2019 Annual Conference of the German Association for Social Science Research on Japan
“Metropolitan Japan in Historical and Contemporary Perspective”

Ruhr University Bochum, 7-10 November 2019

Thursday, 7 November 2019

13.00-18.00  The 26th Gender Workshop, Session I  (Venue: IA Bldg., Level 1, Room 123)
18.00  Exhibition Opening: Populär-Japonismus (Popular Japonism)  (Venue: UB, Level 1, Room 09)
       Prof. Dr. em. Erich Pauer (Centre Européen d'Etudes Japonaises d'Alsace, Kaysersberg Vignoble)

Friday, 8 November 2019

09.00-12.00  The 26th Gender Workshop, Session II  (Venue: IA Bldg., Level 1, Room 123)
12.00-13.00  Arrival and Registration  (Venue: RUB Veranstaltungszentrum, Saal 1)
13.00-13.30  Opening Ceremony  
             Welcome Addresses  
             The Rector of Ruhr University Bochum, Prof. Dr. Axel Schölmerich  
             The Dean of the Faculty of East Asian Studies, Prof. Dr. Christian Schwermann  
             The Former Dean of the Faculty of Geosciences, Prof. Dr. Harald Zepp  
             The Director of Japanisches Kulturinstitut (The Japan Foundation), Prof. Dr. Keiichi Aizawa  
             The President of the German Association for Social Science Research on Japan (VSJF), Dr. Anke Scherer  
             The Organisers, Prof. Dr. Thomas Feldhoff and Prof. Dr. Katja Schmidtport
13.30-14.30  Keynote 1: Prof. Dr. Saskia Sassen (Columbia University, New York)  
             Predatory Formations Dressed in Wall Street Suits and Algorithmic Math
14.30-15.00  Coffee break
15.00-17.30  Panel 1: Tokyo Through the Lens of the 2020 Olympics  
             Chair: Dr. Isaac Gagné (German Institute for Japanese Studies – DIJ, Tokyo)
             Dr. Torsten Weber (German Institute for Japanese Studies – DIJ, Tokyo)  
             Tokyo’s Olympic Past: Patterns of Forgetting and Remembrance
             Dr. Sonja Ganseforth (German Institute for Japanese Studies – DIJ, Tokyo)  
             Anti-Olympic Movements in Tokyo and the Struggle for the City
Florian Purkarthofer, M.A. (University of Vienna)
Shifts in Urban Transformation: Tokyo’s Architecture and Urban Structure Analyzed Through the 2020 Olympic Games

PD Dr. Ralph Lützeler (University of Vienna)
Reworking the Entrepreneurial City: Tokyo 2020 and Neighborhood Transformation

Dr. Nora Kottmann (German Institute for Japanese Studies – DIJ, Tokyo)
Games of Romance? The Olympic Games Vision of Unity in Diversity in the Context of Tokyo’s “Hyper-Solo-Society”

18.30-19.00 Reception: The Mayor of Bochum, Gabriela Schäfer
VSJF Award Ceremony
(Venue: Bochum City Hall)

19.30 Dinner (Venue: Karawane, Große Beckstr. 27, 44787 Bochum)

Saturday, 9 November 2019
(Venue: RUB Veranstaltungszentrum, Saal 1)

09.00-11.00 Panel 2: Governing Cities and Prefectures: The Interactions between Local Governments and Citizens
Chair: Dr. Momoyo Hüstebeck (IN-EAST, University of Duisburg-Essen)

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Cities and Participation: Planning Cells for Integrating Citizens into the Municipal Decision-Making-Process

Prof. Dr. Takashi Machimura (Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo)
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, Tokyo)
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) and Masashi Kurihara, M.A. (Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo)

11.00-12.00 Keynote 2: Prof. Dr. André Sørensen (University of Toronto)
Urbanization, Institutionalization, and Differentiation: Critical Junctures of Urban Transition

12.00-13.00 Lunch at Q-West
13.00-13.30 Prof. Dr. Mikiko Ishikawa (Chuo University, Tokyo)
Historical Evolution of Green and Water Infrastructure Planning in Metropolitan Tokyo and its Perspectives

13.30-14.00 Dr. Rebecca Tompkins (Senshu University, Tokyo)
Let It Burn: Waste Management in Early Twentieth-Century Tokyo

14.00-15.30 Panel 3: Demographic Change, Housing Issues and Governance
Chair: PD Dr. Ralph Lützeler (University of Vienna)

- Prof. Dr. Sayaka Fujii (University of Tsukuba)
  Reshaping a Greying Suburban Housing Estate in the Tokyo Metropolitan Region

- Shuang Wang, B. A. (University of Tsukuba)
  The Future of Public Housing Densely Inhabited by Foreigners in Japan

- Prof. Dr. Fumihiko Seta (Department of Urban Engineering, The University of Tokyo)
  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, Sessions I-VII (Venue: RUB IA building)

- Culture and Media Studies & Technology (Level 1, Room 131)
- Education & Sociology and Social Anthropology (Level 1, Room 117)
- History & Urban and Regional Studies (Level 01, Room 131)
- Political Science (Level 02, Room 111)

18.30-19.30 VSJF General Meeting (Venue: RUB Veranstaltungszentrum, Saal 1)

19.30 Dinner at Q-West

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Sunday, November 10
(Venue: RUB Veranstaltungszentrum, Saal 1)

10.00-10.30 Dr. Beate Löffler (University of Duisburg-Essen and TU Dortmund)
“Intertwined Narratives of Progress and Tradition: Tokyo as a Modern Capital City”

10.30-11.00 Prof. Dr. Evelyn Schulz (LMU Munich)
“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
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| 11.30-12.00 | Sarah Tanke, M. A. (CERI – Center for International Studies, Sciences Po, Paris)  
*The Diversification of Actors in the International System: City Diplomacy and the Case of Japan*  |
| 12.00-12.15 | Closing Ceremony                                                     |
| 13.00-14.00 | Guided Tour of the Industrial Heritage Site *Jahrhunderthalle*        |
| 14.00     | Individual Lunch                                                     |