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Protecting *the Weak*

Entangled Processes of Framing, Mobilization and Institutionalization in East Asia

Friday, Jan 23, 2015, Campus Westend, IG Farben Building, Eisenhower Room, 9.00-17.30h

Theoretical Approaches and Historical Backgrounds of Protecting the Weak

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)
Introductory remarks by **Heike HOLBIG** (Goethe University, Frankfurt/M.)

PART I: The Weak across Societies

Shalini RANDERIA (The Graduate Institute, Geneva): “Porous Legalities: Paradoxes of Protection for the Poor”
Sighard NECKEL (Goethe University & Institute for Social Research, IfS, Frankfurt/M.): “Negative Classifications: The Symbolic Order of Social Inequality”

PART II: State and Civil Society as Key Actors

Hans-Jürgen PUHLE (Goethe University, Frankfurt/M.): “Rethinking the Role of the State – Different Trajectories, Similar Functions”
Daniel ALDRICH (Purdue University): “Civil Society and the Protection of Weak in East Asia”

PART III: Normative Approaches to the Protection of Weak

Stefan GOSEPATH (Free University, Berlin): “Philosophical Approaches to Protecting the Weak: Ideal versus Non-ideal Conditions”
Chunrong LIU (Fudan University / University of Copenhagen): “Community Institutions and the Protection of the Weak”

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

Ken’ichi MISHIMA (Tokyo Keizai University & Institute for Social Research, Frankfurt/M.): “Two Competing Principles: Welfare State versus Social Darwinism”
Vladimir TIKHONOV (University of Oslo): “Social Darwinism as History and Reality: The Story of ‘Competition’ and ‘The Weak’ in Twentieth-Century Korea”

Saturday, Jan 24, 2015, Campus Westend, IG Farben Building, Eisenhower Room, 9.30-17.30h

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

Introductory remarks by **Cornelia STORZ & Moritz BÄLZ** (Goethe University, Frankfurt/M.)

PART I: Disaster Victims

Gregory CLANCEY (National University of Singapore): “The Changing Character of Victimhood in Four Japanese Earthquakes”
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”

PART II: Employee Well-Being

Ryo KAMBAYASHI (Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo): “Good Jobs, Bad Jobs, and the Great Recession: Lessons from Japan’s Lost Decade”
Xiangdong WEI (Lingnan University, Hong Kong): “Labour Market Design and Employee Well-being in China”

PART III: Animal Welfare

Hitoshi AOKI (Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo): “Legal Culture and Animal Protection in Japan”
Wei SONG (Law Institute, Univ. of Science and Technology of China, USTC, Hefei): “Changing Attitudes, Social and Legal Conditions for Animal Protection in China”

PART IV: Cultural Heritage

Natsuko AKAGAWA (Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology University, Melbourne): “Local, National and International Factors in the Protection of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Japan”
Robert SHEPHERD (George Washington University, Washington, DC): “China, UNESCO, and Cultural Heritage Preservation: Is There Room for Civil Society in Spiritual Civilization Campaigns?”

Conclusion by **Iwo AMELUNG & Heike HOLBIG** (Goethe University, Frankfurt/M.)

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