doctoral researchers gave further explanations in front of their research posters, which formed a poster exhibition. The postdoctoral researchers presented their research projects in the same way the next day.

On the last day Prof. Moll-Murata was joined by RTG researchers and the Mercator fellows for the final event of the week, a private guided tour of the Museum DKM in Duisburg, where the group saw art from East and South East Asia. The objects in the collection *Lines of Quiet Beauty* span the millennia, ranking from Amlash and Gandhara art, Buddhist sculpture, Chinese and Japanese painting and calligraphy through the contemporary period with Korean artist Chun Kyungwoo's photographic portraits and Ai Weiwei's installations and coloured Shang vases. The visit came to a close with the doctoral researchers leaving a fleeting mark behind in the museum, as they ceremoniously wrote the word "weilai" (future) with water on stone in the room designed by the Chinese artist Song Dong. While the words vanished quickly, the memories and insights provided by the first proposal workshop and visit of the Mercator fellows remain. Equally, the future will remain in the centre of this research training group's attention.

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12 BESUCH DER SCHÜLERAKADEMIE CHINA 2024

VOM BILDUNGSNETZWERK CHINA

Am **11. Juli 2024** war, wie im Jahr zuvor, wieder eine Schülerakademie China vom Bildungsnetzwerk China zu Besuch beim IN-EAST, diesmal im Gerhard-Mercator-Haus. Das Bildungsnetzwerk China fördert die China-Kompetenz an deutschen Schulen, u.a. durch Begegnungen mit Studenten und China-Experten. **Thomas Heberer** hielt einen Vortrag mit Q&A zum Thema *Chinas innere Verfasstheit und innenpolitische Logik – eine Einschätzung*. Anschließend gab es Gespräche mit unseren Studierenden **Emil Odo Müller**, **Mariella Kammritz** und **Ivan Pavlovic**, u.a. über ihr Auslandsjahr, moderiert von IN-EAST-Chinesischlehrerin **Zheng Duanzhuang**.



13 INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY OF LABOR MIGRATION

THE NEXT GREAT TRANSFORMATION?

CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS, FUTURE PROSPECTS

The International Sociological Association's Research Committee on Economy & Society (RC02) held its conference about labor migration on **July 18–20, 2024** at the University of Duisburg-Essen, in the Fraunhofer-inhaus-Center at Duisburg Campus, organized by **Karen Shire** and **Sandhya A.S.**

Over the past few decades, the expansion of global (re)production networks, the partial liberalization of cross-border mobility, the rise of new sending states promoting migrant exports and the burgeoning of a migration industry with recruitment networks at the lead, presage fundamental changes in world society.

This conference aimed to open the “black box” of labor migration to better understand the mechanisms making mobility possible in addition to identifying the factors driving migration and what happens at migrants’ destination. There were contributions in three cross-cutting themes that explore the relationship between states, markets, and migrants: Governance and the Making of Transnational Labor Mobilities and Labor Regimes; Transformation and Transnationalization of Social Reproductive Labor (e.g., care work, health, education); and Regulation and Resistance.



14 WORKSHOP WITH MERCATOR FELLOW KAORI HAYASHI

DFG RESEARCH TRAINING GROUP EAST ASIAN FUTURES

The Research Training Group GRK 2833 *East Asian Futures* held a second workshop with Mercator Fellow **Prof. Kaori Hayashi, Ph.D.** (University of Tokyo). This final workshop of the summer took place on **August 8, 2024** at the Centre for Global Cooperation Research of the University of Duisburg-Essen in Duisburg. Alongside Kaori Hayashi, some of the RTG's Doctoral Researchers and Qualifying Fellows as well as five members of the Institute of East Asian Studies (IN-EAST), Institute of Political Science and AREA Ruhr have given brief introductions into their field of research.

After a greeting given by UDE Vice-Rector for University Culture, Diversity and International Affairs **Prof. Karen A. Shire, Ph.D.**, Mercator Fellow **Kaori Hayashi** introduced the participants to her field of research with a brief talk on *Japanese Media in an Age of Digitization*. Following a round of discussion, Karen Shire shared insights into her new Research Training Group 2951 which deals with *Labour Markets Crossing National Borders*. **Prof. Dr. Florian Coulmas** (IN-EAST) then talked about *The Demographic Future of East Asia as a Research Topic*, before postdoctoral researcher **Dr. Aimi Muranaka** (IN-EAST) followed up with insights on *Qualification and Skill in the Migration Process of Foreign Workers in Asia: Case of Vietnamese IT Professionals in Japan*.

From the Institute of Political Science, **Prof. Dr. Axel Klein** gave an overview of *Populism in East Asian Democracies: The Case of Japan*, while **Prof. Willi Jou, Ph.D.** (Waseda University, Tokyo) answered the audience's questions. Following a short break, Dr. **Kerstin Lukner**, Managing Director of AREA Ruhr, shared her research findings on *Recent Changes in Japan's Security Policy*. Lastly, the doctoral researchers **Kohei Matsuura** and **Igor Sevenard**, and two of the RTG's Qualifying Fellows, **Erik Rien** and **Aniela Tyborski** briefly introduced their research topics before a final discussion wrapped up the event. The event was moderated by RTG speaker **Prof. Dr. Christine Moll-Murata** and organized by scientific coordinator **Simone Kortung** with the support of student assistant **Yasmin Taleghani**.



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SINO-GERMAN RELATIONS IN TIMES OF GLOBAL CRISES

DEUTSCH-CHINESISCHE BEZIEHUNGEN

IM UMFELD GLOBALER KRISEN 2024

This workshop at **September 16, 2024** was a follow-up to the workshop *Deutsch-chinesische Beziehungen im globalen Kontext 2023* (held mainly in German at **October 16–17, 2023**), both organized by **Chen Hongjie** (Peking-Universität), **Mechthild Leutner** (Freie Universität Berlin), and **Nele Noesselt** (IN-EAST, Universität Duisburg-Essen) and also located at Confucius Institute at Freie Universität Berlin.

Beim Workshop **2023** bildeten die seit Beginn des Krieges in der Ukraine beschleunigten globalen Kräfteverschiebungen den thematischen Hintergrund. Die Welt steht vor großen Aufgaben, die internationale Zusammenarbeit und weltweit wirksame Lösungen erfordern. Zugleich befindet sich die internationale Ordnung im Umbruch, Diskurse um Multipolarität, Bipolarität und eine neue Weltordnung werden geführt. Besonderes Augenmerk lag auf den starken Wirtschaftsbeziehungen, der wertorientierten Außenpolitik Deutschlands, und der Frage, wie die „Globale Sicherheitsinitiative“ Chinas einzuschätzen ist, auch in Bezug auf die deutsch-chinesischen Beziehungen.

In **2024**, the focus was on the significance and further shaping of German-European-Chinese relations in the context of current global conflicts and the international power order in transition. The workshop discussed what scenarios for a future world order are conceivable, and what place could Germany/Europe and China each occupy in it; how the bilateral relations can be continued as constructively and productively as possible in a time of global upheaval; and which areas of co-operation appear particularly suitable and forward-looking.



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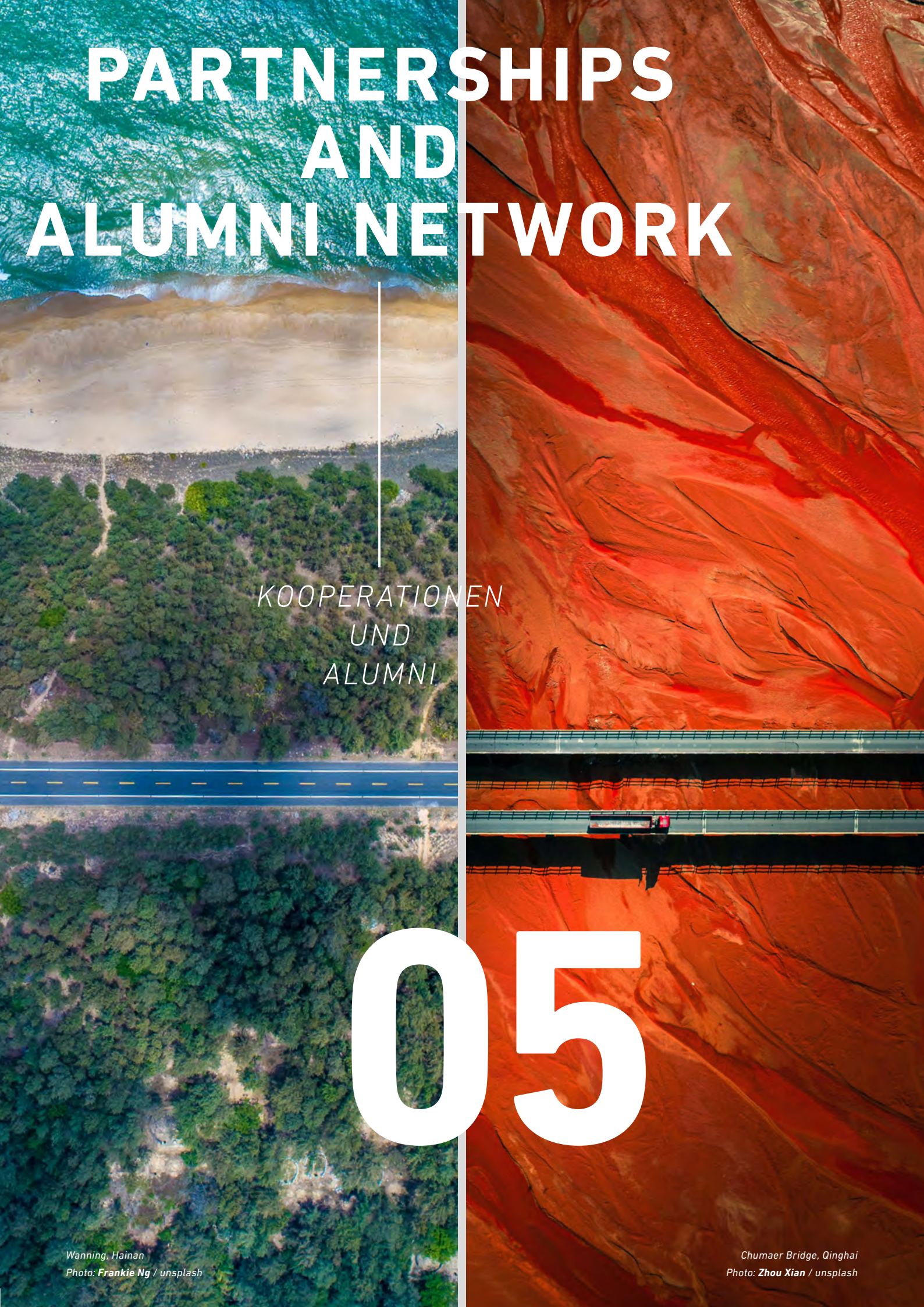
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Hanbyeol Sohn is a professor at the Korea National Defense University, Seoul, he was visiting scholar at the IN-EAST from May 6 to July 26, 2024, invited by Hannes Mosler. His research project: *Crisis Stability on the Korean Peninsula in the Third Nuclear Age*. Ebenfalls auf Einladung von Hannes Mosler war **Tahney Lee** Gastwissenschaftler am IN-EAST von Juni bis Oktober 2024. Tahney Lee hat Rechtswissenschaft studiert an der Seoul National University, Seoul, und an der Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. Er war 11 Jahre lang Richter und danach von 2020 bis 2024 Mitglied der Nationalversammlung für die Demokratische Partei Koreas, u.a. im Sonderausschuss der Nationalversammlung für politische Reformen und im Justizausschuss. Er interessierte sich seit

Längerem für deutsche Politik, Gesellschaft und Kultur im Allgemeinen. Er beabsichtigte, der Nationalversammlung und der Justiz konkrete Empfehlungen zur Wiederbelebung der Koalitionspolitik vorzuschlagen, nachdem er sich intensiv mit Fragen zur Koalitionspolitik, Parteikultur und Macht-/Wahlstruktur in Deutschland auseinandergesetzt hatte. Darüber hinaus interessiert er sich dafür, wie die deutsche Gesellschaft und Politik mit dem Phänomen des weltweiten Aufstiegs rechtsextremer Parteien umgeht und wie nach Antworten auf Fragen der Klimakrise gesucht wird. Im Juli und August 2024 weilte der Politikwissenschaftler **Willy Jou** von der Universität Waseda in Tokyo als Gastprofessor am IN-EAST. Prof. Willy Jou ist Mitglied der Association for the Study of East Asian Democracies (ASEAD), die im März 2023 in Seoul u.a. von Hannes Mosler, Frédéric Krumbein und Axel Klein gegründet wurde. Neben der gemeinsamen Arbeit an Forschungsprojekten trug Willy Jou auch zur Lehre im BA und MA durch Übernahme einzelner Kurseinheiten bei.



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The DFG-funded Research Training Group on the topic of *East Asian Futures: Visions and Realizations on National, Transregional, and Global Scales* (GRK 2833) officially started operating on 1 October 2023 with Prof. Christine

Moll-Murata (OAW/RUB) as the RTG's speaker, and Prof. Markus Taube as deputy speaker.

The programme develops and applies an analytical model of conceptions of the future, complementing research in the humanities (history, linguistics, philology, religious studies) with research in the social sciences (economics, political science, sociology). Doctoral dissertations study and explain how projections and conceptions of the future have emerged, on what premises they are based, and how they have been and continue to be applied to the paradigmatic fields of (1) language, religion, and ideology, (2) self and society, (3) resources and technology, and (4) sovereignty and governance. Research focuses on the period between 1850 and the present, with recourse to earlier intellectual heritage where necessary. The analyses include projections of the future by East Asian states and polities (China, Japan, Korea, and Taiwan) in relation to each other, to Europe, and the world.

(Affiliated) Doctoral Students and Dissertation Projects

Buyun Gong: Scientific Management in Republican China: How the Future is Made Plannable (Supervisors: Moll-Murata, Schmidtpott)

Pao-wen Huang: Accounting and Future Anticipation: Customs Policies and Practices in Taiwan, 1850–1990 (Moll-Murata, Taube)

Eetu Laustela: Post-socialist Utopias – North Korean Media Depictions of Progress and the Future (Mosler, Eggert)

Kohei Matsuura: The Future of Cultural Policy in East Asia – the Discourse on Classical Music from a Postcolonial Perspective (Shire, Eggert)

Minkyun Park: Whale outside, Shrimp inside? Ontological Insecurity in South Korea and its Relations to Japan and China (Mosler, Noesselt)

Igor Sevenard: The Genesis of a Global “Community of Common Destiny” – A Conceptualization of Chinese World-making (Noesselt, Schwermann)

Ming-Feng Wu: Engaging the Secular: The Confucian-Buddhist Debate and Modern Chinese Buddhist Thought (Meinert, Eggert)

Youlim Kim: Transformation and Construction of Social Discourse on Unmarried Mothers in South Korea (affiliated)

Anna-Maria Rau: Modern Chinese Music and the Nation (affiliated)

Nora Wölfig: Visions of Futurity in Contemporary Art from the Sinophone Region (affiliated)

(Associated) Post-Docs and Their Projects

Aya Hino: An Imagined Future, Disappearing Futures: ‘Nihon-gaku’ and Colonial, Internal, and Imperial Differences within the Japanese Nation-Empire

Monika Arnoštová: Current State and Future Projections of the Work Environment for Young Professionals in Urban Areas of Mainland China, Taiwan, and Japan (associated)

Martin Gehlmann: A Confucian Future for the Country East of the Sea (associated)

Qinqin Peng: The Concept of “Change” in Chinese Buddhism and Its Modern Transformation (associated)

Qualifying Fellowships

Maria Frolova, B.A. (IN-EAST)

Estella Green, B.A. (OAW/RUB)

Erik Rien, B.A. (IN-EAST)

Lea Walraff, B.A. (OAW/RUB)

Program and Activities

The EAF’s opening ceremony / inaugural event was conducted at RUB’s Beckmanns Hof on 9 October 2023. Keynote lectures were given by **Prof. Dr. Rüdiger Graf** (Leibniz Centre for Contemporary History Potsdam) and **Dr. Lisa Suckert** (Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne) (for a detailed report see p. 11).

In the first semester (winter term 2023/24), EAF participants joined a

seminar series on *Conceptions of the Future in East Asia: Perspectives on Theories and Methods*, which alternatively took place in Bochum and Duisburg. The course was taught by the AREA Ruhr professors conducting the RTG’s program (see *Participating Researchers*) and the four EAF postdocs. In the summer term 2024 the RTG’s postdocs offered a seminar called *Peer Teaching on Fieldwork, Archival and Library Research*. Moreover, an Online Colloquium with external guests who spoke on topics related to East Asian Futures took place during both semesters. The list of speakers included **Dr. Derek Kramer** (University of Sheffield), **Prof. Dr. Björn Alpermann** (University of Würzburg), **Prof. Subodhana Wijeyeratne, Ph.D.** (Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN), **Prof. Dr. Karl Gustafsson** (Stockholm University), **Prof. Dr. Kevin Gray** (University of Sussex, Falmer/Brighton), **Prof. Dr. Jana S. Rošker** (University of Ljubljana), and science fiction writer **Hsin-Hui Lin** from Taiwan.

Besides, the RTG organized a *Gender Workshop* on 14 and 15 December 2023 that focused on women in academics. Presentations dealt with career support for female researchers at UDE and the University Alliance Ruhr (**Stefanie Sera**, Science Support Center, UDE), as well as with resources in gender research at UDE and RUB and perspectives for female academics after completing the dissertation (**Dr. Maren Joachimsen**, Essen College of Gender Research, UDE). **Prof. Karen Shire** (IN-EAST) and **Prof. Christine Moll-Murata** (OAW/RUB) were joined by **Prof. em. Ilse Lenz** (RUB) and **Dr. Aimi Kobayashi** (Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf) for a podium discussion on gender research in East Asian Futures. On 21 May 2024, researchers and qualifying fellows participated in the RTG-organized workshop *Discrimination, Diversity and Inclusiveness: Awareness Training for Academia*, held online by **Prof. Dr. Matteo Garavoglia** (Tsinghua University, Beijing) of the academic training and consulting network ImpulsPlus. From June 13 to 15, 2024 the RTG hosted the *Proposal Workshop* of its first

cohort at Gerhard-Mercator-Haus in Duisburg. Doctoral and postdoctoral researchers gave presentations on their projects to a wider audience of about 50 people, including their supervisors and the Mercator fellows (for a detailed report see p. 22). At a poster show of the presentations the EAF participants gave a brief synopsis of their projects and indicated how their own research related to their colleagues’ topics and the overarching program. On the last day, the event was concluded with a private guided tour of the Museum DKM in Duisburg, where the EAF group saw art from East and Southeast Asia. During their stays related to the *Proposal Workshop*, the Mercator Fellows engaged in a number of lectures and workshops as listed below.

