

Protecting the Weak
Concepts, Discourses and Institutions in East Asia

An international conference organized by the
Interdisciplinary Centre for East Asian Studies (IZO)

Goethe University Frankfurt/Main

1-3 March, 2012

Thursday, 1 March

Arrival at Frankfurt and Hotel Check-In:

Hotel Beethoven, Beethovenstraße 46, 60325 Frankfurt a. M., Tel.: 069 - 7434970

07.00 p.m.

Welcome dinner:

La Divina, Feldbergstraße 30, 60323 Frankfurt a.M., Tel: 069 – 71588805

Friday, 2 March

Campus Westend, Casino, CAS 1.811

9.00 a.m.

Welcome Adresses by Lutz-Bachmann / Vice President, Goethe University,
Iwo Amelung / Vice Director, Interdisciplinary Centre for East Asian Studies

9.30 a.m.

Introductory remarks by Cornelia Storz (Goethe University)

Part I: Protecting the Weak: Concepts and normative foundations

Chair: Iwo Amelung

9.45 a.m.

Bruno Amable (Sorbonne, Paris):

„Neoliberalism vs. ‘protecting the weak’ – a new ideology?“

10.15 a.m.

Discussion

10.30 a.m.

Coffee Break

10.45 a.m.

Raji C. Steineck (University of Zurich):

„Beggars as Bodhisattvas: Reasons for protecting the weak in the ethical traditions of Japan“

11.15 a.m.

Discussion

12.00 a.m.

Lunch

Part II: Protecting the Weak: Concepts, framing and processes of legitimation in East Asia

Chair: Moritz Bälz

- 2.00 p.m. Orna Naftali (Hebrew University, Jerusalem):
"Protecting children from violence: Corporal punishment and the rights discourse in contemporary China"
- 2.30 p.m. Hyun-Back Chung (Sungkyunkwan University, Seoul):
"Women and state in the South-Korean modernization (1960-2002)"
- 3.00 p.m. Discussion
- 3.15 p.m. Coffee Break
- 3.30 p.m. Ulrich Heinze (University of East Anglia, Norwich):
"Withdrawal and seclusion – psychosocial, communicative, and communal aspects of *Hikikomori* (acute social withdrawal syndrome) in Japan"
- 4.00 p.m. Discussion
- 4.30 p.m. Coffee Break

5.00 p.m. Young Academics Forum

Chair: Martin Rexroth

- Contributions from Thomas Boccon-Gibod (Université Paris X Nanterre),
Ramona Grieb (Goethe University) and Gabriele Koziol (Goethe University)
- 7.30 p.m. Dinner:
Pielok, Jordanstraße 3, 60486 Frankfurt a.M., Tel.: 069 – 776468

Saturday, 3 March Campus Westend, Rechts- und Wirtschaftswissenschaften (RuW), RuW 4.201

Part III: Processes of implementation in East Asia

Chair: Cornelia Storz

- 9.00 a.m. Sébastien Lechevalier (École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris):
„Rising inequalities and welfare in Japan“
- 9.30 a.m. Hualing Fu (Hong Kong University):
„The politics of rights: Access to justice in China“
- 10.00 a.m. Discussion
- 10.30 a.m. Coffee break
- 10.45 a.m. Nora Sausmikat (Asia Foundation, Essen):
"Recent changes in the field of animal protection in the framework of
environmental protection in China"
- 11.15 a.m. Discussion
- 11.45 a.m. Concluding remarks and perspectives
- 12.00 p.m. Lunch