

Institutional Diversity and Change: Comparing Asia and Europe

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Description:

This workshop brings together leading researchers working on the changing political economies of Europe and Asia. The aim is to discuss emerging research and new perspectives for understanding the diversity and change on institutions, drawing parallels between the experiences of European countries and Asia, particularly Japan. Session will focus on the economies of advanced and emerging countries in each region, as well as examine key political challenges related to the changing provision of social welfare, energy policy, and the interface of foreign policy with domestic politics.

The project participants are drawn from members of the EU-funded research project ICaTSEM (“Institutional Change and Trajectories of Socio-Economic Models”) together with visitors from Waseda Institute of Advanced Study (Tokyo, Japan) and other participants based at the FU Berlin and other Berlin research institutes.

Preliminary Program

Harnack Haus, „Mozart“ Room

First morning session 9:30 – 11:00

Introduction and Economic Change Session:

1. Prof. Bruno Amable (Université Paris 1) “Changing French Capitalism: Political and Systemic Crises in France”
2. Prof. Gregory Jackson (Freie Universität Berlin) “Understanding Complementarities as Configurations: Revisiting the Case of Japanese Corporate Governance”

Leading Discussant: Prof. Arndt Sorge (Universität Potsdam)

Second morning session 11:30 – 13:00

Emerging Economies Session:

1. Prof. Bernadette Andreosso (University of Limerick) “Institutional Change in China”
2. Prof. Anil Duman (Central European University) “Comparison of industrial policy in Hungary and Slovakia”

Leading Discussants: Dr. Myung Joon Park (Freie Universität Berlin) and Dr. Anja Kirsch (Freie Universität Berlin)

Lunch will be provided 13:00 – 14:30

First afternoon session 14:30 – 16:00

Welfare State Session:

1. Prof. Kohei Kawamura (University of Edinburgh) “Political Economy and Providers of Social Security”
2. Prof. Takeshi Hieda (Waseda Institute for Advanced Study) “From an Anomaly to a Prototype? Japan's Welfare Regime in East Asia”

Leading Discussant: Prof. Anke Hassel (Hertie School of Governance)

Second afternoon session 16:30 – 18:00

Politics Session:

1. Prof. Masaru Kohno (Waseda University) “Introducing Japan's first comprehensive public opinion survey on national security and foreign policy”
2. Prof. Miranda Schreurs (Freie Universität Berlin) “Energy Politics and the Nuclear Question”

Leading Discussant: Prof. Verena Blechinger-Talcott (Freie Universität Berlin)

Workshop dinner at local restaurant 18:30 – 20:00

Invited and confirmed participants include:

Bruno Amable (Université Paris 1)
Bernadette Andreosso (University of Limerick)
Verena Blechinger-Talcott (Freie Universität Berlin)
Susanne Brucksch (Freie Universität Berlin)
Anil Duman (Central European University)
Anke Hassel (Hertie School of Governance)
Takeshi Hieda (Waseda Institute for Advanced Study)
Gregory Jackson (Freie Universität Berlin)
Kohei Kawamura (University of Edinburgh)
Anja Kirsch (Freie Universität Berlin)
Masaru Kohno (Waseda University)
Tim Müllenborn (Freie Universität Berlin)
Myung Joon Park (Freie Universität Berlin)
Nikolas Rathert (Freie Universität Berlin)
Miranda Schreurs (Freie Universität Berlin)
Stefano Solari (University of Padua)
Arndt Sorge (Universität Potsdam)
Sig Vitols (WZB)
Ulrich Jurgens (WZB)

Each presentation should last not more than 20 minutes, and will be followed by brief remarks from the discussant of not more than 5 minutes.

There are a limited number of places available for additional participants. If you would like to reserve a place, please email Prof. Gregory Jackson (Gregory.Jackson@fu-berlin.de).