Prof. Lin-Chun Wu: Discovering History through Archives: An Introduction to the Taiwan Collection of Materials on Modern Chinese and Taiwanese History (4 June)

Prof. Lin-Chun Wu: China and United States: Business, Technology and Networks, 1914–1941 (5 June)

Prof. em. Brantly Womack: Research Procedures and Methods (5 June)

Prof. em. Brantly Womack: China in a World of Acute Crises, AREA Ruhr Roundtable Discussion (5 June, UDE)

Prof. Hyung-Gu Lynn: In the Screen: New Aesthetic Possibilities of Webtoons (17 June)

Prof. Hyung-Gu Lynn: Broadcasting Eating: Meanings of Performing and Consuming Mukbang (18 June, RUB)

Prof. Hyung-Gu Lynn: The History of the Growth of Korean Popular Music from the 1930s to the Present (20 June, UDE)

Prof. Kaori Hayashi: *Workshop I* at RUB (6 August)

Prof. Kaori Hayashi: *Workshop II* at UDE (8 August) (for a detailed report see pp. 25 and 68).

<https://east-asian-futures.de>

AREA RUHR OCCASIONAL LECTURE SERIES AND AREA RUHR ROUNDTABLE

AREA Ruhr continued its occasional lecture series in 2023/24. This format gives professors at AREA Ruhr as well

as colleagues from other universities an opportunity to present their research to their peers and a wider audience and discuss it with them. A novel format is the *AREA Ruhr Roundtable Discussion*. Here external experts and AREA scholars meet to discuss topics of wider interest.

Dr. Aimi Muranaka (IN-EAST): Sticking to Norms or Sticking out? Agency of Vietnamese Female Skilled Migrants in the IT Sector in Japan (25 January 2024, online)

Prof. Brantly Womack, Prof. Nele Noesselt and Prof. Jörn-Carsten Gottwald – Roundtable Discussion *China in a World of Acute Crises* (5 June 2024, UDE)

Prof. Jens Wrona (IN-EAST): Culture, Tastes, and Market Integration: Testing the Localized Tastes Hypothesis (27 June 2024, online)



Brantly Womack Photo: Kerstin Lukner

AREA DAY / AREA-TAG 2023

In 2021, AREA Ruhr started an annual event called “AREA-Tag” (or AREA Day) which seeks to explore traces of East Asia in North Rhine-Westphalia (“Auf den Spuren Ostasiens in NRW”) and to introduce them to a general audience. In 2023, the event was jointly organized with the Landesspracheninstitut in Bochum as *Korea Day – Tag der koreanischen Sprache und Kultur* (28 October 2023). The approximately 850 visitors could take part in mini-language courses, interactive workshops (K-Pop Dance, Taekwondo), art (calligraphy, paper art) and music (Gayageum, Janggu drums), dress in traditional Korean clothes (hanbok), purchase books on Korea, and enjoy Korean food, etc. Ad-

ditionally, Korea experts at AREA Ruhr introduced all Korea-related study programs at RUB and UDE, the GRK 2833, and gave lectures on Korea-related topics.

Short film of the event: <https://www.area-ruhr.de/transfer/area-day/>

JOINT PROJECTS: UNTERNEHMENSNAHE INNOVATION IN UND MIT CHINA

AREA Ruhr professors **Markus Taube** (IN-EAST) and **Jörn-Carsten Gottwald** (OAW/RUB) in cooperation with **Mikko Huotari** (MERCIS) continued work on their BMB-funded joint research project *Unternehmensnahe Innovation in und mit China – Handlungsoptionen für europäische Entscheider in einem dynamischen Umfeld*. A first paper was published in the newly established *AREA Ruhr Working Papers Series*.

JOINT PROJECTS: C-NET RNR (BMBF REGIO CHINA)

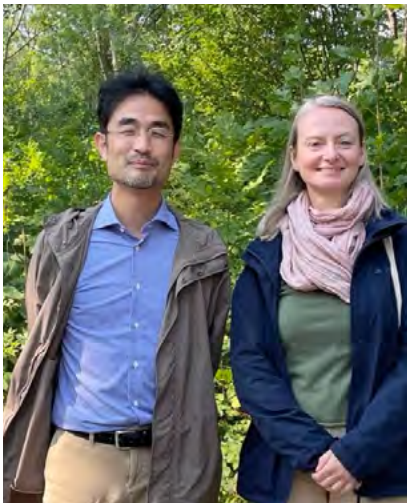
AREA Ruhr started its BMBF-funded project called *China-Kompetenznetzwerk für den Wissenschaftsstandort Ruhr/Niederrhein (C-Net RNR)* in mid-2023 with **Dr. Susanne Stein** as coordinator. The project is led by professors **Markus Taube** (IN-EAST) and **Jörn-Carsten Gottwald** (OAW/RUB). It aspires to interconnect China-related knowledge located at single universities, business development agencies, and local authorities in the “Ruhr/Niederrhein” area in a sustainable fashion, thus resting cooperation and the management of relations with Chinese partners on a well-informed local knowledge base. The key tools to be developed and employed are the establishment of network meetings on different scales, the launching of a regular newsletter, the organization of workshops, and the provision of podcasts and videos on China-related topics of key importance, among others.

The project’s kick-off workshop took place on 12 December 2023 with **Dr. Almuth Wietholtz** (Leibniz-Gemeinschaft) as invited speaker. Her talk *„Und wer soll das alles stemmen?“ Umsetzung eines china-bezogenen Risikomanage-*

ments trotz Unsicherheiten, Zielkonflikten und knapper Ressourcen stirred a lively discussion and was followed by a working group session providing the approximately 30 participants with an occasion to discuss particular aspects of the many challenges they face in their China-related cooperation.

Since January 2024, so-called *Netzwerktreffen* have been taking place in Duisburg on a regular basis (once per quarter), giving members the opportunity to report and discuss points of interest. Meetings took place on 20 January, 6 May, and on 11 September 2024. A first workshop for early-career scholars (*Nachwuchsakademie: Forschen in politisch herausfordernden Kontexten – Fokus VR China*) was conducted in cooperation with the Research Academy Ruhr (RAR) on 25 April 2024 and moderated by **Prof. Dr. Markus Taube**. **Dr. Eva Pils** (King’s College London), **Ilyas Saliba** (CARPO e.V. Bonn), **Dr. Marcus Conlé** (GIGA Hamburg), and **Prof. Dr. Anja Senz** (Universität Heidelberg) spoke about different facets of the topic such as de-risking and reassuring, conducting research in the field, or evaluating contexts of cooperation. On 18 June 2024 a workshop on *Wissenschaft und Exportkontrolle* was conducted in cooperation with the BAFA (Bundesamt für Wirtschaft und Ausfuhrkontrolle). BAFA representatives **Georg Pietsch** and **Volker Anders** first explained the (legal) foundation for export control in the academic context and the subsequent effects for academic cooperation to about the 40 participants. Second, administrative staff from the universities in Dortmund, Siegen, and Duisburg-Essen (**Özge Emre**) described how they organized and implemented the necessary processes at their home institutions.

<https://www.cnetnrn.de>



Tatsushi Fujihara (left) and Katja Schmidtpott

AREA RUHR FELLOWSHIP:
INTERNATIONAL GUEST
RESEARCHER

In mid-September AREA Ruhr welcomed Prof. Tatsushi Fujihara (Kyoto University) as international research fellow and AREA Ruhr fellowship recipient. Tatsushi Fujihara plans to stay until the end of October 2024.

AREA RUHR WORKING PAPER
SERIES

AREA Ruhr launched the AREA Ruhr Working Papers in mid-2024 in cooperation with CrossAsia / Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin. The AREA Ruhr Work-

ing Papers offer insights into ongoing and completed research projects on East Asia, from a variety of disciplinary approaches, and can be accessed here: <https://www.area-ruhr.de/working-papers/>

A first issue was published in June 2024: Hofmann, Karolin / Gottwald, Jörn-Carsten / Taube, Markus / Hofmann, Anja: China's Innovation Drive: A Review of the Systems of Innovation Literature. Alliance for Research on East Asia (AREA) Ruhr Working Papers, Vol. 1. <https://doi.org/10.48796/20240619-000>

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EASTASIANET

EastAsiaNet is the European Research School Network of Contemporary East Asian Studies, and IN-EAST is a founding member since 2006. It actually took the initiative in starting the network in the mid 2000s. The activity has led to lively academic cooperation, person-to-person contacts, personnel exchanges and career encouragement as well as several scholarly publications. Leading member of the steering group are Dominik Mierzejewski (Łódź) and Hannes Mosler (IN-EAST).

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ALUMNI UND FREUNDE DER
DUISBURGER OSTASIEN-
STUDIEN E.V. (ALFREDO)

AlFreDO was founded in 1998 to develop a network of East Asia specialists and to promote research and education at IN-EAST. With our community we are connecting more than 300 alumni worldwide. Close linked to various events such as East Asia Day or the graduation ceremony Hello, Good-bye & Welcome back, AlFreDO provides an own framework for a casual exchange by its yearly Brunch Event in Duisburg. Chair of AlFreDO is Dirk Petzold. <https://www.uni-due.de/in-east/alfredo>



2 AFFILIATED INSTITUTES AND OTHER CO-OPERATIONS
AN-INSTITUTE UND ANDERE KOOPERATIONEN

CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE
METROPOLIS RUHR

The Confucius Institute Metropolis Ruhr, based in Duisburg, was officially established in autumn 2009. It is a registered non-profit association under German law with the city of Duisburg, the University of Duisburg-Essen and Wuhan University as major (but not only) members. In this form the Confucius Institute Metropolis Ruhr is also an affiliated "An-Institut" at the University of Duisburg-Essen. The city of Duisburg and the University of Duisburg-Essen provide an ideal location for a Confucius Institute, as both feature strong links to China and Wuhan in particular. The Confucius Institute Metropolis Ruhr understands itself as a platform for a fact-based exchange on China, current developments in the country as well its interaction with the rest of the world. As such the Confucius Institute offers a variety of course programs for Chinese language training, cultural skills and general knowledge of the country and its recent history. Besides that the Confucius Institute organizes lectures and

workshops on pressing issues of China's current economic and socio-political development. The Confucius Institute is led by two Co-Directors: IN-EAST professor Markus Taube together with Mingyao Zhang, Associate Professor at the Faculty of Foreign Languages, Wuhan University. <https://www.uni-due.de/konfuzius-institut>



MERCATOR INSTITUTE FOR
CHINA STUDIES (MERICS)

In July 2014, the IN-EAST (University of Duisburg-Essen) and the Faculty of East Asian Studies (Ruhr University Bochum) started a closer cooperation with the Mercator Institute for China Studies (MERICS), Berlin, which was given the status of an affiliated institute ("An-Institut") of both universities. MERICS is a research and analysis institute, or think tank, established in

2013 and based in Berlin. It is an initiative of Stiftung Mercator, a major private European foundation. MERICS is one of the largest international think tanks for policy-oriented research into and knowledge of contemporary China. It analyses the political, economic, social, technological and ecological developments in China, and the corresponding global impacts, providing the public with insight into China through up-to-date research and communication. It informs decision-makers in politics, business and society and acts as a key contact for the media. As such, MERICS aims to provide a nuanced perspective on the most populous nation on earth, to influence public debate, and to enhance expertise on China in Germany and Europe.

The research is concentrated on 14 analysis topics:

- EU-China
- Party and State
- Geopolitics
- Climate and Environment
- Industrial Policy and Technology
- Russia-China

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RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

FORSCHUNGSAKTIVITÄTEN

Jeollanam (South Korea): Field Research with Obstacles
Photo: Eckart Dege / Museum of the University of Seoul

THOMAS HEBERER, NELE NOESELT UND MARKUS TAUBE

Die ökonomische und gesellschaftliche Bedeutung der „Neuen Seidenstraße“ für die Stadt Duisburg, das Ruhrgebiet und das Land NRW. Gesellschaftspolitisch-ökonomische Begleitforschung

Gefördert durch: Ministerium für Wirtschaft, Industrie, Klimaschutz und Energie des Landes NRW, Stadt Duisburg, Sparkasse-Duisburg-Stiftung, Volksbank Rhein-Ruhr und Business Metropole Ruhr GmbH, 2021–2024

Research Associate: Anna Shpakovskaya

Die Ausbildung einer „Neuen Seidenstraße“ manifestiert sich in einer umfassenden Intensivierung der ökonomischen, politischen und gesellschaftlichen Beziehungen auf der Ost-West-Achse des eurasischen Doppelkontinents. Zunächst angestoßen durch die chinesische „Belt and Road“-Initiative und jüngst komplementiert durch die „Konnektivitätsstrategie“ der Europäischen Union bildet sie das derzeit ambitionierteste und sich am dynamischsten entwickelnde Projekt zur Stärkung der grenzübergreifenden Arbeitsteilung und multinationalen Strukturierung weltweit. Die „Neue Seidenstraße“ bietet somit einen Gegenpol zu dem anderweitig zu beobachtenden Trend einer Entkopplung von Einzelstaaten und Regionen von gemeinsamen globalen wie regionalen Ordnungsstrukturen.

Die Stadt Duisburg, das Ruhrgebiet und das Land Nordrhein-Westfalen haben frühzeitig die sich im Rahmen der „Neuen Seidenstraße“ ergebenden Chancen und Potenziale erkannt und sich auf verschiedenen Ebenen an der Entfaltung diverser Teilprojekte dieser Initiative aktiv beteiligt. Mit dieser Begleitstudie soll (1) spezifisches Wissen über die im Rahmen der Entfaltung der „Neuen Seidenstraße“ zum Tragen kommenden Struktureffekte, Triebkräfte und Wirkungsmechanismen geschaffen, und sollen (2) konkrete Handlungsempfehlungen für die zielgerichtete Umsetzung der von „Neue Seidenstraße“-Projekten ausgehenden Impulse generiert werden.

Hinsichtlich des Projektteils von Thomas Heberer (Landes- und kommunale Politik und ihre Effekte) wurden u.a. die folgenden Publikationen verfasst:

Thomas Heberer und Anna Shpakovskaya: Städtediplomatie in den 2020er Jahren: Mehr als eine Geschichte zweier Städte. Kommunale Diplomatie und Städtepartnerschaften zwischen Deutschland, Europa und China. Implikationen für Nordrhein-

Westfalen (Urban Diplomacy in the 2020s: More than a Tale of Two Cities. City Diplomacy and Municipal Partnerships between Germany, Europe and China. Implications for North Rhine-Westphalia). Working Papers on East Asian Studies, Institute of East Asian Studies, University of Duisburg-Essen 2022. https://www.uni-due.de/imperia/md/content/in-east/about/publications_green_series/paper133-2022.pdf

In diesem Rahmen erschien u.a. das Paper von Thomas Heberer und Anna Shpakovskaya: „Investieren oder nicht investieren?“ Wie chinesische Unternehmen das Investitionsumfeld in NRW sehen, eine Analyse der Tiefen-Interviews, welche die Autoren 2023 mit über 40 Vertretern von chinesischen Unternehmen, Verbänden und Investoren, die in NRW leben und arbeiten, durchgeführt haben, um Näheres über deren Sichtweise, Erfahrungen und Einstellungen in Erfahrung zu bringen. Hauptziel dieser Untersuchung war es, zu verstehen, wie die chinesischen Unternehmer das aktuelle Investitionsumfeld in Duisburg, NRW und Deutschland einschätzen und welche Investitions- und Geschäftsstrategien sie für die Zukunft in Betracht ziehen.

STEVE ENTRICH

ProfInk2 – Professionalisierung angehender Lehrkräfte im Bereich Inklusion

Principal Investigator (with Michel Knigge (Universität Potsdam); Karsten Krauskopf (FH Potsdam)), since 04/2020

Das Lehrbegleitforschungsprojekt ProfInk2 untersucht die Entwicklung inklusionsbezogener Kompetenzen angehender Lehrkräfte. ProfInk2 ist fortlaufend für alle Semesterkohorten im Längsschnitt über je einen Semesterverlauf konzipiert, wobei Online-Datenerhebungen unter Lehramtskandidat:innen der Universität Potsdam jeweils zum Beginn (t1) und zum Ende (t2) der Vorlesungszeit sowie zum Ende des Semesters (t3) erfolgt sind. Es liegen Daten aus sechs Semestern vor (SoSe 2020 bis WiSe 2022/23), die derzeit in einem Team von Bildungsforschern verschiedener Universitäten ausgewertet werden.

STEVE ENTRICH

with Kevin Wai Ho Yung (The Education University of Hong Kong)

Shadow Education and Social Inequality in Hong Kong and Germany: A Comparative Study on Underprivileged Secondary School Students' Experiences in Supplementary Tutoring

Principal Investigator. Seed funding through Faculty of Human Development (FEHD) Targeted Research Exchange Scheme, Hong Kong, 10/2022–09/2024

Shadow education (SE), i.e., private supplementary tutoring in academic subjects, has become part of mass schooling in many societies. The former East Asian oddity that is SE has been on the rise in Western societies as well, with more and more students receiving private tutoring to supplement their learning of academic subjects outside of school, thereby potentially improving their school careers. Due to the private, often cost-intensive nature of SE and resulting unequal distribution of its benefits, the global rise in SE points to increasing inequality in relative educational opportunities: Students from families lacking the resources to invest in SE may be further disadvantaged in their educational attainment. Rising awareness of this issue led to different countermeasures aiming to provide fee-free supplementary tutoring for students from low-income families, sometimes provided by the state (e.g., in Germany), sometimes by non-governmental organizations (e.g., in Hong Kong). The effectiveness of such measures in creating more equality of educational opportunities is not clear in spite of the exponential increase of studies on SE over the last years.

