

International Conference at Goethe University, Frankfurt/Main, January, 22 – 24, 2015

“Protecting the Weak.  
Entangled Processes of Framing, Mobilization and Institutionalization in East Asia”

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In Collaboration with the Institute for Social Research (IfS)

**Thursday, January 22, 2015**

Arrival at Frankfurt/Main and Check In at Hotel Beethoven (Beethovenstr 46, 60325 Frankfurt/M.)  
6.00 pm Informal joint dinner

**Friday, January 23, 2015, Campus Westend, IG Farben Building, Eisenhower Room**

**Theoretical Approaches and Historical Backgrounds of Protecting the Weak**

9.00 am Conference Registration  
9.15 am **Welcome Addresses by Birgitta WOLFF**, President of Goethe University,  
**Vera SZOELLOESI-BRENIG**, Program Director, Volkswagen Foundation  
**Iwo AMELUNG**, Vice-Director of Interdisciplinary Centre for East Asian Studies  
**Sighard NECKEL**, Representative of the Frankfurt Institute for Social Research (IfS)

9.45 am Introductory remarks by **Heike HOLBIG**

**PART I: The Weak across Societies**

Chair: Heike Holbig  
10.00 am **Shalini RANDERIA** (The Graduate Institute, Geneva): “Porous Legalities: Paradoxes of Protection for the Poor”  
10.20 am Discussion  
10.40 am **Sighard NECKEL** (Goethe University & Institute for Social Research, IfS, Frankfurt/M.): “Negative Classifications: The Symbolic Order of Social Inequality”  
11.00 am Discussion  
11.20 am Coffee Break

**PART II: State and Civil Society as Key Actors**

Chair: Moritz Bälz  
11.40 am **Hans-Jürgen PUHLE** (Goethe University, Frankfurt/M.): “Rethinking the Role of the State – Different Trajectories, Similar Functions”  
12.00 am Discussion  
12.20 pm **Daniel ALDRICH** (Purdue University): “Civil Society and the Protection of Weak in East Asia”  
12.40 pm Discussion  
1.00 pm Lunch

**PART III: Normative Approaches to the Protection of Weak**

Chair: Cornelia Storz  
2.30 pm **Stefan GOSEPATH** (Free University, Berlin): “Philosophical Approaches to Protecting the Weak: Ideal versus Non-ideal Conditions”  
2.50 pm Discussion  
3.10 pm **Chunrong LIU** (Fudan University / University of Copenhagen): “Community Institutions and the Protection of the Weak”  
3.30 pm Discussion  
3.50 pm Coffee Break

#### **PART IV: Historical Trajectories of Protecting – Or Not – the Weak in East Asia**

- Chair: Iwo Amelung
- 4.10 pm **Ken'ichi MISHIMA** (Tokyo Keizai University & Institute for Social Research, Frankfurt/M.) (tbc): "Two Competing Principles: Welfare State versus Social Darwinism"
- 4.30 pm Discussion
- 4.50 pm **Vladimir TIKHONOV** (University of Oslo): "Social Darwinism as History and Reality: The Story of 'Competition' and 'The Weak' in Twentieth-Century Korea"
- 5.10 pm Discussion
- 6.30 pm Conference Dinner

**Saturday, January 24, 2015, Campus Westend, IG Farben Building, Eisenhower Room**

#### **Framing, mobilization and institutionalization in Japan and China: Four case studies**

- 9.30 am Introductory remarks by **Cornelia STORZ & Moritz BÄLZ**

#### **PART I: Disaster Victims**

- Chair: Iwo Amelung
- 9.50 am **Gregory CLANCEY** (National University of Singapore): "The Changing Character of Victimhood in Four Japanese Earthquakes"
- 10.10 am **Bin XU** (Florida International University, Miami & Yale University, New Haven): "Efficacy and Dilemma of Moral Performance: the Chinese State's Cultural Governance in Disaster Management"
- 10.30 am Discussion
- 11.10 am Coffee Break

#### **PART II: Employee Well-Being**

- Chair: Cornelia Storz
- 11.30 am **Ryo KAMBAYASHI** (Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo): "Good Jobs, Bad Jobs, and the Great Recession: Lessons from Japan's Lost Decade"
- 11.50 am **Xiangdong WEI** (Lingnan University, Hong Kong): "Labour Market Design and Employee Well-being in China"
- 12.10 pm Discussion
- 1.00 pm Lunch

#### **PART III: Animal Welfare**

- Chair: Moritz Bälz
- 2.00 pm **Hitoshi AOKI** (Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo): "Legal Culture and Animal Protection in Japan"
- 2.20 pm **Wei SONG** (Law Institute, Univ. of Science and Technology of China, USTC, Hefei): "Changing Attitudes, Social and Legal Conditions for Animal Protection in China"
- 2.40 pm Discussion
- 3.20 pm Coffee Break

#### **PART IV: Cultural Heritage**

- Chair: Heike Holbig
- 3.40 pm **Natsuko AKAGAWA** (Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology University, Melbourne): "Local, National and International Factors in the Protection of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Japan"
- 4.00 pm **Robert SHEPHERD** (George Washington University, Washington, DC): "China, UNESCO, and Cultural Heritage Preservation: Is There Room for Civil Society in Spiritual Civilization Campaigns?"
- 4.20 pm Discussion
- 5.00 pm Conclusion by **Iwo AMELUNG & Heike HOLBIG**
- 5.30 pm End of conference
- 6.00 pm Farewell Dinner