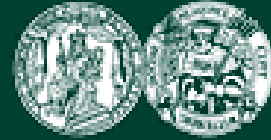




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Formation and Change of Civil Society in Germany and Japan

Experiences from a German-Japanese Graduate School
of Humanities and Social Sciences

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German-Japanese Graduate Schools - Milestone in Creating New Research Quality in Humanities and Social Sciences



Three Aspects

1. Verifying Theoretical Approaches by Extending the Empirical Basis
2. Enriching Comparative Research by Bringing Japan into Focus
3. Improving Scientific Precision by Semantic Sensitivity



German-Japanese Workshops

Experiences BEFORE the Japanese-German Graduate School



Workshop 2004, Halle

Workshop 2005, Tokyo



Research Project

“The Formation and Change of Civil Society in Germany and Japan”

Interdisciplinary Project

- history, philosophy, political science, sociology, area studies

Aims

Clarifying

- structures and operating patterns of nowadays civil society
- the specific formation process of the civil society in Japan and Germany since the late 19th century

Obtaining

- new insights into the characteristics of the social developments in the 20th and 21st centuries

with German-Japanese comparative method:

- “civil society”
 - concepts and normative implications ?
 - historical and sociocultural traditions ?
 - political and institutional environments ?



Research Project

“The Formation and Change of Civil Society in Germany and Japan”

Five Sub-Themes

- 1. Semantics and discourse analysis of cardinal concepts regarding civil society**
(Prof. Hettling, Prof. Bluhm, Prof. Yamawaki)
- 2. Analysis of the changing relations between state and society**
(Prof. Mitani, Prof. Tonomura, Prof. Hettling)
- 3. Analysis of the actors that constitute civil society**
(Prof. Foljanty, Prof. Kawakita)
- 4. Civil society in transnational relations**
(Prof. Foljanty, Prof. Müller, Prof. Ishida)
- 5. Counter ideas and counter movements against civil society**
(Prof. Ishida, Prof. Wagner)



German-Japanese JOINT Graduate School Training System

Co-supervision and Co-teaching

- Regular Courses and Seminars
- Two Joint Workshops per Year : “Academy”
Japanese, German, and English
as Scientific Languages
- Symposia in Halle and Tokyo
- Regular Presentation of Dissertation Projects : “Colloquium”

Symposium



Presentation of
Dissertation Project



German-Japanese JOINT Graduate School Training System: Academy

Opening Ceremony
Oct 07, 2007
Halle



Working Group
Oct 08, 2008
Halle



Lecture
Mar 08, 2008
Tokyo



Field Trip
Mar 09, 2009
Tokyo

German-Japanese JOINT Graduate School Training System



Academy, March 2009, Tokyo
Working Groups



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Academy, March 2009, Tokyo
Presentation of Dissertation Projects



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Dissertation Projects - Some Examples

- Post-War Citizen Movements in Germany and Japan
- Historical Problem and Solidarity :
Civil Society Networks beyond National Borders
in East Asia
- Language Policy and Regional Integration in Europe
as a Model for Japan ?
- Civic Engagement in Local Integration Initiatives in
Germany and Japan
- German Identity and the Nationality Law of 1913



German-Japanese Graduate School Project

Achievements and Future Tasks

International Research Cooperation

- internationalization of research on “civil society”
- systematic examination of the theoretical European concepts within a non-European society
- enriching the empirical basis for comparing Japanese and German modern history and society

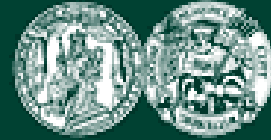
Joint Graduate School

- a new model of bi-national co-supervision and co-teaching system for the graduate schools in Germany and Japan
- an attractive suite of programs for the postgraduates:
 - research in a demanding intercultural environment
 - possibility to enhance their intercultural communication abilities
- preparation for the establishment of a double degree system





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Thank You Very Much !