This project advances the field of comparative research on SE in education and sociology in three ways: (1) We focus on underprivileged secondary school students, i.e., children from low-income, less educated and/or migrated families, and their experiences in fee-free or subsidised supplementary tutoring in (2) two culturally diverse locations: the Rhine-Ruhr region of Germany (Western Europe) and Hong Kong (East Asia); and (3) we collect quantitative and qualitative data (i.e., mixed-method design). The combination of both data sources serves to examine why and how underprivileged students use SE and how this may contribute to reducing educational and social inequalities in East Asia (Hong Kong) and the West (Germany). Understanding the experiences of underprivileged students in these diverse locations will help to devel-

op more targeted and equitable educational policies and tutoring programs, thereby supporting the *United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals* (SDGs) of quality education and reduced inequalities through promoting a more inclusive educational system. The project's novel approach is meant to provide policy-relevant knowledge potentially leading to context-specific interventions that address educational inequalities. In preparation of this project, the FEHD Targeted Research Exchange Scheme provided opportunities to travel to each other's locations and exchange ideas. The preparatory work culminated in an edited book on the topic and a third-party application in the DAAD Program for Project-Related Personal Exchange (PPP) to acquire further funding to collect the data from 2025 to 2026.

STEVE ENTRICH

Online Panel Survey on Life and Work (SSJDA Panel Study)
Collaborator (PI: **Sho Fujihara** (University of Tokyo). Funded by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS), Kakenhi 21K18131, 10/2022–03/2025

Ziel dieser Studie ist die Einrichtung eines Online-Monitors für soziale Erhebungen auf der Grundlage von Zufallsstichproben und die Erleichterung der kollaborativen Forschung anhand einer Erhebung, die auf offenen gestellten Fragen basiert. 2021 wurden der Fragebogen, die Stichprobe und die Feldarbeit für die Basiserhebung entwickelt. Die Erhebung richtete sich an einzelne in Japan lebende Männer und Frauen im Alter von 21–40 Jahren, wobei eine geschichtete zweistufige Zufallsstichprobe verwendet wurde. Das ganze Land wurde in 11 Regionen unterteilt, jede Region wurde nach der Bevölkerungsgröße geschichtet, und die Erhebungsorte wurden entsprechend der Größe der einzelnen Schichten zugewiesen. Die Erhebungsstellen, die die primären Stichprobeneinheiten darstellten, wurden als städtische Erhebungsgebiete zugewiesen, in denen sich zufällig ausgewählte berechnete Personen befanden. Die Probanden, die sekundäre Stichprobeneinheit, wurden nach dem Zufallsprinzip aus den jeweiligen Town-Chouji ausgewählt. Für die Umfrage wurden 6.600 Personen an 150 Orten in ganz Japan befragt, von denen 1.576 (23,9 %) antworteten. Die Umfrage wurde online mit dem webbasierten Umfragesystem LimeSurvey des Instituts für Sozialwissenschaften durchgeführt und fragte nach soziodemografischen Merkmalen, sozialem Bewusstsein, Einstellungen und Werten,

politischem Bewusstsein und Gesundheitszustand. Informationen über Hobbys, Aktivitäten und Einstiegsmöglichkeiten in die Beschäftigung wurden in Form von offenen Antworten erhoben. Nach der Bereinigung und Kodierung der Daten war die Umfrage bereit für den offenen Aufruf zur Beantwortung von Fragen und die grundlegende Analyse im nächsten Jahr. Darüber hinaus erklärten sich 1.338 Befragte (20,2 %) bereit, in den folgenden Jahren und darüber hinaus an der Erhebung mitzuwirken. Auf der Grundlage der Pre-Test-Daten verglichen wir auch die Web-Monitore des Umfrageunternehmens, analysierten die Ähnlichkeiten und Unterschiede zwischen den Stichprobenpersonen und den Monitoren des Umfrageunternehmens und berichteten über die Ergebnisse auf Konferenzen und in Veröffentlichungen. Steve Entrich konnte für die dritte Welle der Erhebung umfangreiche Fragen zu den transnationalen Erfahrungen junger Japaner:innen einbringen und analysiert derzeit zusammen mit Sho Fujihara den Einfluss internationaler Mobilität auf geschlechtsspezifische Lebensverläufe und Arbeitsmarkterträge sowie Zufriedenheit junger Erwachsener in Japan.

STEVE ENTRICH

The Role of Shadow Education for Educational Success: Effects on Tracking Allocation in Germany, Japan, and the USA
Principal Investigator (with **Hiroki Nakanishi** (St. Andrews University Tokyo); **Soo-yong Byun** (Pennsylvania State University)). Current Research

Although much is known about inequality in private supplementary tutoring, so-called *shadow education* (SE), in many countries, less do we know about the actual effects of these investments. It remains especially unclear why outcomes to SE seem significant in some countries but not in others. Taking a comparative perspective, in the present study we focus on SE at school, i.e. privately organized lessons in academically oriented subjects outside regular school hours, "designed to improve a student's chances of successfully moving through the allocation process" (Stevenson and Baker, 1992). To better understand under which circumstances SE may foster educational inequalities, we comparatively investigate the effects of SE on school allocation focusing on the transition to higher education institutions of different selectivity in three countries with very different systems of secondary schooling and school allocation, namely

Germany, Japan and the United States. The following questions guide our empirical endeavors: Is shadow education more likely to be used by families with a high SES in all countries? Second, do the outcomes of SE differ in the three countries and can this be traced back to class-specific differences in the motives to pursue SE? Finally, how does the use of SE affect social inequality in educational attainment in the considered countries? The last question is significant, as the frequent use of SE is believed to lead to displacements in the educational process of children and youth, as indicated in studies on East Asia. In particular, the extent to which students with SE experience fare in the allocation to higher levels of education in different countries was not sufficiently examined yet. To narrow this research gap, we first draw on two competing theoretical lines of argumentation to explain the possible effects of SE on allocation in formal schooling with regards to inequality in educational opportunities: (1) the *social reproduction model* (SRM), and (2) the *social mobility model* (SMM). The hypotheses gained from this analysis are quantitatively tested using national representative panel data from Germany, Japan and the United States.

STEVE ENTRICH

Lebensverläufe von der späten Kindheit ins fortgeschrittene Erwachsenenalter (Life3G)
Project member (PI: **Wolfgang Lauterbach** (University of Potsdam); **Alfred Berger** (University of Innsbruck))

Funded by German Research Foundation (DFG) & Austrian Science Fund (FWF), DFG Project No. LA 897|3-3, 2023–2026

Life ist die längste Langzeitstudie zu Lebensverläufen und Generationenbeziehungen im deutschsprachigen Raum; weltweit gehört sie zu den wenigen Studien dieser Art, die seit über vier Jahrzehnten laufen. In der Life-Studie werden die gleichen rund 2.000 Frauen und Männer immer wieder befragt – 1979 im Alter von ca. 12 Jahren zum ersten Mal, und 2024 im Alter von ca. 57 Jahren zum achten Mal. Anhand der gewonnenen Daten kann die individuelle Entwicklung von Menschen nachvollzogen werden; entsprechend steht der frühere Studienname „Life“ für „Lebensverläufe ins frühe bzw. fortgeschrittene Erwachsenenalter“. Mit der Befragung 2024 wird der Titel zu „Life^{3G} – Lebensverläufe von drei Familiengenerationen“ geändert, da mit der Befragung der Ankergeneration und ihrer Kinder – 2024

werden erstmals möglichst alle Kinder befragt – Daten zu drei Generationen der jeweils gleichen Familien vorliegen; die Eltern der Ankergeneration waren parallel zu deren zweiten und dritten Befragung ebenfalls befragt worden (Multi-Akteur/Multi-Akteurinnen-Ansatz). Die Daten erlauben die Erforschung von familiären Einflüssen auf die jüngere Generation, z.B. auf ihre Einstellungen oder ihre berufliche Entwicklung. Stets werden dabei auch kulturelle Einflüsse und der gesellschaftliche Wandel berücksichtigt. Ein weiteres Alleinstellungsmerkmal der Life-Studie ist ihr Multi-Domänen-Ansatz, demzufolge Erkenntnisse zu verschiedenen Lebensbereichen, z.B. Bildung und Beruf, Familienbeziehungen, Partnerschaft, kulturelle, religiöse und politische Orientierungen sowie Persönlichkeit und Gesundheit, gewonnen werden.

STEVE ENTRICH

The Japan Transnational Education and Career Panel Study (JTEPS): International Student Mobility and its Consequences

Principal Investigator (with **David Chiavacci** (University of Zurich); project partner: **Sho Fujihara** (University of Tokyo)).

Funded by Swiss National Science Fund (SNSF), Project No. 100017-231678, 02/2025–01/2029

The goal of the four-year JTEPS project is to contribute to our understanding of current Japan in Japanese studies and to advance the field of international student mobility (ISM) in educational sociology through a mixed-method panel study. ISM is currently on the top of Japan's national agenda, especially in education policy. It is a highly informative case for studying ongoing changes in Japanese society. The JTEPS will theoretically advance the field of ISM in educational sociology through the understudied Japanese case study. It aims to provide new conceptual and empirical knowledge on study abroad-related inequality dynamics regarding socio-economic status (SES), gender, and the intersection of both dimensions. To address major methodical shortcomings and conceptual gaps of past surveys, quantitative (online questionnaire surveys) and qualitative (personal interviews) data on the educational and professional life courses of residents of Japan in their early 20s are collected over a period of three years (2025–2027) for individuals with and without university education. Distinguishing between both groups of adolescents provides highly policy relevant knowledge on in-

tegration processes of highly vs moderately skilled workers with and without transnational capital, which is hardly addressed in ISM and has never been studied in the case of Japan. The representative quantitative data serve to examine three research questions: (1) Which individual, social and institutional factors shape male and female adolescents' choice for studying abroad? (2) How does studying abroad affect their early career patterns? (3) What are the implications of studying abroad for social and gender inequality and mobility? The qualitative data are used to evaluate the subjective meaning of studying abroad for young Japanese: (1) What do adolescents hope to gain by studying abroad? What role plays it in their life-course aspirations? (2) How is the individual reasoning regarding the interplay between state policy, institutional setting, family background and personal experiences for studying abroad? (3) How do the individuals perceive studying abroad in later years? Do they think that it enhances their working career, personality, and allows them to make a contribution to society? In addition to prospective data on education, transition, and employment over a period of three years, retrospective information will be collected to map past educational biographies and life histories, thus providing systematic data on male and female individuals from different backgrounds and their trajectories in Japan. The JTEPS provides the first comprehensive data basis to research (inequalities in) study abroad and its outcomes in Japan. The quantitative data allow to test for effects of background indicators, intersectionality between them, and heterogeneity of effects. This allows conclusions about social and gender inequality in individual pathways, the state and significance of studying abroad in Japan, the success of internationalization policies in fostering global resources, and the actual, perhaps gendered value of transnational capital on Japan's labor market. In addition, the qualitative data allow a deeper knowledge of the underlying understanding and aspirations of individuals. By its novel approach of linking individual, social, and institutional factors to dynamic processes of inequality formation over the life course, the project goes beyond the state of research and provides policy-relevant knowledge. The JTEPS' unique effort to collect high-quality life-course data provides the first comprehensive source for the various disciplines concerned with (transnational) education and training and labor market transitions (among others, Japa-

nese studies, sociology, educational science, migration studies, economics), and it will provide a basis for major improvements in educational reporting and the provision of expert advice for policy makers in Japan.

AXEL KLEIN, HANNES MOSLER, FRÉDÉRIC KRUMBEIN

PinEAD – Populism in Japan and East Asian Democracies
Since 2021; awarded with a Research Fellowship by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS)

This project focusses on populism in Japan. In the conceptually and empirically diverse body of literature the sheer existence of populism is contested as are its key components and consequently its definition. The phenomena labelled as Japanese manifestations of populism include a very diverse group of political actors that make it difficult to see a common conceptual ground. One finding most scholars agree upon, however, is that so far the case of Japan is almost non-existent in comparative efforts of the international political science community. Supported by a research fellowship of the Japanese Society for the Promotion of Science, this project sets out to strengthen our understanding of populism in Japan, but it will also be the starting point of a broader endeavor. Hannes Mosler and Frédéric Krumbein joined the project with their expertise on South Korea and Taiwan, respectively, to approach populism in East Asian democracies from a comparative perspective.

BOHYUN KIM

GreenDeal-Net
Host institution: VUB Centre for Environment, Economy and Energy, Brussels School of Governance.
Short-term research fellowship: February 1 – March 1, 2024

GreenDeal-NET (The European Green Deal: Governing the EU's Transition towards Climate Neutrality and Sustainability) is a Jean Monnet Network co-funded through the EU's Erasmus+ programme. The Network aims to dissect the European Green Deal, and the complex set of governance challenges related to sustainability and climate neutrality it poses and deepen our understanding of what a fair and effective climate transition could look like by focusing on the governance of the European Green Deal, by acting as a platform for collaboration and debate on teaching and research. <https://www.greendealnet.eu/>

AXEL KLEIN

with Levi McLaughlin (North Carolina State University)

Kōmeitō – Religion and Politics in Japan

In this book project, both contributors are building on research they have been conducting for over a decade on Japan’s junior coalition party Kōmeitō. Based and created out of the Buddhist organization Sōka Gakkai, Kōmeitō has been pivotal in Japan’s party system, making it a highly relevant case in our understanding of how religion and politics interact in liberal democracies.

HANNES MOSLER

Comparative Regionalism in New Eurasia: Trilateral Perspectives for ROK’s New Northern Policy

In cooperation with Korea University, Seoul. Funded by the National Research Foundation of Korea, 07/2021–06/2024

The aim of this project is to study South Korea’s New Northern Policy in the context of the challenges and opportunities given by China’s Belt and Road Initiative and the US’ Indo-Pacific Strategy, and to develop a Eurasian strategy, which through revitalization of minilateralism can contribute to the efforts of establishing a peace system on the Korean Peninsula and Northeast Asia. In a situation where the competition for hegemony between the US and China is intensifying and cooperation between Russia and North Korea is uncertain, how South Korea can secure an initiative for cooperation in Eurasia is an important question to answer. Therefore, this study invokes the approach of Calder (2019) who understands Europe and Asia as one “supercontinent” rather than setting the geographical concept of Eurasia as Russia and Central Asia. Against this backdrop, this study examines the structure of Eurasian regionalism and the minilateralism that takes place within this context from the perspectives of global, European, and Northeast Asian countries. The project team is led by Prof. **Jae-Seung Lee** (Korea University), and consists of collaborative researchers based in South Korea, Europe and Northern America.

HANNES MOSLER

Advanced Seed Program: Strengthen Social Science-based Korean Studies Research and Education in Germany

Awarded with a five-year grant from the Korean Studies Promotion Program (KSPS) of the Academy of Korean Studies (AKS), 11/2023–10/2028

This grant will support the Chair of Korean Politics and Society at IN-EAST to complement related research and teaching. Research and teaching associate: **Hee Kyoung Chang**.

AIMI MURANAKA

The Role of Japanese Intermediaries and Language Schools in the Integration of Vietnamese Skilled Workers in the IT Sector in Japan

Funded by BMBF (Federal Ministry of Education and Research), No. 01UL2003B, 03/2021–12/2024

This four-year project examines roles of the Japanese private intermediaries and educational institutions in the construction of ‘skills’ of Vietnamese IT professionals in Japan. Acknowledging the accelerated drop in the working population, the Japanese government is reluctant to introduce official migration policies, but the country has been interested in attracting foreign skilled professionals. The Vietnamese population is one of the fastest growing foreign population in Japan, and they are present in the IT sector. To facilitate channeling the mobility of these skilled workers, the presence of the intermediary actors is crucial in the migration process. However, the field of research still lacks investigations in how these skilled professionals, who are often regarded being exposed less obstacles in the mobility, navigate in the Japanese labour market. Additionally, the study looks at how the intermediary actors interact with each other to ‘produce’ skilled labour in the channel. Focusing on this male-dominant sector, this study also explores how female Vietnamese skilled workers navigate the labour market by using their skills. The three fieldwork trips were conducted in Japan and in Vietnam until now, and the third year (2023) is devoted for the data collection and the analysis.

Group project

This individual research falls under a four-year collaborative project *Qualification and Skill in the Migration Process of Foreign Workers in Asia (QuaMaFA)*. The group brings

together four other collaborators who are working on international skilled migration in Asia: **Ruth Achenbach** (Goethe University Frankfurt), **Helena Hof** (Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity / University of Zürich), **Joohyun Justine Park** (Goethe University Frankfurt), and **Megha Wadhwa** (Free University Berlin). The project enters the third year, and we are completing the qualitative data analysis. Based on the analysis we are planning a quantitative research part from 2024. The group consists of young migration researchers who specialise in sociological, psychological, and anthropological disciplines. This project examines the role of skills in labour migration in (South)East Asia where migrants are nowadays accepted. The group members conduct studies in Japan, South Korea, China, Singapore, Vietnam and India. <https://quamafa.de/>

NELE NOESSELT

Role Change and Role Contestation in the People’s Republic of China: Globalization of “Chinese” Concepts of Order?

Principal Investigator

Funded by Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG), Project No. 238920157, 2020–2025

This project analyzes the global implications resulting from the institutional reforms and the re-steering of the PRC’s development model since 2013. The recalibration of the Chinese party-state – as the evaluation of the inner-Chinese debates on modes of governance and development roadmaps (2002–2017) evidences – reflects changes at the global level and calculates potential global-local spill-over effects. At the same time, China’s increased global presence and its economic power might imply that Chinese governance concepts and normative ordering principles will play a more prominent role in the reform of the institutional backbones of the world system in the near future. The “New Silk Road” initiative is just one example how core elements of China’s domestic development blueprints are exported to the regional and global level. Various competing views on political rule, ordering principles, and China’s global role co-exist among factions inside the Chinese Communist Party as well as among China’s epistemic communities. China’s official national role set is currently undergoing major reconfigurations, which mirror material and ideational changes at the do-

mestic and the global level of “Chinese” politics. Studies on role contestation have so far been focused on democratic pluralist political systems – role contestation in modern autocracies has remained undertheorized; the reconfiguration of China’s official role sets and related concepts such as system identity and global status has remained underresearched. This project seeks to overcome these lacunae by undertaking a case study-based analysis of the PRC’s internal and global role contestations. It will examine the ideas and normative ordering principles underlying the ongoing vertical and horizontal role contestation and the recalibration of the PRC’s official role set – by also including China’s role interactions with “significant” other global players. Changes in terms of (role) claims or modifications of actors’ global positions do not necessarily result from global structural changes, but can – as outlined in studies on the re-bargaining of national role sets in democratic systems – be inspired by paradigm changes and the substitution of policy ideas at the domestic level. This has direct implications for the sector of policy advice and political consultation: A systematic theory-guided analysis of China’s domestic role contestations is a necessary prerequisite for assessing the drivers behind the PRC’s role claims and its strategic positioning in bilateral interactions as well as in the context of world politics.

