

Workshop Programme

Crisis Narratives, Institutional Change and State Transformation: Japan in the Global Context

GIGA | Neuer Jungfernstieg 21 | Hamburg

Thursday, 18 October 2018

6:00 p.m. | Welcome Dinner (upon invitation)

Friday, 19 October 2018

9:00 a.m. | Morning Coffee (contributors only)

9:30 a.m. | Welcome

Welcome Address

Prof. Dr. Patrick Köllner (Vice President, GIGA, Director, GIGA Institute of Asian Studies and Professor, University of Hamburg)

Introductory Remarks

Dr. Christian Wirth (Research Fellow, GIGA)

Sebastian Maslow (Research Fellow, Tokyo University)

10:00 a.m. | Session 1: Narrating Japan's Social Crisis

Moderator: Sebastian Maslow (Tokyo University)

Japan's Melting Core: Social Frames and Political Crisis Narratives of Rising Inequalities

Prof. Dr. David Chiavacci (Professor, University of Zurich)

Securitizing' Everyday Life: the Discursive Politics of Demographic and Life Style Changes in Japan

Prof. Dr. Hiroko Takeda (Professor, Nagoya University)

Japan's Civil Society Before and After the Fukushima Disaster

Prof. Dr. Koichi Hasegawa (Professor, Tohoku University)

Save Our Students? Shifting Subjects of Education Crisis in Japan

Dr. Jeremy Breaden (Lecturer, Monash University)

12:00 noon | Lunch Break (contributors only)

1:30 p.m. | Session 2: Narrating Japan's Political-Economic Crisis

Moderator: Dr. Paul O'Shea (Senior Associate Lecturer, Lund University)

Deep Crisis of Science, Technology and Innovation in Japan? Narratives of Urgency for Structural Reforms and their Impact on Science Policy

Dr. Iris Wieczorek (Senior Research Fellow, GIGA)

Contradiction and Discontent in Japan: Abenomics as Failing Path-dependent Response to a Disorganizing Market Economy

Dr. Saori Shibata, University Lecturer, Leiden University

'The World is Marvelling at Japan!': Japanese Strategies to Cope with 'Decline'

Dr. Shogo Suzuki (Senior Lecturer, University of Manchester)

3:00 p.m. | Coffee Break (contributors only)

3:30 p.m. | Session 3: Narrating Crisis in Japan's Foreign and Defence Policy

Moderator: Dr. Christian Wirth (Research Fellow, GIGA)

The Role of Narratives of Crisis Mismanagement in Japan's Foreign Policy

Dr. Paul O'Shea (Senior Associate Lecturer, Lund University)

The Paradox of Japan's New Development Cooperation Strategy

Dr. Raymond Yamamoto (Assistant Professor, Aarhus University)

Crises on the Korean Peninsula as a Catalyst for Restoring Japan's Standing

Dr. Ra Mason (Lecturer University of East Anglia/Visiting Associate Professor, Ritsumeikan University)

Discussant: Dr. Kai Schulze (Researcher, Free University of Berlin)

5:30 p.m. | Conclusion and Next Steps

Dr. Christian Wirth (GIGA) and Sebastian Maslow (Tokyo University)

7:00 p.m. | Dinner (upon invitation)

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