

**VSJF Annual Conference Program**  
**“Metropolitan Japan in Historical and Contemporary Perspective”**

8-10 November 2019

**Thursday, November 7:**

13.00-18.00 **Session I: 26th Gender Workshop**

18.00 **Exhibition Opening: Populär-Japonismus (Popular Japonism)**  
**Prof. Dr. em. Erich Pauer (Centre Européen d'Etudes Japonaises d'Alsace - CEEJA, France)**

**Friday, November 8:**

9.00-12.00 **Session II: 26th Gender Workshop**

12.00 – 13.00 **Arrival and Registration**

13.00-13.30 **Opening Ceremony**

13.30-14.30 **Keynote: Prof. Dr. Saskia Sassen (Columbia University, USA)**

15.30-18.00 **Panel 1: Tōkyō through the lense of the 2020 Olympics**  
**Chair: Dr. Barbara Holthus (German Institute for Japanese Studies – DIJ, Japan)**

**Dr. Sonja Ganseforth (German Institute for Japanese Studies – DIJ, Japan)**  
**“Anti-Olympic movements in Tokyo and the struggle for the city”**

**Dr. Nora Kottmann (German Institute for Japanese Studies – DIJ, Japan)**  
**“Reality check: The Olympic vision of ‘Unity in diversity’ versus Tokyo’s ‘hyper solo society’”**

**Dr. Ralph Lützel (Vienna University, Austria)**  
**“Reworking the entrepreneurial city: Tokyo 2020 and neighborhood transformation”**

**Florian Purkarthofer, M.A. (Vienna University, Austria)**  
**“Change in an ever-changing city – the impact of Tokyo 2020 Olympic games on architecture and city planning”**

**Dr. Torsten Weber (German Institute for Japanese Studies – DIJ, Japan)**  
**“Tokyo’s Olympic past: Patterns of Forgetting and Remembrance”**

18.30-19.00 **Reception: The Mayor of Bochum**  
 Location: Bochum City Hall

19.00-: **Dinner**

**Saturday, November 9**

9.00-11.00 **Panel 2: Governing Cities and Prefectures: The Interactions between Local Governments and Citizens**  
Chair: Dr. Momoyo Hüstebeck (IN-EAST, University of Duisburg-Essen)

**Dr. Momoyo Hüstebeck (University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany)**  
“Cities and Participation: Planning Cells for Integrating Citizens into the Municipal Decision-Making Process”

**Prof. Dr. Takashi Machimura (Hitotsubashi University, Germany)**  
“The Policy Coalition for the “Global City 2.0”? Changing Local Power Structures and the Position of Civil Society Organizations in Tokyo”

**Dr. Keisuke Mori (International Christian University, Japan)**  
“Are Autonomous Municipalities through Civic-Oriented Activism Possible? Attempts to Dodge the Subsidy Dependence from Central Government’s Policies on US Military Base Issue”

**Dr. Keiichi Satoh (University of Konstanz, Germany) and Masashi Kurihara, M.A. (Hitotsubashi University, Japan)**  
“Who Participates? Analyzing Inclusion and Exclusion in Local Governance Using Citizen Group Surveys After 3/11”

11.00-12.00 **Keynote: Prof. Dr. André Sørensen (University of Toronto, Canada)**

12.00-13.00: **Lunch**

13.00-13.30 **Prof. Dr. Mikiko Ishikawa (Chuo University, Japan)**  
“Historical Evolution of Green and Water Infrastructure Planning in Metropolitan Tokyo and its Perspectives”

13.30-14.00 **Rebecca Tompkins, M.A. (Senshu University, Japan)**  
“Let It Burn: Waste Management in Early Twentieth-Century Tokyo”

14.00-15.30 **Panel 3: Demographic Change, Housing Issues and Governance**  
Chair:

**Prof. Dr. Sayaka Fujii (University of Tsukuba, Japan)**  
“Reshaping a greying suburb housing estate in the Tokyo metropolitan suburb”

**Shuang Wang, B.A. (University of Tsukuba, Japan)**  
“Future of the Public Housing Densely Inhabited by Foreigners in Japan”

**Prof. Dr. Fumihiko Seta (Department of Urban Engineering, The University of Tokyo, Japan)**  
“Regional Governance in Shrinking Metropolitan Areas: The Case of Osaka/Kansai in Japan”

15.30-16.00: **Coffee break**

- 16.00-18.00 **VSJF Section Meetings  
Session I-VIII**
- Bildung und Erziehung**
- Geschichte**
- Kultur und Medien**
- Politik**
- Soziologie und Sozialanthropologie**
- Stadt- und Regionalforschung**
- Technik**
- Wirtschaft**
- 18.30-19.30 **VSJF General Meeting**
- 19.30- : **Dinner**

**Sunday, November 10**

- 10.00-10.30 **Dr. Beate Löffler (University of Duisburg-Essen/TU Dortmund, Germany)**  
**“Intertwined narratives of progress and tradition: Tokyo as a modern capital city”**
- 10.30-11.00 **Prof. Dr. Evelyn Schulz (München University (LMU), Germany)**  
**“Transnational entanglements of urban discourse in Meiji Japan: Capturing Tokyo in writings of Mori Ōgai, Kōda Rohan, and Nagai Kafū”**
- 11.00-11.30: **Coffee break**
- 11.30-12.00 **Sarah Tanke, M.A. (CERI – Center for International Studies, Sciences Po, France)**  
**“The growing importance of city diplomacy: Tokyo’s role as an international actor”**
- 12.00-12.15 **Closing Ceremony**
- 13.00-14.00: **Guided Tour “Underworld” (Jahrhunderthalle)**
- 14.00- **Individual Lunch**