Further team members: **Dr. Elizaveta Priuolina, Tanja Eckstein, Jan Horstmann**. <https://www.worldorderfluctuations.net/dfg-research-project/>

NELE NOESSELT UND CHRISTOF HARTMANN

China and the Transformation of Political Order in Africa

Gefördert durch die Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG), Projektnummer 469144017, 2022–2025

Als Folge von Chinas stetig zunehmender ökonomischer Präsenz im globalen Süden, vor allem mittels Direktinvestitionen und kreditfinanzierter Infrastrukturprojekte, wird in akademischen und politischen Debatten zunehmend auch der daraus resultierende Einfluss auf die politischen Prozesse in den Zielländern, insbesondere in Afrika, thematisiert. Dieser politische Einfluss scheint sich innerhalb Afrikas erheblich zu unterscheiden, wobei etliche Aspekte dieses variierenden Einflusses empirisch und theoretisch ungeklärt sind. Wir gehen in unserem Projekt von zwei wesentlichen

Annahmen aus: In ihren Beziehungen mit China üben afrikanische Eliten *Agency* aus, die jedoch durch ihre nationalen *political settlements* maßgeblich beeinflusst wird. In ihrer afrikabezogenen Strategie differenziert sich die chinesische Außenpolitik – aufgrund der wachsenden Zahl an beteiligten Akteuren und Institutionen – zunehmend aus. Die im Projekt vertretene Expertise erlaubt uns, sowohl die unterschiedlichen afrikanischen settlements wie auch die Heterogenität der chinesischen Akteure zu analysieren, und daraus empirische Erkenntnisse und theoretische Erklärungen über die wachsende Komplexität der afrikanisch-chinesischen Beziehungen zu generieren. Konzeptioneller Ausgangspunkt ist der *political settlements*-Ansatz. Diesem Ansatz zufolge bleibt die Herausbildung und Stabilität von politischen Institutionen abhängig von der zugrundeliegenden Verteilung politischer Macht. Ein *settlement*-Ansatz ist ein innovativer Weg, um die Unterschiede in der Regimedynamik und politischen Ökonomie afrikanischer Länder abzubilden, aber auch eine vielversprechende Strategie, um die Rolle und den Einfluss chinesischer Akteure innerhalb eines Modells afrikanischer Politik systematisch zu integrieren. Unser Projekt wird sich entsprechend auf drei Fallstudien konzentrieren (Äthiopien, Ghana, Tansania), die gleichermaßen auf eine lange Geschichte bilateraler Beziehungen mit China zurückblicken können, sich aber hinsichtlich ihrer *political settlements* wesentlich unterscheiden. Der *political settlements*-Ansatz erlaubt uns, die *Agency* unterschiedlicher Elitenkoalitionen in afrikanischen Staaten besser zu verstehen und zu erklären. Die gründliche Beobachtung der sich entwickelnden chinesischen Strategien und Praktiken in diesen variierenden innenpolitischen Kontexten wird uns zugleich auch ermöglichen, die Konsequenzen für Wahrnehmungen, Diskurse und letztlich auch strategische Policy-Anpassungen auf chinesischer Seite besser nachzuvollziehen. Wir sind daher davon überzeugt, dass das Projekt mit seiner Kombination von innovativer Theorieentwicklung und empirischer Forschung in Afrika und China sowohl zu einem besseren Verständnis der Dynamik afrikanischer Politik in ihrer wachsenden Vielfalt und der kontextabhängigen Interaktion mit externen Akteuren als auch zu einem nuancierten Einblick in die zunehmend fragmentierte chinesische Außenpolitik in Sub-Sahara-Afrika (und darüber hinaus) beitragen kann.

Further scholars in the research team: **Georg Lammich, Ruixing Cao, Erik Rien**.

GIULIA ROMANO

China Going Global: Knowledge and Policy Transfer along the New Silk Road

Project submitted as qualification objective for the habilitation

HELMUT SCHNEIDER

Environmental Conflicts in Southeast Asia

Current research

In this research environmental conflicts are defined as conflicts in which environment or single natural elements (e.g. water, land) play a crucial role. That does not necessarily mean that such conflicts are also caused by e.g. environmental degradation (although sometimes this might be the case). It is assumed that environmental conflicts, as conflicts in general, can only be understood and solved, when their (social, cultural, economic and political) context is considered properly. A basic hypothesis is that environment and natural elements, as a rule, are functioning as threat multipliers rather than single causes of conflicts. And they do so in very different ways. Due to the already noticeable, more so the predicted effects of climate change and a growing interest of financial investors for natural resources, it is assumed that environmental conflicts in Southeast Asia will increase in the future in terms of numbers as well as degree.

HELMUT SCHNEIDER

Geopolitics of the Chinese Belt and Road Initiative (The New Silk Road)

Current research

The Chinese Belt and Road Initiative was launched in a period of rapid change of the global world order. Globalization has slowed down since the financial crisis of 2008 and the hegemonial position of the United States has weakened significantly. At the same time the growing global political weight of the PR of China can be observed. When a hegemonial regime is declining and a new one is not yet implemented, the world is entering a period of growing rivalry of regional powers, each trying to control their zones of influence: The control of (smaller) territories is gaining importance over the control of flows and networks, and the probability of territorial conflicts is growing. In science and in politics geopolitics is back on the agenda. The geopolitical research questions are: Will the Chinese BRI in the present period of rapid change of the global world

order help to produce and guarantee much needed global public goods like the freedom and safety of trade, travel and communication, the safety of investments, the rule of law, a stable global financial system? Or will it, as part of a national imperial strategy, add further to global rivalry and conflict (like e.g. the conflict in the South China Sea)?

HELMUT SCHNEIDER
Geography of Urban Property Markets
Current research

Urban property markets are more and more in the focus of financial investors. The links between the financial economy and the property markets imply many risks for the whole economy on all spatial scales as the latest example of the financial crisis of 2008 has shown. On the other hand access to affordable housing is a growing problem not only in less developed countries but also in the developed world, a problem, that is intensified by the financialisation of the economy. Both, the financialisation of urban property markets as well as the growing housing problem unfold on different spatial scales. Urban and economic geography have a set of theoretical and methodological approaches and tools to offer for analysing the heterogenous dynamics of urban property markets. The research focus is especially on the links between different spatial scales affecting those dynamics. A special focus is on Düsseldorf and the former industrial and workers quarter of Oberbilk.

KAREN SHIRE
Host for and Joint Research with Distinguished Prof. Sylvia Walby, Royal Holloway, University of London, winner of Anneliese Maier Research Award by Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, 2018–03/2025

The award was made based on the nomination submitted by **Karen Shire**. She is **Sylvia Walby**’s host, together with the Institute of Sociology (IfS) and the Essen College for Gender Research (EKfG). In 2022 the period of the award was extended through March 2025. In 2024 a book manuscript entitled *Trafficking Chains: Modern Slavery in Society* was published open-access with Bristol University Press (<https://bristoluniversitypress.co.uk/trafficking-chains>).

KAREN SHIRE
Founding member, Deutsches Institut für Interdisziplinäre Sozialpolitikforschung (<https://difis.org/institut/>), Co-Speaker of Research Field 3
Transnational Social Protections in Migration Societies
2021–03/2025

In 2023 and 2024 the group held several internal workshops to develop a unitary research program. **Polina Manolova** joined the group in 2024.

KAREN SHIRE
Cross Border Labor Markets: Transnational Market Makers, Infrastructures, Institutions
Co-Speaker, and Principal Investigator together with 10 other professors, joint program with the University of Bielefeld.
Research Training Group (GRK) 2951, funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG), Project No. 510706231, 2024–2029

In 2023 the proposal for the GRK was positively evaluated and approved for funding. The group began in April 2024 with eleven doctoral candidates. Alongside five funded doctoral researchers in the Duisburg side of the program, two post-docs and one further doctoral research is affiliated to the program. The GRK pursues a highly innovative research programme, as it sees cross-border labour markets as social structures and puts them centre stage. Although cross-border labour mobility and migration have developed into key issues within globalization research, conventional labour market analysis has until now not addressed ‘cross-border labour markets’ as a phenomenon sui generis. Global structures and dynamics have so far been largely scrutinized as factors impacting national labour markets, and the terms ‘emigration’ and ‘immigration’ that dominate the relevant literature underscore this focus on national labour markets as units of analysis. The Research Training Group (RTG) 2951 takes a different approach. It investigates what makes it possible for cross-border labour markets to emerge and be consolidated, i.e., how the coordination problems that are amplified in border crossing markets are ‘solved’. The emergence of cross-border labour markets can be observed in multiple sectors: in low-skilled labour (e.g. in domestic work or meat packing) as well as among highly-skilled workers and profes-

sionals (e.g. academics, consultants, medical doctors), or in sports, the arts, and the entertainment industry at large. The RTG 2951 offers early career researchers a highly innovative qualification programme. It is committed to establishing a top-level, research-oriented qualification for early career researchers, preparing them for outstanding academic and non-academic careers. Post-docs from the IN-EAST: **Sandhya A.S.** (since April 2024 at Bielefeld University), **Polina Manolova**.

KAREN SHIRE
Cross Border Labor Markets
Invited Senior Fellow at the Institute for Social Sciences, University of Tokio to collaborate with researchers on the development of a research program on cross-border labor markets from an economic sociological perspective, February and March 2024.

MARKUS TAUBE
The Institutional Foundations of Innovation in China
Current research

In recent years, innovation research has clearly shown that innovation-driven economic development relies on a broad foundation of benign cultural, social, political, and economic framework conditions. Institutions based in various social regimes must incentivize innovation creating behavior as well as the acceptance and diffusion of these very innovations in society. There exists no “one-fits-all” institutional set-up outlining the preconditions for successful innovation-driven development. Cultural idiosyncrasies, variations in the availability and costs of specific resources and competencies, specific goals of ruling elites etc. all lead to specific manifestations and combinations of institutions that in their totality promote innovation in varying intensity and on differing social and technological trajectories. Against this background, China constitutes a highly interesting case study for the analysis of the institutional requirements as well as evolutionary genesis of innovation-driven economic development in a large non-Western society. After three decades of highly successful catching-up economic development based on the emulation of foreign institutions, business models and technologies, the Chinese economy has now reached a stage where it needs to foster more endogenous innovation in order to

evade (relative) stagnation in what has become known as the “middle income trap”. This requires substantial alterations not only in the structural set-up and incentive systems governing the Chinese economy, but also in the fabric and underlying norms and values structuring society as well as the self-understanding of the political elite and its organization of political processes. The Chinese business sector is already responding to the need for more endogenous innovation in all sectors and segments of the economy. By doing so, it is exerting pressure for changes in the social fabric. At the same time Chinese government and the Chinese Communist Party appear to be highly committed to transforming the economic system and promoting an innovation-friendly institutional set-up – while upholding an unwavering claim to power. The Hayekian postulate according to which only free (democratic and market-based) societies can feature dynamic, innovation-driven development dynamics instantly comes to one’s mind as a “belief” of Western institutionalism and “Ordnungspolitik” that needs to be reflected upon in the Chinese context.

MARKUS TAUBE
The Chinese State-Business Nexus
Current research

When China joined the WTO in December 2001, it agreed that other countries, notably the European Union (EU) could continue to treat it as a “non-market economy” for the purposes of trade defense measures. The background to this special arrangement lay in the fact that at the turn of the century the Chinese economy was still in transition from a centrally planned economy to a market economy based on scarcity prices and free competition. There neither existed a comprehensive set of institutions that could support comprehensive market exchanges in the economy, nor was the government willing and give up its claim to directly steer economic development of the economy, its sectors as well as its major firms. In expectation of substantial progress of China’s transition towards a full-fledged market economy in the coming years, the Protocol of Accession of China to the WTO outlined that 15 years after its accession China’s status might be upgraded to a “market economy”. While China interpreted the wording of these paragraphs as guaranteeing it an automatic transition to “market economy” status, the EU upheld the position that China would have to demonstrate that it complies with the five criteria defining the “market economy” sta-

tus. With all economic observers agreeing, that China did not fulfil these criteria (by a wide margin) at the end of 2016, the dispute focused on juridical exchanges on the existence of a guarantee or not. Eventually, the dispute was solved with some diplomatic genius that neither awarded China the status of a “market economy”, nor inflicted a massive loss of face to one of Europe’s most import trade partners and thereby might have provoked an open trade war. The solution found is to completely give up the differentiation between “market” and “non-market” economies – not only with regard to China, but all economies. Instead, for all trade defense measures the normal reference value will be the domestic prices. However, if significant distortions (e.g. caused by state interferences) affecting domestic prices can be shown to prevail, international benchmark prices can be used instead. In order to make this new mechanism operational, the European Commission is going to publish specific reports identifying such distortions in on an economy-wide or specific sector level. EU manufacturers can then refer to these reports in order to determine the basis for complaints and to calculate what the normal reference prices should be. Research is being conducted in order to assess the degree to which Chinese industries are operating according to competition-based market standards or are subjected to market-distorting governmental interventions.

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Economic implications of the “Belt and Road Initiative”
Current research

A major impulse for economic development in the Eurasian continent as well as a restructuring of the global division of labour might be created with the unfolding of what has become known as the “One Belt, One Road” or “Belt and Road” initiative. Proposed by Chinese government in 2013 the initiative aims at creating a comprehensive network of transport corridors and an integrated industrial fabric spanning from China via the Middle East and Central Asia to Europe. In the course of this multilateral industrialization programme new regional and multilateral institutions that complement or compete with existing regional/global governance systems can be expected to evolve. Their shape as well as the concrete impact of the potentially emerging new regional value chains on global goods flows, investment activity, local as well as

international labour markets, local and supra-national institution building, however, remains undetermined. The disruptive changes brought up by the “Belt and Road” initiative cannot result in a win-win for all parties, but will entail some a reorganization of absolute and relative wealth, income generation possibilities and economic as well as political power projection capacity. New research initiatives are required to better understand the parameters at play and identify potential local/regional/global development patterns.

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Das Projektvorhaben wird gemeinschaftlich initiiert und durchgeführt von der Alliance for Research on East Asia Ruhr / AREA Ruhr. Gesamtleitung: **Prof. Dr. Markus Taube**, Lehrstuhl für Ostasienwirtschaft/China, Mercator School of Management und IN-EAST der Universität Duisburg-Essen, zugleich AREA Ruhr. Stellvertretender Projektkoordinator: **Prof. Dr. Jörn-Carsten Gottwald**, Lehrstuhl für Politik Ostasiens, Fakultät OAW der Ruhr-Universität Bochum, zugleich AREA Ruhr.

C-NET RNR schafft ein Forum der Begegnung und des Austauschs zwischen Akteuren aus Wissenschaft, Kommunen, Verbänden und Gesellschaft, die China-Kompetenz aufgebaut haben und diese weiterentwickeln wollen sowie solchen, die zum ersten Mal in die Zusammenarbeit mit chinesischen Partnern eintreten. Mit dem Netzwerkinkubator AREA Ruhr initiiert eines der größten China-Kompetenz-Zentren Europas diesen Antrag mit dem Ziel, vorhandenes Wissen, Erfahrungswerte und best practice-Lösungen auszutauschen. Somit soll das Management der Kooperationsbeziehungen zu chinesischen Partnern auf ein besser informiertes und effektiveres Niveau gehoben und nachhaltig China-Kompetenz insbesondere in den Hochschulen der Region gestärkt werden. Die Interessen deutscher Akteure sollen besser koordiniert, vertreten und geschützt werden. C-NET-RNR profitiert hierbei von den Stärken des Wissenschafts-, Industrie- und Innovationsstandortes RNR mit seiner hohen Dichte an Forschungseinrichtungen

und Universitäten, Unternehmen und Verbänden. Es kann auf vielfältige bereits existierende Foren der Zusammenarbeit und regionalen Integration aufbauen. Exemplarisch hierfür steht die Alliance for Research on East Asia Ruhr (AREA Ruhr), die als Teil der Universitätsallianz Ruhr (UAR) die beiden Zentren der Ostasienwissenschaft der Universität Duisburg-Essen (UDE) und der Ruhr-Universität Bochum (RUB) 2016 zusammengeführt und institutionalisiert hat und über ein stetig wachsendes Netzwerk assoziierter Mitglieder den Kern von C-NET RNR bilden soll. Die Rolle von AREA Ruhr im Netzwerk ist die eines Koordinators, Impulsgebers und Moderators. C-NET RNR „lebt“ durch das Engagement seiner Netzwerk-Mitglieder, die ihre spezifischen China-Kompetenzen einbringen und durch die Bündelung ihrer Expertisen auch neue Erkenntnisse generieren. Zentrale Aktivitätsfelder von C-NET RNR sind (a) die Kartierung der „China-Kompetenz“ in der Region RNR, (b) eine Netzwerkbildung unter China-Akteuren in der Region RNR, (c) der China-Kompetenzaufbau durch Diffusion innerhalb des Netzwerks und (d) durch einen gezielten Wissenstransfer, sowie (e) die Verstetigung hoher China-Kompetenz in der Region RNR, die durch die Schaffung lebendiger Netzwerkstrukturen sowie die nachhaltige Bündelung von China-Wissen unterstützt werden (etwa durch Bereitstellung einer China-bezogenen Datenbank, die Bereitstellung von flexibel abrufbaren Wissens-Modulen in Form von Podcasts und Video-Tutorials). Die Aktivitäten von C-NET RNR sollen in einen Austausch mit anderen Initiativen gebracht werden, die sich auf regionaler, nationaler und europäischer Ebene mit China-affinen Themen befassen.

