

# Protecting the Weak

## Concepts, Discourses and Institutions in East Asia

Goethe University Frankfurt/Main - March 2-3, 2012

March 2, 2012  
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9:00 a.m. **Welcome Adresses by Prof. Dr. Dr. Lutz-Bachmann** (*Vice President, Goethe University*)  
and **Prof. Dr. Iwo Amelung** (*Vice Director, Interdisciplinary Centre for East Asian Studies*)

### Part I: Protecting the Weak: Concepts and normative foundations

9:45 a.m. **Prof. Dr. Bruno Amable** (*Sorbonne, Paris*): "Neoliberalism vs. 'protecting the weak' – a new ideology?"  
10:45 a.m. **Prof. Dr. Raji C. Steineck** (*University of Zurich*): "Beggars as Bodhisattvas: Reasons for protecting the weak in the ethical traditions of Japan"

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

2:00 p.m. **Prof. Dr. Orna Naftali** (*Hebrew University, Jerusalem*): "Protecting children from violence: Corporal punishment and the rights discourse in contemporary China"  
2:30 p.m. **Prof. Dr. Hyun-Back Chung** (*Sungkyunkwan University, Seoul*): "Women and state in the South-Korean modernization (1960-2002)"  
3:30 p.m. **Dr. Ulrich Heinze** (*University of East Anglia, Norwich*): "Withdrawal and seclusion – psychosocial, communicative, and communal aspects of *Hikikomori* (acute social withdrawal syndrome) in Japan"  
5.00 p.m. **Young Academics Forum** – with contributions from Thomas Boccon-Gibod, Ramona Grieb and Dr. Gabriele Koziol

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### Part III: East Asia: Processes of implementation

9:00 a.m. **Prof. Dr. Sébastien Lechevalier** (*École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris*): "Rising inequalities and welfare in Japan"  
9.30 a.m. **Prof. Dr. Hualing Fu** (*Hong Kong University*): "The politics of rights: Access to justice in China"  
10.45 a.m. **Dr. Nora Sausmikat** (*Asia Foundation, Essen*): "Recent changes in the field of animal protection in the framework of environmental protection in China"  
11.45 a.m. **Concluding remarks and perspectives**