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Unternehmensnahe Innovation in und mit China. Handlungsoptionen für Deutsche und Europäische Entscheider in einem dynamischen Umfeld (UIIChina)

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Das Forschungsvorhaben untersucht die Triebkräfte für die Ausgestaltung des chinesischen Innovationssystems und dessen Einbindung in den internationalen Kontext. Es zielt auf ein besseres Verständnis des doppelten Gleichgewichts von Dezentralisierung/Zentralisierung und interna-

tionaler Einbindung Chinas unter besonderer Berücksichtigung deutscher und europäischer Unternehmen. Das Forschungsvorhaben ist stark explorativ ausgerichtet und wird neue, relevante Daten erheben, diese strukturiert aufarbeiten und Akteuren der deutschen/europäischen Innovationssphäre (Politik, Unternehmen, Wissenschaft) zur Verfügung stellen. Auf der analytischen Ebene richtet sich das Vorhaben darauf, den Wissensstand in Deutschland und Europa über Strukturen, Funktionsmechanismen und Entwicklungsdynamiken des chinesischen Innovationssystems auf der Ebene zentralstaatlicher Innovationspolitik, lokal gestalteter Initiativen (Pilotzonen) sowie die Einbindung internationaler Akteure, v.a. von Unternehmen, substanziell zu verbessern. Wichtige Trends des Wandels sollen erfasst und in ihrer Bedeutung für Deutschland und die EU kenntlich gemacht werden. Somit wird das Vorhaben zentrale Bausteine für evidenzbasierte Handlungsoptionen für Entscheider in Politik, Wirtschaft und Wissenschaft herstellen. Das Projekt wird in Kooperation mit Professor **Jörn-Carsten Gottwald** (Politik Ostasiens, Fakultät für Ostasienwissenschaften, Ruhr-Universität Bochum) und **Mikko Huotari** (Mercator Institute for China Studies (MERICS)), Berlin, durchgeführt. Further project collaborator: **Karolin Hofmann**.

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complementing research in the humanities (history, linguistics, philology, religious studies) with research in the social sciences (economics, political science, sociology). Doctoral dissertations in this research training group study and explain how projections and conceptions of the future have emerged, on what premises they are based, and how they have been and continue to be applied to the paradigmatic fields of (1) language, religion, and ideology, (2) self and society, (3) resources and technology, and (4) sovereignty and governance. Research focuses on the period between 1850 and the present, with recourse to earlier intellectual heritage where necessary. The analyses include projections of the future by East Asian states and polities (China, Japan, Korea, and Taiwan) in relation to each other, to Europe, and the world. As such, the programme opens up a new field of research in East Asian area studies, combining a macro-regional perspective with a focus on the modern and contemporary periods. Doctoral researchers at the Research Training Group GRK 2833 *East Asian Futures* will acquire a dual qualification in East Asian regional studies and in one of the disciplines in the humanities (history, philology, linguistics, religious studies) or the social sciences (sociology, political science, or economics) included in the programme, with an emphasis on advanced theories and methodologies. The central aim of the qualification programme is to develop the specific profile of language- and discipline-based regional studies research. This concept is operationalized through the establishment of a specific course programme, supplemented by methodological training at the RUB, UDE and other institutions in Germany and East Asia. Career development measures complete the programme, to ensure that graduates are well prepared for entering international research careers. Our goals in career development are to qualify doctoral and postdoctoral researchers for mobile academic careers in Europe, Asia and world-wide. As career paths are increasingly crossing over world regions, our programme is well designed to encourage the sort of competence which enables doctorate holders and postdoctoral researchers to compete for the best positions globally.

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Regional Disparities and Economic Policy

Principal investigator together with 9 other professors from UDE, RUB, TU Dortmund University, and University of Münster.

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The overarching goal of the RTG *Regional Disparities and Economic Policy* is to provide an outstanding education for doctoral students while at the same time contributing to frontier research in the exciting and dynamic field of regional economics. Combining the expertise of scholars from distinct economic backgrounds (e.g. labor, public, macro) and thus different methodological skills, institutional knowledge, and data access, we establish a graduate program that promises internationally visible scientific output and an excellent academic training environment for PhD candidates.

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Regionaler Strukturwandel und Arbeitsmärkte

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Die räumlichen Wirtschaftsstrukturen Deutschlands unterliegen einem tiefgreifenden Wandel, welcher sich in einer unterschiedlichen Entwicklung regionaler Arbeitsmärkte manifestiert. Ziel unserer Forschungsk Kooperation ist ein besseres Verständnis der Auswirkung des strukturellen Wandels auf die Arbeitsangebotsseite (regionaler) Arbeitsmärkte. Unser Interesse gilt dabei primär der über Regionen und Berufsgruppen hinweg variierenden Arbeitsangebotselastizität, welche als zentrale Kennziffer des Arbeitsangebots i.) die Marktergebnisse (insb. Löhne und Beschäftigung), ii.) die Marktstruktur (insb. Die Wettbewerbsintensität) und iii.) die Lohnverteilung (und somit die Ungleichheit) determiniert. Um zu untersuchen, wie sich regionale Unterschiede und Trends in der Elastizität des Arbeitsangebots auf diese drei Dimensionen regionaler Arbeitsmärkte auswirken, kombiniert unser Forschungsvorhaben neueste Erkenntnisse zur theoretischen Modellierung des regionalen Arbeitsangebots mit hochqualitativen deutschen Arbeitsmarktdaten des Instituts für Arbeitsmarkt- und Berufsforschung (IAB). Eine theoriegeleitete empirische Analyse des regionalen Arbeitsangebots ermöglicht uns nicht nur ein besseres Verständnis aktueller Arbeitsmarkttrends (z.B. rückläufige Lohnungleichheit), sondern auch kontrafaktische Analysen zur Quantifizierung und Projektion mittel- und langfristiger Entwicklungen auf regionalen Arbeitsmärkten.



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(Nele Noesselt)

Muhammad Syaukat: Increasing Access to Basic Infrastructure in Informal Settlements through Slum Upgrading: A case study from Banda Aceh, Indonesia
(Helmut Schneider) (2022)

Angelina Thompson: Foreign Women Entrepreneurs in Japan and Their Networks
(Georg Blind)

Simge Ezgi Tirasli de Oliveira: Untersuchung der Bedeutung von Humankapital für das Wirtschaftswachstum: Ein Vergleich zwischen China und Deutschland
(Markus Taube)

Leonard Uhlirz: Sino-russische Zusammenarbeit in der Arktis: Auswirkungen auf den Arctic Council im Schatten des Ukraine-Krieges *(Nele Noesselt)*

Isabel Wallossek: Framing Forced Sterilization in Japan: An Analysis of the Disability Movement *(Karen Shire / Kohei Matsuura)*

Julia Wortmann: Unraveling the Reasons behind the Low Uptake of Foreign Nurses in Japan's Health Sector *(Georg Blind)*

Gamze Yilmaz: Untersuchung der Effektivität von ausgewählten Maßnahmen der Mitarbeiterbindung im öffentlichen Dienst
(Markus Taube)

Xingshi Zheng: Qualitative Analysis of the Development Status of the BRI under the Russia-Ukraine war: A Focus on Central Asian Railway and CR Express Connections
(Markus Taube)

2 MASTER THESES MASTER-ARBEITEN

COMPLETED ABGESCHLOSSEN

Dawn Christine Aloo Amondi: China's Role in Global Climate Change Governance: Policy Analysis and Implications for International Cooperation *(Nele Noesselt)*

Dennis Arabadzhev: The Political Opposition in Japan. An analysis of its structural weakness after the electoral reform 1993/94 *(Axel Klein)*

Burcu Arici: Interkulturelles Marketing in China: Einfluss chinesischer kultureller Werte auf den Marketing-Mix am Beispiel von IKEA *(Markus Taube)*

Bahar Arslan: Kaufverhalten von potenziellen Autokunden – Untersuchung der Beweggründe für oder gegen den Kauf eines Elektroautos *(Markus Taube)*

Tim Baumann: The Climate-Conflict Nexus in South and Southeast Asia: An Investigation about the Role Climate Risk Financing Can Play to Mitigate Climate-Induced Violent Conflict Potential *(Nele Noesselt)*

Katrin Bernard: Cultural and Spiritual Dimensions of Human-Nature (Re)connection in an Urban Context. An explorative study from Chennai, India *(Helmut Schneider)*

3 DOCTORAL THESES DISSERTATIONEN

COMPLETED ABGESCHLOSSEN

Ayodeji Akinnimi: Keeping a Job: Asylum Seekers and Refugees in Temporary and Non-Regular Employment in Germany
(Karen Shire)

Clara Baumann: "Return of Dependency" or "A New Hope"? – East-South Investment and Interdependent Development in Colombia
(Karen Shire)

Mohamed Mansour: The Dynamics Behind the Diffusion and Adoption of Cryptocurrencies : The Case of Bitcoin in South Korea
(Werner Pascha)

Kathrin Nagel: Moral Education in Contemporary China: Cultivating Character through Ideology *(Flemming Christiansen)*

PENDING LAUFEND

Tanja Eckstein: Changes in Sino-US Relations during the Xi Era: Chinese Self-Representation, the Perception by the US and the Implications for US and Chinese Foreign Policy and Role Conceptions *(Nele Noesselt)*

Ling Fang: Selected Topics on Trade in Services *(Markus Taube)*

Judith Hendricks: Gender Balance in Leadership (*working title*) (Karen Shire)

Anastasia Herber: Transplanting Institutions Across Borders: The Case of Economic Development Zones in the Far East (Markus Taube)

Karolin Hofmann: China, the EU and Global Energy Security in the Age of Climate Change and Returning Great-Power Rivalry (Jörn-Carsten Gottwald, RUB)

Hendrik Jansen: Social Innovation Network Dynamics in China – the Role of Guanxi in the National Chinese Innovation System (Markus Taube)

Ammar Kakish: Examining the Viability of Social and Legal Frameworks for Migrant Labor in Jordan (Karen Shire)

Bohyun Kim: Green Transition and Institutional Effects across Political Systems – The EU and South Korea (*working title*) (Jan Orbie, Ghent University, Belgium)

Misun Kim: Becoming ‘Developmental’: The Politics of Postcolonial Economic Transformation in South Korea, 1945–1965 (*working title*) (Hannes Mosler)

Eetu Laustela: Post-Socialist Utopias – North Korean Media Depictions of Progress and the Future (*working title*) (Hannes Mosler)

Yang Liu: Mechanism of Entrepreneurship’s Effect on Poverty Alleviation in China: formation and dynamic analysis of value network (Markus Taube)

Jiajia Ma: Labor Adjustment in the Structurally Depressed State-owned Enterprises in China (Markus Taube)

Kohei Matsuura: The Future of Cultural Policy in East Asia – the Discourse on Classical Music from a Postcolonial Perspective (Karen Shire)

Dominique Miguel Borm: Media Strategies in the Japanese Public Constitutional Reform Debate (Axel Klein)

Ardita Osmani: Corporate Social Responsibility for Sustainable Development in China. Recent Evolution of CSR Concepts and Practice within Chinese Firms (Nele Noessel)

Minykun Park: Ontological Insecurity in South Korea and Its Relations to Japan (*working title*) (Hannes Mosler)

Vicent Plana Aranda: Party System Institutionalization and Democracy in South Korea (*working title*) (Hannes Mosler)

Elisabeth Rachstein: Legitimation in Autocratic Regimes: The Cases of North Korea and Russia (*working title*) (Hannes Mosler)

Miquel Salvadó Gracia: The PRC’s Techno-Politics of Solar PV. The Case of South America (Nele Noessel)

Benedikt Staar: Securitization in North Korea: Understanding the Construction, Conception, and Political Power of Security in an Authoritarian State (*working title*) (Hannes Mosler)

Han Xie: National Roles and Nation Branding in the 21st Century: China, the United States, and US-China Relations (Nele Noessel)

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Yu Zou: Decentralization, Institutionalized Cooperation and Forest Self-Governance in China (Markus Taube)

4 LIBRARY REPORT BIBLIOTHEKSBERICHT

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Japan is often associated – at least by foreigners – with cleanliness and perfection. At the 60th Venice Art Biennale, however, the Japan Foundation is presenting a different perspective – the artist **Yuko Mohri** and curator **Sook-Kyung Lee** have been invited to present two installations in the Japanese pavilion under the title **Compose**:

Moré Moré (Leaky) is inspired by the employees of Tokyo Metro, who use improvised, creative handicrafts made from everyday (mainly plastic) objects in an attempt to catch and drain off the water seeping into the subway stations.

The installation **Decomposition** consists of assemblies of slowly rotting fruit – a computer program converts the measured values of the gradually growing muddiness and decomposition of the fruit into electronic sounds/music and light effects.

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TAUGHT COURSES

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08 TAUGHT COURSES

STUDY PROGRAMS AT THE IN-EAST

Bachelor-Studiengang BA MOAS

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Master Program MA MEAS

English-taught, East Asian language Chinese, Japanese, or Korean (language background required), strong disciplinary background – sociology, political science, or economics, 2 semester

Master Program MA CEAS

English-taught, East Asian language Chinese, Japanese, or Korean (without language background, strong disciplinary background required – sociology, political science, or economics), 4 semester

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SPRACHKURSE (BA MOAS)

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Duanzhuang Zheng

Chinesisch 3

Duanzhuang Zheng

Japanisch 5

Yuka Ando

Korean 5

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Intensive Chinese I

Yinglei Zang

Intensive Chinese III

Fei Dou

Chinese for Advanced Students

Duanzhuang Zheng

Japanese for Advanced Students

Reading

Yuko Sugita

Composition

Yuka Ando

Korean for Advanced Students

Stefan Knoob / Hee Kyoung Chang

ORIENTIERUNGS- VERANSTALTUNGEN

Orientierungsveranstaltung für BA-Studenten

Axel Klein

Orientation Week for MA Students

Melanie Kogler

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Anastasia Nechaeva

OSTASIATISCHE REGIONAL- STUDIEN (BA MOAS)

Modul OA 1/1: Einführung in das Studium der Ostasienwissenschaften (Vorlesung/Übung)

Axel Klein

Modul OA 2/2: Einführung in die Grundlagen und Entwicklungen der Länder Ostasiens (Vorlesung/Übung)

Melanie Kogler / Axel Klein

Modul OA 5: Angewandte Ostasienstudien und Nachbereitung des Auslandsjahres (Übung)

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Module DA 2: East Asia in Economic Sciences
The Development Issues of the Economies of East Asia (Vorlesung)

Georg Blind / Markus Taube / Francis Yoon

Contemporary Challenges of the Economies in East Asia (Seminar)

Georg Blind / Markus Taube / Francis Yoon

Module DA 3: Transnational Perspectives on East Asia

Contemporary History of East Asia (Seminar)

Flemming Christiansen

Transnational Relations of East Asia (Seminar)

Ling Fang

ADVANCED EAST ASIAN STUD- IES (BA/MA)

Module AEAS 1103: Japanese Society and Social Structure

Social Structure, Identity and Social Action in Contemporary Japan (Seminar)

Steve Entrich / Karen Shire

Social Content Analysis Using Official and Media Sources (Seminar/Übung)

Steve Entrich / Karen Shire

Module AEAS 1110: Recent Developments in the Chinese Society (Seminar)

Monika Arnoštová

Module AEAS 1111: Chinese International Relationships

Chinese Foreign Policy and China's Role in World Affairs (Seminar)

Nele Noesselt

Project Study: Core Issues of Chinese Foreign Policy (Seminar)

Nele Noesselt

Module AEAS 1116: Institutions in Japanese Politics (Seminar/Übung)

Axel Klein

Module AEAS 1119: Recent Developments of Korean Society and Politics (Seminar/Übung)

Hannes Mosler

Module AEAS 2106: Business and Economy in China (Seminar)

Markus Taube / Shixu Zeng

Module AEAS 2108: Japan's Political Economy

Japan's Economy between Market, State and Society (Seminar)

Georg Blind

Module AEAS 2117: Economic and Business Issues of Korea (Seminar)

Francis Yoon

Seminar on Politics in China (Seminar/Colloquium)

Nele Noesselt

ELECTIVE MODULES

Module E 7: Contemporary Issues of East Asia 3
Natural Economic Experiments: Lessons from Japan (Seminar/Übung)
Jens Wrona

Module E 9: Methods in East Asian Studies 1
Introduction to Qualitative Research (Lehrforschungsprojekt)
Giulia Romano

Module E 15: IN-EAST Research Forum
(Lecture Series / Kolloquium)
Aimi Muranaka (Organizer)

Conceptions of the Future in East Asia: Perspectives on Theories and Methods (Seminar/Colloquium)
Monika Arnoštová / Hannes Mosler / Nele Noesselt / Karen Shire / Markus Taube (Organizers)

SOZIALWISSENSCHAFTEN (LEHRAMT)

Politikwissenschaft an einem aktuellen Themenfeld: Akteure und Formen politischer Bildung in Südkorea (Seminar)
Hannes Mosler

Contemporary China: Development Challenges and Perspectives (Seminar)
Ardita Osmani

POLITIKWISSENSCHAFT (BA / MA)

Modul 3: Konfliktbearbeitung und Peacebuilding / Modul 4: Regionalmodul I
Außenpolitik und regionale Konfliktbearbeitung Asien (Seminar)
Nele Noesselt

Aufbaumodul 3: Vergleichende Politik Ostasiens / Modul Orientierungswissen Politikmanagement
State and Society in China (Seminar)
Nele Noesselt

Aufbaumodul 1: Europäische Integration und Politik im europäischen Mehrebenensystem
Comparative Regionalism: Comparing Europe and East Asia (Seminar)
Bohyun Kim
EU Climate Governance in a Globalizing World (Seminar)

Bohyun Kim
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International Relations on the Korean Peninsula (Seminar)
Hee Kyoung Chang

SOZIOLOGIE (BA / MA)

Modul 8: Arbeit in einer globalisierten Welt
Arbeit und Geschlecht im öffentlichen Dienst (Seminar)
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Modul 1: Forschungsansätze in der empirischen Soziologie / Modul 7: Migration und Migrationsregime
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Sandhya A.S.

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Einführung in das Studium und die Arbeitstechniken der Soziologie (Seminar)
Sandhya A.S.

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Volkswirtschaftslehre (Seminar)
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Makroökonomik für interdisziplinäre Studiengänge (Vorlesung)

Jens Wrona
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Jens Wrona

Mathematisches Propädeutikum zu Mikro- und Makroökonomik für interdisziplinäre Studiengänge (Vorkurs)
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Institutions and Organizations in Japan (Seminar)

Steve Entrich
Research on Japanese Social Institutional Change (Seminar)
Steve Entrich

Module AEAS 1209: The Chinese Society (Seminar)
Monika Arnoštová

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Political Culture and State-Society Interactions (Seminar)

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The Political System of Japan (Seminar)
Axel Klein

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Hannes Mosler
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Hannes Mosler

Module AEAS 2205: The Economy of China
China Management Cases (Seminar)

Markus Taube / Shixu Zeng
Economic Studies on China (Vorlesung)
Markus Taube / Ludovica Fonsato

Module AEAS 2207: International Economic and Business Issues of Japan
Japan's Role in Global and Regional Economic Relations (Vorlesung)

Martin Schulz
Business Issues in Japan's Economy (Seminar)
Georg Blind

Module AEAS 2213: Economic Developments in East Asia – Korea (Seminar)
Francis Yoon

SEMINAR ATTACHED TO THESIS

Politics in China (Seminar/Kolloquium)
Nele Noesselt
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Axel Klein
China's Society (Kolloquium)
Monika Arnoštová
Japanese Politics (Seminar/Kolloquium)
Axel Klein
Japanese Society (Seminar)
Karen Shire / Steve Entrich
Korea's Society and Politics (Seminar)
Hannes Mosler
Japan's and Korea's Economy (Seminar)
Georg Blind / Francis Yoon
China's Economy (Seminar/Kolloquium)
Markus Taube

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IN-EAST Research Forum
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SOZIALWISSENSCHAFTEN (LEHRAMT)

Theorien und Methoden der Sozialwissenschaften in der Anwendung (Seminar)
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Hannes Mosler
Theorien und Methoden der Sozialwissenschaften in der Anwendung: Südkoreas politisches System im Vergleich (Seminar)
Hannes Mosler

POLITIKWISSENSCHAFT (BA / MA)

Modul 5/6: Regionalmodul I/II / Aufbaumodul 3: Vergleichende Politik Ostasiens
Politics in China (Vorlesung)
Nele Noesselt

Modul 5/6: Regionalmodul I/II
Developmental Challenges and Policy Solutions in (East) Asia (Seminar)
Nele Noesselt

Contemporary Issues of Korea: North Korean Politics and Society (Seminar/Übung)
Hee Kyoung Chang

SOZIOLOGIE (BA)

Modul 9: Schwerpunktmodul; d) Gesellschaftsvergleich und Transnationalisierung
Global Social Policy (Seminar)
Tao Liu

WIRTSCHAFTSWISSENSCHAFTEN (BA)

Topics in Economic Growth and Development (Vorlesung/Seminar)
Uğur Yeşilbayraktar

Modul W1 Grundlagen der Wirtschaftswissenschaften
Einführung in die VWL (Vorlesung/Übung)
Jens Wrona

Volkswirtschaftslehre (Seminar)
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Mathematisches Propädeutikum zur Einführung in die VWL (Vorkurs)
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SPRACHKURSE (BA MOAS)

Modul SC 2: Chinesisch Intensiv 2
Duanzhuang Zheng

Modul SC 4: Chinesisch Intensiv 4
Duanzhuang Zheng

Modul SJ 4: Japanisch Intensiv 4
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LANGUAGE COURSES (BA/MA)

Modul SJ 2 / LJ 2: Japanisch Intensiv 2 / Intensive Japanese II
Yuka Ando / Yuko Sugita / Vincent Piplack

Module SK 2 / LK 2: Intensive Korean 2
Stefan Knoob

Module SK 4 / LK 4: Intensive Korean 4
Stefan Knoob / Jaewon Nielbock-Yoon

LANGUAGE COURSES (MA)

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Fei Dou

3 SPECIAL TEACHING ACTIVITIES
ANDERE LEHRVERANSTALTUNGEN

Konzeption und Durchführung einer UDE-internen Fortbildung zum Thema Nachhaltigkeit: *Geht's noch grüner, UDE?* von **Axel Klein** mit **Elke Wittenhagen** (2. November 2023)

Werner Pascha was Visiting Professor at Ca'Foscari University, Venice/Italy, Department of Asian and North African Studies,

during March and April 2024, where he held a lecture on *Japan's Political Economy*.



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GUEST LECTURES, WORKSHOPS AND SYMPOSIA

GASTVORTRÄGE,
WORKSHOPS
UND SYMPOSIEN

1 GUEST LECTURES AT THE IN-EAST GASTVORTRÄGE IM IN-EAST

November 29, 2023

Hsin-Hui Lin (Science Fiction Writer;
National Chengchi University, Taipei):
*Beyond Boundaries, into Diverse Futu-
rities: My Journey as a Female Sci-Fi
Writer in Taiwan*
(EAF Online Colloquium)

December 6, 2023

Yu-chin Tseng (University of Tübingen):
*Students, Workers or Cash Cows? The
Double-Commodification of Southeast
Asian Students in Taiwan*
(Labor, Mobility and Migration Lecture
Series, hybrid)

January 17, 2024

Lenka Vyleťalová (Palacký University Olo-
mouc):
*Mapping the Transnational Migration of
Highly Skilled Japanese Women in Dual
Career Couple Context: A Conflict or a
Confluence of Career and Family Trajec-
tories?*
(Labor, Mobility and Migration Lecture
Series, online)

January 24, 2024

Derek Kramer (University of Sheffield):
*Flagging the Future: Science, Symbol-
ism, and Sovereignty in Post-Liberation
Korea, 1945–1950*
(EAF Online Colloquium)

January 31, 2024

Sou Hyun Jang (Korea University, Seoul):
*The Impact of Immigrants' Transnational
Ties with Their Home Countries in South
Korea*
(Labor, Mobility and Migration Lecture
Series, hybrid)

April 25, 2024

Björn Alpermann (University of Würzburg):
*'Ethnic Blending' (minzu jiaorong): The
Chinese Communist Party's Vision for
the Future of Ethnic Relations*
(EAF Online Colloquium)

April 30, 2024

Wolfgang Seifert (Universität Heidelberg):
*Zwischen China und Japan: Koreas
Untergang als Staat im Jahr 1910, mit
einem Fokus auf dem völkerrechtlichen
Aspekt*

May 2, 2024

Subodhana Wijeyeratne (Purdue Universi-
ty, West Lafayette, USA):
*The Sun and the Stars: Sino-Japanese
Space Cooperation, 1950–2000*
(EAF Online Colloquium)

May 8, 2024

Chikako Kashiwazaki (Keio University,
Tokyo):
*From Side Doors to Skill-level Shifts:
Japanese Labor Migration Policy and Its
Impact on Ethnic Diversity*
(Diversifying Immigrant Societies in (East)
Asia, online)

June 19, 2024

Peidong Yang (Nanyang Technological Uni-
versity, Singapore):
*The Insecure Migrant Middle in Singa-
pore: Research Insights on Migrant Pro-
fessionals, Immigrant Teachers, and
Immigrant Parents*

June 20, 2024

Hyung-Gu Lynn (University of British
Columbia, Vancouver):
*The History of the Growth of Korean
Popular Music from the 1930s to the
Present*

June 27, 2024

Kevin Gray (University of Sussex, Falmer/
Brighton):
*North Korean Political Economy: Histor-
ical Lineages and Future Developments*
(EAF Online Colloquium)

July 5, 2024

Karl Gustafsson (Stockholm University):
Non-traditional Deterrence in East Asia
(EAF Online Colloquium)

July 17, 2024

In-Jin Yoon (Korea University, Seoul):
*Current Status and Policy Response to
Migrant Integration and Multiculturalism
in Korea*
(Diversifying Immigrant Societies in (East)
Asia, online)

July 25, 2024

Jana S. Rožker (University of Ljubljana):
*From Non-Reality to Possibility: Sublat-
ing the Conceptions of the Future in St.
Augustine and the Later Mohist Cannon*
(EAF Online Colloquium)

2 SYMPOSIA AND CONFERENCES (CO)ORGANIZED BY IN-EAST SYMPOSIEN UND KONFERENZEN VOM IN-EAST (MIT)ORGANISIERT

October 12–14, 2023, University of Duisburg-Essen, Duisburg

ASSOCIATION OF CHINESE POLITICAL STUDIES (ACPS): 2023 ANNUAL MEETING

Organized by ACPS (Nele Noesselt)

Funded by Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)

Opening Remarks
Karen Shire (IN-EAST)

Keynote
Steve Chan (University of Colorado, Boulder): Why Thucydides’ Trap Misinforms Sino-American Relations

Panel I: China’s Global Influence
Discussant: James Paradise
Kent Freeze: Retreat and Recalibration in PRC Outward Aid and Investment
Süha Atatüre: International Relations Concepts and the PRC’s Position on the Global Order
Lu Lucie & Dai Xinyuan: Beyond Liberal Narratives: Exploring Multi-dimensional Human Rights in China’s Universal Periodic Reviews and Global South’s Alignments

Panel II: International Authors’ Workshop Panel I: China’s Rise and the Liberal World Order
Discussant: Nele Noesselt
Wei Liang: Re-embedded Liberalism to Accommodate China’s Rise: An Examination of China’s Proposals for the WTO Reform
Yi Edward Yang: Regime Security, Institutional Structure, and China’s Approach to Global Governance Reform
Margaret M. Pearson & Pedro Henrique Abelin: Trade Ties and Legislators’ Attitudes Toward China: An Early Exploration with Evidence from Brazil

Keynote
Brantly Womack (University of Virginia): Indo-Pacific v. Pacific Asia: Politics and Economics in Asia’s Future

Panel III: China, US, EU
Discussant: Wei Liang
Guo Baogang: The 118th Congress of the United States and the U.S.–China Relations
Markus Taube: Economic Statecraft as a Policy Instrument in China-European Relations
Jing Ge: Power Dynamics: The Technology Rivalry between the U.S. and China

Panel IV: Domestic Politics
Discussant: Saskia Hieber
Markus Taube & Jörn-Carsten Gottwald: Politics of Regulation and Innovation in China: What Happened to the Chinese Regulatory State?
Wai Fong Chau: The Costs of Political Life: Emigration of the Chinese Middle Class after Leadership Change
Yue Guan: Unpacking COVID-19 Vaccination Uptake in China: Voluntary Choices, Mobilized Participation, and Preferences for Western Vaccines
Dan Chen: Standup Comedy in China: Discursive Boundaries and the Cultural Power of Authenticity

Panel V: International Authors’ Workshop Panel II: China’s Rise and the Liberal World Order
Discussant: Brantly Womack
Steve Chan & Hu Weixing: Reflections on China, Rising States, and the Liberal World Order
Pu Xiaoyu: Rethinking China’s Role Choices in the Shifting World Order
Nele Noesselt: Green Power Dreams: Status Claims and Recognition Games in Times of Global Polarization

DFG Team Project (presenting author: Tanja Eckstein): The Definition of ‘Great Power’ in Chinese, Russian, and the US Domestic Debates
Guo Baogang: Assessing the Rising Dragon and the Changing World Power Constellation: The Needs for a New Paradigm

Panel VI: China & Africa & Latin America
Discussant: Benjamin Creutzfeldt
Cao Ruixing & Nele Noesselt: Political Settlement, Central-Local Relations, and China’s Overseas Operation: The Case of Ethiopia
Georg Lammich: Lost in Transfer – Tanzania’s Interpretation of China’s Foreign Policy Discourse
Ana Soliz de Stange: China’s Cooperation in the Satellite Sector in Latin America: Implications for the United States?

Special Panelists Meeting – Preparations for Finalizing the Joint Special Issue

Keynote
Rosemary Foot (University of Oxford): Reining in a Liberal UN: China, Power Shifts, and the UN’s Peace and Security Pillar

Panel VII: Governing the Green Transition in China: Multiple Stakeholders and Policy Changes
Discussant: Dan Chen
Pan Tianrong: What Makes Trans-Provincial Water Cooperation Possible in China: A Qualitative Comparative Analysis of Ecological Compensation Cases
Xie Haiyu: New Energy Policy Acceleration in Chinese Provinces: Institution and Actors’ Interaction
Sau Kan Chan: Policy Advocacy and Patterns of Policy Change: Comparing the Information Disclosure Reform in Environmental Governance with that in Public Health Governance in China
Boy Lüthje & Wei Zhao & Danielle Wu: Geopolitics and the Emerging Production Networks in the New Energy Vehicle Industry in China
James F. Paradise: Overcoming Climate Investment Gaps: Activities in China

Farewell

October 16–17, 2023, Konfuzius-Institut an der Freien Universität Berlin

DEUTSCH-CHINESISCHE BEZIEHUNGEN IM GLOBALEN KONTEXT 2023

Organisiert von Chen Hongjie (Peking University), Mechthild Leutner (Freie Universität Berlin) und Nele Noesselt (Universität Duisburg-Essen)

Panel I
Rebecca Kašēns (Auswärtiges Amt, Berlin): Die China-Strategie der Bundesregierung und ihre Umsetzung
Sun Shouliang (KP China, Beijing): Chinesisch-deutsche Beziehungen aus Sicht eines chinesischen Diplomaten in Deutschland
– Diskussion –
Michael Schumann (China-Brücke, Potsdam; Bundesverband für Wirtschaftsförderung und Außenwirtschaft (BWA), Berlin): Chance statt Risiko: Chinas Beitrag zur Mobilitätswende in Deutschland
Duan Wei (Chinesische Handelskammer in Deutschland, Berlin): Perspektivwechsel: Chancen und Herausforderungen der chinesisch-deutschen Wirtschaftsbeziehungen
– Diskussion –

Panel II
Helwig Schmidt-Glintzer (Universität Tübingen): Das Reich der Mitte und Europa
Michael Brie (Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung, Berlin): Werte oder Interessen in den chinesisch-deutschen Beziehungen – ein irreführender Gegensatz
– Diskussion –
Hu Chunchun (Shanghai International Studies University): Die China-Strategie der deutschen Bundesregierung und die Aufkündigung der Globalisierung
William C. Kirby (Harvard University, Cambridge, MA): Caught in the Cross-Fire: Germany Between the United States and China (online)
– Diskussion –
Huang Jing (Shanghai International Studies University): Global Changes and Their Impact on Chinese-European Relations
– Diskussion –
Xiong Wei (Princeton University): Der Wandel der deutschen China-Politik in den letzten 50 Jahren: Das Zusammentreffen der sicherheitspolitischen Sphären als Aufstiegs-mächte
Katja Levy (Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), Trondheim): Regelsbasierte Außenpolitik statt internationales Recht – der chinesisch-litauische Konflikt über die Taipeh/Taiwan-Vertretung in Vilnius
– Diskussion –
Hajo Funke (Freie Universität Berlin): Die Bedeutung der chinesischen Initiative für die anstehenden Friedensverhandlungen für die Ukraine
Nele Noesselt (Universität Duisburg-Essen): Neupositionierungen in einer polarisierten Welt: China und Deutschland
– Diskussion –

Panel III
Shi Shiwei (University of International Business and Economics (UIBE), Beijing): Gibt es eine Zeitenwende für deutsch-chinesische Wirtschafts- und Handelsbeziehungen? – Momentaufnahme und Perspektiven (online)
Berthold Kuhn (Freie Universität Berlin): Dynamik der Kooperation zu globalen Abkommen im Bereich Klimaschutz und Nachhaltigkeit (online)
Liu Tao (Zhejiang University, Hangzhou): Nähe schaffen – trotz der Differenz: Auf der Suche nach Gemeinsamkeiten zwischen China und Deutschland (online)
– Diskussion –
Markus Taube (Universität Duisburg-Essen): Zur Renaissance der „Economic Statecraft“ in den deutsch-chinesischen Wirtschaftsbeziehungen (online)

Mao Xiaohong (Shanghai International Studies University): Herausforderungen und Chancen der chinesisch-deutschen Hochschulkoooperation im Spannungsfeld von Politik, Bildung und Forschung (online)
– Diskussion –
Panel IV
Chen Hongjie (Peking University): Politik, Wirtschaft, Wissenschaft. Drei Logiken der deutsch-chinesischen Beziehungen?
Lian Yuru (Peking University): Ein resilientes Verhältnis zwischen China und Deutschland?
– Diskussion –
Li Yuan (Shandong University, Jinan): New Silk Road, New Initiatives, New Opportunities for China-Germany Cooperation
Alexander Libman (Freie Universität Berlin): Russia and China in the World of Competing Economic Blocks
– Diskussion –
Mechthild Leutner (Freie Universität Berlin): Deutsche Chinabilder im globalen Kontext: mediales Framing und Interessen
– Diskussion –
Schlussdiskussion

October 17, 2023, Forum Freies Theater, Düsseldorf

EINE ANDERE WOHNUNGSPOLITIK IST MÖGLICH! WAS KANN DÜSSELDORF VON WIEN LERNEN?

Gemeinschaftsveranstaltung von Bündnis für bezahlbaren Wohnraum Düsseldorf (Helmut Schneider) u.a. mit dem FB Architektur, Hochschule Düsseldorf, Bund Deutscher Architektinnen und Architekten, Mieterverein Düsseldorf.

Vortrag und Diskussion
Christian Schantl (Stadt Wien – Wiener Wohnen)

October 23–25, 2023, University of Duisburg-Essen and CityPalais, Duisburg

BRI WORKSHOP 2023

Organized by the Chair of East Asian Economic Studies – China (Markus Taube)

Welcome

Individual Contributions
Sébastien Colin (INALCO (National Institute for Eastern Languages and Civilisations), Paris): China’s Fishing Activities along the Maritime Silk Road
Karen Jackson (University of Westminster, London): Chinese Investment in Greece: Analysing the Response to a Crisis
Julien Vercueil (INALCO, Paris): Some Remarks on Russia’s Involvement into BRI Projects
Anna Shpakovskaya (University of Duisburg-Essen): Russia’s Razvorot to China and the New Face of the BRI: Implications for the EU
Maryia Danilovich (University of Göttingen): Without Loss of Enthusiasm. China in Central Asia: Going Multilateral, Securing BRI
Nele Noesselt & Jan Falk Horstmann (University of Duisburg-Essen): China’s Digital Silk Road Reloaded

Nowmay Opalinski (Institut Français de Géopolitique): Making Sense of the Data Corridors along the Digital Silk Roads: A case study of the China-Pakistan fiber-optic cable
Giulia Romano (University of Duisburg-Essen): Smart City Transfers under the Digital Silk Road: Insights from some European Cities
Markus Taube (University of Duisburg-Essen): The Belt & Road Initiative. Between Business Calculus and Economic Statecraft

Round-up

Keynote
Jörn-Carsten Gottwald (Ruhr University Bochum): Decoupling, De-Risking, or Re-Engagement? The Securitization of EU-China Policies

Discussion of Publication Project

Visit at Duisport
Conversation with Cao Guanzhe (Manager for Asia and Middle East, Duisport)

Round-up

November 3–5, 2023, Japanese-German Center Berlin (JDZB)

VSJF ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2023: LABOR AND (IM)MOBILITY IN JAPAN AND EAST AND SOUTHEAST ASIA: TRANSNATIONAL, REGIONAL AND RURAL-URBAN PERSPECTIVES

Co-organized by Qualification and Skill in the Migration Process of Foreign Workers in Asia (QuaMaFA): **Ruth Achenbach** (Goethe University Frankfurt), **Helena Hof** (University of Zurich / Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen), **Aimi Muranaka** (IN-EAST, University of Duisburg-Essen), **Joohyun Justine Park** (Goethe University Frankfurt), **Megha Wadhwa** (Free University of Berlin), and German Association for Social Science Research on Japan (VSJF) in cooperation with Japanese-German Center Berlin (JDZB)

Funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), the German Research Foundation (DFG), and Toshiba International Foundation

Welcome and Opening

Julia Münch (JDZB), **Harald Conrad** and **Anna Wiemann** (VSJF), **Aimi Muranaka** (QuaMaFA)

Keynote Speech

Biao Xiang (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle): Systemic Involution: Cynicism and Faith in Transnational Labor Outmigration from China to other Asian Countries

Panel 1: Internal Migration in Japan

Chair: **Megha Wadhwa**
Wolfram Manzenreiter (University of Vienna): Who's Working the Fields? Rural Labor Mobility in Japan
Cornelia Reiher (Free University of Berlin): (In)visible Newcomers: Migrants in Rural Japan
Lynn Ng (Free University of Berlin): The Role of Entrepreneurs in Revitalizing Fukushima's Former Exclusion Zones

Panel 2: Transnational (Labor) Migration

Chair: **Joohyun Justine Park**
David Chiavacci (University of Zurich): Controlled Opening: Immigration Policy in East Asia
Fabian Jintae Froese (University of Göttingen): Challenges and Opportunities for Female Expatriates in Asia
Sonya Sunyoung Park (University of Bamberg): Forming My Own Transnationalism: Identity Contestation and Negotiation of Korean Migrants in Germany during COVID-19

Restrictions in 2020–2021

Sakura Yamamura (RWTH Aachen University): Transnational Labor Migration in Asia and Beyond: Dynamics of Global Urbanization and Mobilities

Panel 3: Gender/Intersectionality

Chair: **Aimi Muranaka**
Yuki Seidler (University of Vienna): An Immigrant Mother of a European Child: Perinatal Acculturation Experiences, Dual Identity Change and Implication to Career (Im)mobility among East Asian Women in Austria
Nanase Shiota (University of Cambridge): Precarious Stepping-Stones: Japanese Hostesses in London and Their Labour, Career and Mobility
An Huy Tran (Bielefeld University): The Myth of Gender Mobility in Transnational Migration: The Case of Male Vietnamese Migrants in Contemporary Japan
Lenka Vyleťalová (Palacký University Olomouc): Mapping the Transnational Migration of Highly Skilled Japanese Women in Dual Career Couple Context: a Conflict or a Confluence of Career and Family Trajectories?

VSJF-Fachgruppen / VSJF Section Meetings

General Meeting of the VSJF

Panel 4: Youth Mobility/Immobility

Chair: **Ruth Achenbach**
Maria Nolan (University of London): Studying Abroad and Staying 'at Home': Reflections on International Higher Education and Migration among Students and Young Graduates in Urban China
Vanessa Tkotzyk (Goethe University Frankfurt): Japanese Students and Working Holiday Makers: Study and Working Holiday Visa as Means to Permanent Settlement?
Ruixin Wei (Goethe University Frankfurt): Middling Student Mobility: the Shifting Infrastructures of Chinese Students Studying in South Korea

Roundtable: Labor and (Im)mobility in Japan and East and Southeast Asia

Chair: **Helena Hof**
Dong-Hoon Seol (Jeonbuk National University, Jeonju)
Hirohisa Takenoshita (Keio University, Tokyo)
Yen-Fen Tseng (National Taiwan University, Taipei)

Concluding Remarks

December 14–15, 2023, Düsseldorf

GENDER WORKSHOP

DFG Research Training Group 2833 East Asian Futures

Welcome

Karen Shire

Round of Introduction

Chair: **Karen Shire**
Stephanie Sera (UDE): Special Features of the German Academic System. Career Support to Women Researchers at the University of Duisburg-Essen and the University Alliance Ruhr
Maren A. Jochimsen (UDE): Resources in gender research at the University of Duisburg-Essen and at the Ruhr University Bochum. What could come after the PhD?

Feedback and Further Planning I

Chair: **Christine Moll-Murata** (RUB)

Podium Discussion on Gender Research in East Asian Futures

Chair: **Christine Moll-Murata** (RUB)
Panelists: **Ilse Lenz** (RUB), **Karen Shire** (UDE), **Aimi Kobayashi** (Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf)

Feedback and Further Planning II

Chair: **Karen Shire** (UDE)

January 31 – February 1, 2024, University of Duisburg-Essen

QUAMAFA INTERNAL STATUS SYMPOSIUM

Ruth Achenbach (Goethe University Frankfurt), **Helena Hof** (University of Zurich / Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen), **Aimi Muranaka** (IN-EAST, University of Duisburg-Essen), **Joohyun Justine Park** (Goethe University Frankfurt), **Megha Wadhwa** (Free University of Berlin).

External experts: Prof. **Sin Yi Cheung** (Cardiff University) and Prof. **Sou Hyun Jang** (Korea University, Seoul) to comment on the ongoing collaborative project.

March 8–9, 2024, Seoul National University

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON POPULISM AND DEMOCRACY IN EAST ASIA

Co-hosted by the *Populism in East Asian Democracies* (PinEAD) project team (**Axel Klein**, **Hannes Mosler**, and **Frédéric Krumbein**).

This workshop was supported by the German Research Foundation (DFG) and the National Research Foundation of Korea (NRF).

Axel Klein (University of Duisburg-Essen): Combustibles, Fuel & Fire: A Psychological (?) Approach to Transgressive Populism
Discussant: **Shang E. Ha** (Sogang University, Seoul)

Hannes Mosler (University of Duisburg-Essen): Latent Triggers for Populism in South Korea
Discussant: **Myunghoon Kang** (Pohang University of Science and Technology)

Changrhyong Oh (National Assembly Research Service): Political Values of South Korean Millennials: Between Populism and Meritocracy?
Discussant: **Sejin Koo** (Inha University, Incheon)

Willy Jou (Waseda University, Tokyo): Looking for Populist Issues and Parties in Japan
Discussant: **Jung-Hwan Lee** (Seoul National University)

Frédéric Krumbein (Tel Aviv University): The Role of Populism in Taiwan's 2024 Election
Discussant: **Young Hee Chang** (Chungnam National University, Daejeon)

Chulki Hong (Korea Institute for National Unification): From Minjung to P'op'yullijŭm: A Conceptual History of Populism in South Korea, 1920–2020
Discussant: **Whi Chang** (Yonsei Institute for North Korean Studies, Seoul)

Joohyung Kim (Seoul National University): Populism and Democracy: Redirecting the Debate
Discussant: **Willy Jou**

March 19–20, 2024, University of Duisburg-Essen (online)

THIRD ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON THE FUTURE OF MULTILATERALISM BETWEEN MULTIPOLARITY AND POPULISTS IN POWER

Organized by European Center for Populism Studies (ECPS) / **İbrahim Öztürk** (IN-EAST and ECPS)

Opening Session

Welcome Remarks
İbrahim Öztürk

Opening Speech

Irina von Wiese (ECPS)
Moderator: **Simon P. Watmough** (ECPS)

Keynote Speech

Barrie Axford (Oxford Brookes University): The Implications of Rising Multipolarity for Authoritarian Populist Governance, Multilateralism, and the Nature of New Globalization

Panel I: Interactions Between Multilateralism, Multi-Order World, and Populism
Moderator: **Albena Azmanova** (University of Kent, Canterbury)

Stewart Patrick (Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington DC): Reimagining Global Economic Governance and the State of the Global Governance
Viktor Jakupec (Deakin University, Geelong/Melbourne and Potsdam University): Multipolarity and a post-Ukraine War New World Order: The Rise of Populism

Panel II: The Future of Democracy Between Resilience & Decline
Moderator: **Nora Fisher-Onar** (University of San Francisco)

James Bacchus (University of Central Florida, Orlando): The Impact of Populist Authoritarian Politics on the Future Course of Globalization, Economics, the Rule of Law and Human Rights
Kurt Weyland (University of Texas at Austin): Resilience of Democracies Against the Authoritarian Populism
Marina Nord (University of Gothenburg): Global Trends for Democracy and Autocracy: On the Third Wave of Autocratization and the Cases of Democratic Reversals

Keynote Speech

Robert Kuttner (Brandeis University, Waltham, Mass.): How Globalization, under Neoliberal Auspices, Has Stimulated Right-wing Populism and What Might Be Done to Arrest That Tendency?

Panel III: Globalization in Transition

Moderator: **Anna Shpakovskaya** (IN-EAST)
Steven R. David (Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore): China's Appeal to Populist Leaders: A Friend in Need is a Friend Indeed
Jinghan Zeng (Lancaster University, Preston): Belt and Road Initiative: China's Vision for Globalization?
Humphrey Hawksley: Predicting the Nature of the Next Generation Globalization under China, Multipolarity, and Authoritarian Populism

Special Commentator: **Ho Tze Ern Benjamin** (Nanyang Technological University, Singapore)

Closing Session: Economic Implications of Rising Populism and Multipolarity
Moderator: **Patrick Holden** (University of Plymouth)

Giorgio Sacerdoti (Bocconi University, Milan): Demise of Multilateralism and Politicization of International Trade Relations and the Multilateral Trading System

Closing Remarks

Cengiz Aktar (University of Athens)

April 12, 2024, University of Duisburg-Essen

OSTASIEN-GESPRÄCHE: DIE PARLAMENTSWAHL IN SÜDKOREA UND DER STAND DER LIBERALEN DEMOKRATIE IN OSTASIEN

Organized by the IN-EAST

Begrüßung

Nicolas Schillinger (IN-EAST)

Vorträge

Hannes Mosler (IN-EAST): Die Bedeutung der südkoreanischen Parlamentswahl vom 10. April 2024

Frédéric Krumbein (University of Tel Aviv): Die Bedeutung von Taiwans Wahl am 13. Januar 2024

Axel Klein (IN-EAST): Die endlosen Leiden der japanischen Demokratie

Abschlussdiskussion

May 21, 2024, Virtual Event

DIVERSITY WORKSHOP

DFG Research Training Group 2833 East Asian Futures

Introduction

Matteo Garavoglia (Tsinghua University)

Discussion

June 5, 2024, University of Duisburg-Essen, Duisburg

CHINA IN A WORLD OF ACUTE CRISES

Organized by AREA Ruhr

Begrüßung
Sebastian Bersick (AREA Ruhr, Ruhr University Bochum)

Roundtable Discussion
Brantly Womack (University of Virginia)
Nele Noesselt (IN-EAST)
Jörn-Carsten Gottwald (Ruhr University Bochum)

June 7, 2024, Tec-Tower, Tectrum, Duisburg

28. DUISBURGER OSTASIENTAG: DIE BEDEUTUNG DER ASIEN-PAZIFIK-REGION IM 21. JAHRHUNDERT

Veranstaltet zum **30. Jahrestag** der Gründung (1994) des Instituts für Ostasienwissenschaften (IN-EAST)

Begrüßung und Einführung
Hannes Mosler (IN-EAST)
Markus Taube (IN-EAST)

Ostasien in der Asien-Pazifik-Ära
Moderation: **Hannes Mosler**
Patrick Köllner (GIGA Hamburg): Von Asien-Pazifik zu Indo-Pazifik: Geostrategie und Institutionengefüge in Asien
Moderation: **Nele Noesselt** (IN-EAST)
Eric Ballbach (SWP Berlin): Außenpolitik Nord- und Südkoreas in der Ära des Indo-Pazifiks
Frédéric Krumbein (Tel Aviv University): Diktaturen gegen Demokratien? – Die Rolle von Menschenrechten in Indo-Pazifik-Strategien und in Chinas Asienpolitik
Moderation: **Hannes Mosler**

Forschung am IN-EAST – Buchpräsentation
Immigration and Quality of Life in Ageing Societies. How Attractive for Migrants are Japan and Germany?
von **Aimi Muranaka**, **Florian Coulmas** (beide IN-EAST) und **Zi Wang** (Nanjing University; nicht anwesend)

Podiumsdiskussion: Die Asien-Pazifik-Region und die Rolle der universitären Forschung und Ausbildung
Moderation: **Nicole Bastian** (Handelsblatt)
Verena Blechinger-Talcott (FU Berlin)
Thomas Heberer (IN-EAST)
Dirk Petzold (MAN Energy Solutions)

July 18–20, 2024, University of Duisburg-Essen

INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY OF LABOR MIGRATION

Organized by the International Sociological Association’s Research Committee on Economy & Society (or RC02) (**Heidi Gottfried**) and the IN-EAST: **Karen Shire**, **Sandhya A.S.**, **Dirk Bremann**

Funding and logistics: International Sociological Association’s Research Committee (RC 02) on Economy & Society, World Society Foundation, Critical Sociology, University of Maryland, Wayne State University and University of Duisburg-Essen

Welcome and Introductions
Heidi Gottfried (Wayne State University)
Karen A. Shire (IN-EAST)

Plenary I: Migration Politics
Chair: **Karen A. Shire**
Discussant: **Heidi Gottfried**

Keynote
Eleonore Kofman (Middlesex University, London): Empire Revived? The Political Economy of Post-Brexit Migration Policies in the UK

Keynote
Rina Agarwala (Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore): The Migration Development Regime: How Class Shapes Indian Emigration

Session 1: Book Salon ‘Homecare for Sale. The Transnational Brokering of Senior Care in Europe’, ed. by Brigitte Aulenbacher (Johannes Kepler University Linz), Helma Lutz (Goethe University Frankfurt), Ewa Palenga-Möllenberg, and Karin Schwiter, 2024
Chair: **Karin Gottschall** (University of Bremen)
Critic: **Sabrina Marchetti** (Ca’Foscari University of Venice), **Attila Melegh** (Corvinus University of Budapest), **Isabel Shutes** (London School of Economics)

Session 2: High Skilled Mobility I
Chair: **Steve Richard Entrich** (IN-EAST, University of Duisburg-Essen)
Feng Xu (University of Victoria, B.C.): Chinese Education Migrants “at Home”, “Abroad” and “Returned”
Anju Mary Paul, **Mustafa Yavas**, **Sejin Park** (New York University Abu Dhabi): Feeling at Home in the Global City: The Distinct Appeal of Dubai for Non-western Expatriates
Gracia Liu-Farrer (Waseda University, Tokyo): Social Construction of Skill in International Migration from the Global South Perspectives

Session 3: Navigating Control
Chair: **Ardita Osmani** (IN-EAST, University of Duisburg Essen)
Sandhya A.S. (Bielefeld University): Cooperation or Control?: Dissecting Market Perspective in the Migrant Labor Recruitment Industry
Janina Puder (University of Kassel): Cheap Labour, (Un)Organised Workers: The Super-exploitation of Labour Migrants in the Malaysian Palm Oil Industry
Aimi Muranaka (IN-EAST, University of Duisburg-Essen): Socially Constructed Labels as Control of Facilitating Factors? Study on the Labour Mobility of Vietnamese IT Professionals in Japan

Session 4: Spatial Politics of Migration
Chair: **Heidi Gottfried**
Helma Lutz (Goethe University Frankfurt): Amending the Geopolitical Framing of Care-Worker Migration
Friedrich Poeschel, **Nikolaj Broberg**, **Jerome Gonnot**, **Martin Ruhs** (European University Institute, Fiesole/Florence): Essential Work, Migrant Labour: What Explains Migrant Employment in European Key Sectors?
Ines Alisa Wagner, **Devi Sachetto** (University of Oslo): Transnational Labour Super-mobility in a Multinational Company: The Fincantieri/Vard Case

Session 5: Hierarchies of Labor Regulation
Colin Davis (University of Alabama at Birmingham)
Madeline Y. Hsu (University of Maryland): Strategizing the Future of Migration Studies: Conceptual Gambits from the Cambridge History of Global Migrations Vol. II (CHGM)
Shenglin Elijah Chang (National Taiwan University, Taipei): Transnational Family Dynamics: Professional Migrants, Enclaves, and Transnational Lives
Monique Laney (Auburn University, Alabama): Exploring the Roots of Today’s Global Competition for Skilled Migrants

Session 6: Migration Governance
Chair: **Duaa Kattana** (University of Duisburg-Essen)
Florian Zimmermann (Institute for Employment Research (IAB), Nürnberg), **Tobias Wolbring** (Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg), **Eric Fong** (University of Hong Kong (HKU)): Do Collective Agreements and Works Councils Narrow Immigrant-Native Wage Gaps for Disadvantaged Immigrant Groups? Novel evidence from German-linked employer-employee data
Candost Aydin, **Nur Sultan Cirakman** (Middle East Technical University, Ankara):

Place-Based and Transnational Strategies for Advancing Rights: A case study of Syrians under temporary protection in Turkey
Margit Fauser (Ruhr University Bochum): “If you lose your job, you lose your papers”. Interconnects between Labour and the Border Regime in Comparative Perspective

Session 7: Social Reproduction
Chair: **Helma Lutz**
Penelope Ciancanelli (University of Glasgow): Moving to Stay in Place
Eleonore Kofman, **Runa Lazzarino** (Middlesex University, London), **Jiyar Aghapouri** (American University of Kurdistan, Duhok/Iraq), **Zeynep Ceren Eren**: Women Migrants Domestic Work: Comparing Institutions and Experiences across four Global South Countries

Session 8: Book Salon ‘Trafficking Chains: Modern Slavery in Society’ by Sylvia Walby & Karen Shire
Chair: **Heidi Gottfried**
Critic: **Eileen C. Boris** (UC Santa Barbara), **Miriam Rehm** (University of Duisburg-Essen)

Session 9: Recruitment
Chair: **Aimi Muranaka**
Sadhana Manik (University of KwaZulu Natal): A Neocolonial and Political Economy Optic into Recruitment Policies and Practices Governing Teacher Migration from South Africa
Sandhya A.S.: Institutional Embeddedness of Migration Brokerage: The Case of Runaway Migrants in Nepal-Malaysia Corridor
Liberty Chee (Ca’ Foscari University of Venice): Quality Control, Mediation and Management: Recruitment Agencies and Domestic Worker Migration in Southeast Asia

Plenary II: Migration, Dissent and Dialogue
Chair: **Polina Manolova** (University of Tübingen)
Panelist: **Angie Garcia**, *Waling-Waling* (UK)
Panelist: **Khadija Najlaoui**, *Unite the Union* (UK)
Panelist: **Szabolcs Sepsi**, *Fair Mobility* (Germany)

Reception Dinner

Session 10: Intersections Among Gender, Race and Class
Chair: **Alessandra Gissi** (University of Naples “L’Orientale”)
Eileen C. Boris: Trafficking in Immigrant Women’s Labor: Visas for Live-in Maids and the Crisis of Social Reproduction, 1965–1970
Laura Schettini (University of Padua): Migrant Women Between Sex Work and Domestic Work in the First Half of the 20th Century

Elisa Camiscioli (Binghamton University, New York): Victimhood, Age, and Consent: Transatlantic Migrations for Sexual Labor in the Early Twentieth Century
Jessica Pliley (Texas State University, San Marcos): Policing Trans-border Sex Markets: US-Canadian Sexual Laborer Mobilities

Session 11: India’s Migration Development Regime
Chair: **Rina Agarwala**
Nandini Dey (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor): An Imperial Migration-Development Regime? The Infrastructure of Migration Management under the British Empire in South Asia
Ashwin Kumar (Cornell University, Ithaca, NY): Tracing the Evolution of India’s Emigration Governance Institutions: A Historical-Institutionalist Approach
Binod Khadria (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi), **Ratnam Mishra** (Delhi Technological University): Migration, Pandemic and the Remittances in India and South Asia: Beyond the Migration-Development Nexus

Session 12: Migrants Confront the Socio-Political Realities of the US (1850–1910)
Chair: **Mischa Honeck** (University of Kassel)
Tina Langholm Larsen (University of Southern Denmark, Odense): Navigating Child Institutionalization: Family Crisis among Scandinavian Immigrant Laborers in Late Nineteenth-Century Chicago
Mark Alan Lause (University of Cincinnati, em.): The Social Democratic Workers: Myths and Method in the Transnational Making of an American Socialist Party
Thomas Edgar Alter (Texas State University, San Marcos): The Legacy of 48ers within Texas Political Culture, 1850–1917

Session 13: Composition, Sectors and Technologies
Chair: **Ursula Mense-Petermann** (Bielefeld University)
Hilary Catherine Goodfriend (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Ciudad de México): The U.S.-Latin America Migration Pattern in Crisis: An Analysis from Marxist Dependency Theory
Mateus Mendonça (Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore): Entangled Platforms: Migration and Food Delivery in the UK, Brazil and United States
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Anna Simola (Université catholique de Louvain (UCLouvain)): Disposable Labour? Social Reproductive Struggles of Precarious Young EU Migrants under Neoliberal Regimes of Mobility, Work and Welfare
Ott Marlen (University of Kassel): The Plantation Labour Regime beyond the Plantation? Nicaraguan Labor Migration in Northern Costa Rica
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Amratha Lekshmi A J (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi): ‘Trust My Competency’: A Study on Deskillling of Overseas Nurses from Kerala, India in Britain

Pablo Sebastián Gómez (CONICET-UNC, Córdoba/Argentina): Labor Incorporation of South-South Migrants and Their Children in Argentina: Intersections among Gender, Generations and Occupation
David B. Feldman (Oberlin College, Ohio): Sifting Through the Surplus: The “Refugee Crisis” and Precarious Migrant Labor

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Chair: **Anita Koo** (Hong Kong Baptist University)
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Kaxton Siu (Hong Kong Baptist University): China’s Transnational Capital in Vietnam and Cambodia and Their Impact on Industrial Relations Systems and Labour Standards
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Chair: **Sandhya As**
Colleen Woods (University of Maryland): Mobile Workers and Immobile Laws: Low-Wage Labor in the Post-WWII Pacific
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Neelanjana Parker Talwar (Recent Graduate of Penn State University): Strategic Pathways of Senegalese Street Vendors in Barcelona, Spain: Migrants’ Agency in Processes of Regularization
Rashmi Pal, Sunita Singh (University of Delhi): Gender and Tibetan Migrants in India: A Life Discourse Analysis

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Will Riddell (University of Toronto, Scarborough): Agents of Empire: White Merchant Sailors and U.S. Imperial Expansion
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Javier Pineda Duque, Carolina Moreno Velásquez, María Camila Vega (Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá), **Suelen Castiblanco** (Universidad de la Salle, Bogotá): Reframing Care Work and Migration: An Analysis of Venezuelan Women’s South-South Migration to Colombia
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Session 24: Violence
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August 8, 2024, Centre for Global Cooperation Research (University of Duisburg-Essen), Duisburg

WORKSHOP WITH MERCATOR FELLOW KAORI HAYASHI

DFG Research Training Group 2833 East Asian Futures
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Greeting
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Kaori Hayashi (University of Tokyo): Japanese Media in an Age of Digitization
Karen Shire: Labour Markets Crossing National Borders
Florian Coulmas (IN-EAST): The Demographic Future of East Asia as a Research Topic
Aimi Muranaka (IN-EAST): Qualification and Skill in the Migration Process of Foreign Workers in Asia: The Case of Vietnamese IT Professionals in Japan.
Axel Klein (IN-EAST): Populism in East Asian Democracies: The Case of Japan
Q&A: **Willi Jou** (Waseda University, Tokyo)
Kerstin Lukner (AREA Ruhr): Recent Changes in Japan’s Security Policy

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Kohei Matsuura
Igor Sevenard
Erik Rien
Aniela Tyborski

Final Discussion

September 8, 2024, Düsseldorf

DER VOLKSGARTEN – EIN GARTEN FÜR DAS VOLK!

Veranstaltung der Oberbilker Geschichtsinitiative *Aktion Oberbilker Geschichte(n)*, Tag des offenen Denkmals. Konzept, Organisation, Mitwirkung: **Helmut Schneider.**

September 16, 2024, Confucius Institute at Freie University Berlin

SINO-GERMAN RELATIONS IN TIMES OF GLOBAL CRISES

Hosted by: **Chen Hongjie,** Peking-Universität, **Mechthild Leutner,** Freie Universität Berlin, **Nele Noesselt,** Universität Duisburg-Essen.
This event is a follow-up to the workshop *German-Chinese Relations in an International Context 2023* held in October 2023.

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Mechthild Leutner, Chen Hongjie, Nele Noesselt

Panel I: Political Relations I
Chair: Nele Noesselt
Jiang Feng (Shanghai International Studies University): Die Zukunft Europas und das strategische Gleichgewicht
Eberhard Sandschneider (Freie Universität Berlin): German-Chinese Relations in an Era of Global Crisis
– *Discussion* –
Chair/Discussant: **Helwig Schmidt-Glintzer** (Universität Tübingen)
Michael Staack (Helmut-Schmidt-Universität / Universität der Bundeswehr Hamburg): Germany’s First China Strategy – A Comprehensive Approach?
Xiong Wei (China Foreign Affairs University, Beijing): Trust in German Diplomacy and Building the China-German Trusting Relationship
– *Discussion* –

Panel II: Sino-German Relations in Times of (Global) Crises
Chair/Discussant: **Eberhard Sandschneider**
Zhang Le (Peking University): Crescendo of Dissonance: China-Germany and Germany-China Higher Education Collaboration in Geopolitical Perspective
Gu Su (Beijing Foreign Studies University): Germany’s Approach to the Global South and the German-Chinese Relation
Chen Hongjie: Deutschlandkompetenz an chinesischen Hochschulen: Charakteristika und Tendenzen
– *Discussion* –

Huang Jing (Shanghai International Studies University): Prospect of Chinese-German Relations in the Context of the Ukraine War and the Ultra-rightist Momentum in Germany
Hajo Funke (FU Berlin): Global Politics: China’s Initiatives for Negotiations in Ukraine and Gaza
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Panel III: Historical and Philosophical Foundations of Sino-German Relations
Chair/Discussant: **Xiong Wei**
Shih Chih-yu (NTU, Taipei): Security as Civilized Colonialism: What Does China Know about Multilateralism?
Mechthild Leutner: Post-colonial Perspectives on Chinese-German Relations
– *Discussion* –
Hu Chunchun (Shanghai Academy of Global Governance and Area Studies): From Celan’s Death Fugue to the ICC Arrest Warrant. A Chinese Perspective on the Dilemma in the Post-war Construction of German Identity
Helwig Schmidt-Glintzer: China’s Renaissance and Europe’s Turning Inward
Nele Noesselt: Triangular Relations: Sino-German Relations and the US

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EETU LAUSTELA

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July 24, 2024
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September 16, 2024
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April 2024
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MARKUS TAUBE

October 11, 2023
Was will – und was kann – eine staatliche China-Strategie leisten?! – Vortrag im Rahmen des Wirtschaftspolitischen Forums der Evangelischen Akademie Frankfurt, Frankfurt am Main.

October 13, 2023
‘Economic Statecraft’ as a Policy Instrument in China-European Relations – Presentation at the 2023 Annual Meeting of the Association of Chinese Political Studies (ACPS) hosted at the University of Duisburg-Essen, Duisburg.

October 13, 2023
(with Jörn-Carsten Gottwald) *Politics of Regulation and Innovation in China: What Happened to the Chinese Regulatory State?* – Presentation at the 2023 Annual Meeting of the Association of Chinese Political Studies (ACPS) hosted at the University of Duisburg-Essen, Duisburg.

October 17, 2023
Zur Renaissance der „Economic Statecraft“ in den deutsch-chinesischen Wirtschaftsbeziehungen – Vortrag im Rahmen des Workshops *Deutsch-Chinesische Beziehungen im globalen Kontext 2023*, Ausgerichtet von Mechthild Leutner (Freie Universität Berlin), Chen Hongjie (Peking Universität) und Nele Noesselt (Universität Duisburg-Essen, Berlin / digitaler Raum.

October 20, 2023
AI-driven Research and Innovation: Institutional Requirements and Regulatory Learning-by-Doing – Presentation at the Tianjin Forum 2023 *China and the World in the New Digital Era*, organized by Nankai University and Chey Institute of Advanced Studies, Tianjin.

October 24, 2023
The Belt & Road Initiative. Between Business Calculus and Economic Statecraft. – Presentation at the Workshop *The Belt and Road Initiative Revisited: Time for a Restart? II*, organized by Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales (INALCO) and the Institute of East Asian Studies (IN-EAST), Duisburg.

October 25, 2023
Chinas Wirtschaft nach Corona und Zeitenwende – Eine erste Bestandsaufnahme. – Vortrag im Rahmen der Vortragsreihe der Gesellschaft für Deutsch-Chinesische Freundschaft (GDCF) Düsseldorf e.V. – Arbeitskreis Wirtschaft Düsseldorf.

October 31, 2023
Die deutsch-chinesischen Wirtschaftsbeziehungen im Zeichen der Rückkehr von „Economic Statecraft“. – Vortrag im Rahmen des Deutsch-Chinesischen Wirtschaftstags 2023, ausgerichtet von der Deutsch-Chinesischen Wirtschaftsvereinigung Düsseldorf.

October 31, 2023
Chinas Wirtschaft nach Corona und Zeitenwende – Wacklige Erholung und zunehmende Politisierung. – Vortrag bei der Industrie- und Handelskammer Siegen und der Gesellschaft für Deutsch-Chinesische Freundschaft Siegen e.V.

November 8, 2023
Studying the Chinese Innovation System: What Can the Triple Helix Model Contribute? – Presentation at the Online Workshop *Unternehmensnahe Innovation in und mit China / Corporate Innovation in and with China*, organized by the *UII China* BMBF Project Consortium, Virtual Space.

December 14, 2023
China 2023 – Ein Jahresrückblick. – Vortrag im Rahmen des *Chinaforum Breakfast Club*, ausgerichtet vom Chinaforum Bayern und dem Haus der Bayerischen Wirtschaft, München.

December 14, 2023
China – Global Player mit nationaler und globaler Agenda. Ein Blick auf grundlegende Strukturen und Entwicklungstrends. – Vortrag an der Akademie für Lehrerfortbildung und Personalführung, Dillingen an der Donau.

December 15, 2023
China 2023 – Ein Jahresrückblick. – Vortrag im Rahmen des *Chinaforum Breakfast Club*, ausgerichtet vom Chinaforum Bayern und der Industrie- und Handelskammer Nürnberg für Mittelfranken, Nürnberg.

January 18, 2024
Unternehmertum, Innovation, Reformstau – Chinas Wirtschaft in der Krise? – Podiumsdiskussion im Rahmen der Dialogreihe *Chinas Moderne Begreifen*, ausgerichtet vom Center for Advanced Security, Strategic and Integration Studies der Universität Bonn und der Friedrich Naumann Stiftung, Virtueller Raum.

February 9, 2024
Chinas Volkswirtschaft im Umbruch. Richtungssuche inmitten multipler Krisen. – Vortrag im Rahmen des 195. Jour Fixe der Stiftung ex oriente, ausgerichtet vom Konfuzius-Institut München.

February 21, 2024
Chinas Innovationssystem und Konzept einer innovationsgetriebenen Wirtschaftsentwicklung: Europas Rolle für diese und Rückwirkungen auf Europa. – Vortrag im Rahmen des *Regionaltreffen ENTRANCE* im BMBF-Programm *Regio-China*, ausgerichtet vom Forschungszentrum Jülich und der RWTH Aachen, Aachen.

February 22, 2024
Chinas Volkswirtschaft: aktuelle Herausforderungen und Entwicklungen. – Vortrag im Rahmen der Veranstaltung *Aktuelle Fragen der Wirtschafts- und Sozialpolitik* der Akademie für Politische Bildung Tutzing.

February 22, 2024
China in 2023 – Ökonomische Konsolidierung und „Economic Statecraft“. – Festvortrag auf dem Chinesischen Neujahrs-Empfang des Konfuzius-Instituts Nürnberg-Erlangen an der Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Nürnberg.

March 1, 2024
Markets and the State – Appraising the Formative Forces of the Contemporary Global Economy. – Presentation at the School of Economics, Nankai University, Tianjin.

March 5, 2024
Research on Innovation in China. – Presentation at Hainan Bielefeld University of Applied Sciences, Hainan Lingshui Li'an International Education Innovation Pilot Zone.

March 21, 2024
Rethinking European Industrial Policy in the Face of the China Challenge. – Podium discussion in the framework of the event *Manufacturing Europe's Future: How to Combat Growing Deindustrialisation and Ensure Good Industrial Jobs?*, organized by AEGIS Europe and IndustriAll European Trade Union, Brussels.

April 23, 2024
Wirtschaftliche Entwicklung in der VR China – Richtungssuche inmitten multipler Krisen. – Vortrag am Konfuzius-Institut Metropole Ruhr, Duisburg.

May 2, 2024
Aktuelle Entwicklungen in der chinesische Volkswirtschaft – Katharsis oder Agonie? – Vortrag im Rahmen des WSH-Dialogs der WSH Deutsche Vermögenstreuhand GmbH, Virtueller Raum.

June 13, 2024
Wettbewerb in und aus China – Vortrag im Rahmen des 16. Wissenschaftsforums Mobilität *New Players in Mobility*, ausgerichtet vom Lehrstuhl für ABWL & Int. Automobilmanagement an der Universität Duisburg-Essen, Duisburg.

June 28, 2024
A Few Comments on the New Politics of Regulation and Innovation in China. – Presentation at the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE) 36th Annual Conference, Limerick.

July 8–11, 2024
Game Theory: On the Restrictions and Foundations of Cooperation – Lecture in the framework of the Nankai University International Economics Summer School 2024, organized by the School of Economics, Nankai University, Tianjin.

July 16, 2024
Aktuelle Entwicklungen in der chinesischen Volkswirtschaft – Richtungssuche inmitten multipler Krisen. – Vortrag beim Konfuzius-Institut an der Freien Universität Berlin.

July 18, 2024
‘New Quality Productive Forces’ and Their Relevance for Innovation in China. – Presentation at the Online Workshop *Unternehmensnahe Innovation in und mit China / Corporate Innovation in and with China*, organized by the *UII China* BMBF Project Consortium, Virtual Space.

JENS WRONA

February 27 – March 1, 2024
Connecting EU Regions: The Influence of Road Construction on Regional Trade. – 25. Göttinger Workshop *Internationale Wirtschaftsbeziehungen*, Göttingen.

June 27, 2024
Culture, Tastes, and Market Integration: Testing the Localized Tastes Hypothesis. – AREA Ruhr Lecture Series, online.

September 12–14, 2024
Culture, Tastes, and Market Integration: Testing the Localized Tastes Hypothesis. – European Trade Study Group (ETSG) 2024, Athen.



PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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Member of the Editorial Board, *Journal of Chinese Governance* (Taylor & Francis)

Member of the Editorial Board, *International Journal of Political Science & Diplomacy* (Graphy)

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HELMUT SCHNEIDER ÜBER BAU- UND WOHNUNGSPOLITIK IN DÜSSELDORF

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Auswege aus der Wohnungskrise – Was lässt sich von Wien lernen? In: *Stattzeitung Terz*, 10/2023

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(Rezension) Profitgier und Verdrängung im christlichen Immobiliengeschäft. – über Ralf Hutter: Der Hausherr gibt es, der Hausherr nimmt es. Profitgier und Verdrängung im christlichen Immobiliengeschäft. Augsburg: Alibri, 2023. Artikel von **Helmut Schneider** in *Stattzeitung Terz*, 3/2024, S. 15.

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Eine andere Wohnungspolitik ist möglich! Was kann Düsseldorf wohnungspolitisch von Wien lernen? Artikel von **Helmut Schneider** in *Stattzeitung Terz*, 7-8/2024, S. 6.

Carsch-Haus als potemkinsches Dorf: Immobilienkrise und Signa-Pleite. Artikel von **Helmut Schneider** in *Stattzeitung Terz*, 7-8/2024, 7–10.

Spekulationsbrache Glashüttenareal: Wie geht es in Gerresheim weiter? Artikel von **Helmut Schneider** in *Stattzeitung Terz*, 7-8/2024, S. 9.

Mieter*innen als Renditehemmnis – Düsseldorf-Golzheim: Widerstand gegen Verdrängung. Artikel von **Helmut Schneider** in *Stattzeitung Terz*, 9/2024, 16–18.

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Japan und dann das: #09: Markenschädlinge – Podcast von **Axel Klein**, Dezember 2023.

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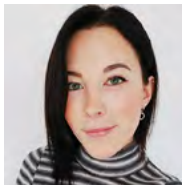
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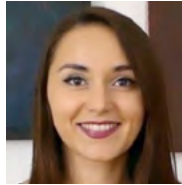
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