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Dear Reader,

it is our pleasure to present the 2005 edition of our Institute Report to our advisory board, our international partners, the faculties that jointly sponsor our institute in the university as well as all interested parties.

The academic year 2004/5 has brought some stability in the work of the Institute as the process of dramatic structural change in the University of Duisburg-Essen has entered calmer waters. The Institute has been able to uphold some of its major organizational pillars, e.g. its position as a central institute answering directly to the university leadership and the regional concentration of its faculty in Duisburg.

In terms of research activities, the last year has been characterized by increased efforts to conclude our German Research Foundation-funded joint research program on ‘Stability and Change in East Asia’. Most of the various projects conducted under this framework have now been successfully finalized. This gives us the opportunity to start a new joint research initiative. In a kick-off workshop in Hattingen the Institute has already laid the foundation for a new joint research agenda. Under the working title “The Modern Turn in Governance: Understanding Institutions, Actors, and Cognitive Patterns” the Institute will in 2006 bundle its research activities and apply for new funding from the German Research Foundation.

In addition to these activities various other research projects have commenced. These projects cover a broad range of topics, some are of primarily theoretical interest, while others tackle problems of practical political and/ or economic relevance. This mixture of research agendas reflects the overall self-understanding of the Institute as being rooted in sound theoretical approaches while at the same time being concerned with praxis-oriented problems of the multifaceted relationship between the European – East Asian regions.

With regard to our teaching activities we are delighted to report a dramatic increase in the number of students enrolling in our study programs. This semester a total of 235 students have enrolled, driving our capacities to the utter limits. At the same time we are working hard to design new curricula, which will comply with the demands of the Bologna protocol and transform our offers to young academicians into truly European programs. It is our goal to start our new MA program “Master of East Asian Studies” not later than in October 2006. At the same time we hope to install a new graduate school, designed to provide a highly dedicated Ph.D. program for excelling students from Germany, Europe and East Asia.

The following pages offer a detailed account of the activities of the Institute for East Asian Studies during the academic year October 2004 through September 2005. Once again it is a pleasure to acknowledge financial support by a number of funding agencies. Thanks are due to:

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Our special thanks are due to the Chinese Embassy which handed its film archive of about 600 films as a present over to the Institute of East Asian Studies.

The Institute's homepage provides a continually updated overview of new publications and a schedule of upcoming colloquia (http://www.in-east.de). We also offer an InfO-Mail service in German, 'News from the Institute of East Asian Studies', sent electronically several times a year. If you would like to be included in this e-mailing list, please send a request to in-east@uni-due.de.
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Staff News / Personalnachrichten
With sadness we report the loss of our close colleague and beloved teacher Dr. Chung Tsöl Zae. We remember Dr. Chung as a highly engaged adjunct lecturer in our Economic / China section and will greatly miss his competence in the Chinese economy.

Roman Bartnik received a stipend from the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) for a research stay at the Graduate School of Economics at Hitotsubashi University in Tokyo from June to September 2005. Within the JSPS Summer Program, the Japanese government offers PhD students from five countries (USA, Canada, UK, France and Germany) the opportunity to conduct research in cooperation with Japanese host institutions. During his stay, Roman Bartnik studied the organisation of international R&D activities in the Japanese pharmaceutical industry and conducted interviews at major Japanese and German high-tech companies. In this he received both very friendly and knowledgeable support by his Japanese supervisor, Professor Hiroyuki Okamuro.
Helmut Demes was elected to the University's Commission for Education and Study.

PD Dr. Claudia Derichs held her inaugural speech as „Privatdozentin“ („private lecturer“) on April 20, 2005.

Dr. Thomas Feldhoff received the venia legendi for human geography in June 2005.

Andrea Fleschenberg and Claudia Derichs have coordinated a fund raising campaign lead by the public sector union ver.di for female victims of the Tsunami disaster in Sri Lanka. Derichs and Fleschenberg provided the contact to the Institute of Human Development and Training (IHDT), a Sri Lankan NGO with solid experience in women’s development, and are the academic advisors to the German-Sri-Lankan relief project. A website on this project is under construction by the media and communication center (HRZ) of the University of Duisburg-Essen.

Andrea Fleschenberg and Claudia Derichs have been appointed to the organizing committee of the international conference series on “Women & Politics in Asia”. For further information see http://www.theresearchers.org/wpa.htm.

Christian Göbel received a stipend from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) to conduct field research in China from July to October 2004. During his stay, he conducted interviews with officials at all political levels concerning the genesis, implementation and effects of the rural tax and fee reforms.

Thomas Heberer was appointed to a member of the Advisory Board of the journal “China aktuell”.

Thomas Heberer was appointed to a member of the Conference Preparatory Committee, 4th International Conference on Yi Studies: Bimo Practice, Traditional Knowledge, and Ecosystem Sustainability in the 21st Century, held August 19-24, 2005, Meigu County, China.

Thomas Heberer was elected as Assistant Dean for Research of the Faculty of Social Sciences.

Since June 2005 Uwe Holtschneider works at the chair of Prof. Pascha as Research Associate. He achieved his Diploma in regional science from the University of Duisburg Essen. His research interest lies on organizational analysis, especially cross-national inter-company organisation and outsourcing.

Jun Imai was invited to teach part-time at the International Christian University, Tokyo in the winter term 2004, and taught Organizational Sociology.

Jun Imai was awarded travel grant for the 7th Annual Graduate Student Retreat of the Society for Comparative Research funded by the Central European University and Princeton University.

Norifumi Kawai has been working as research assistant for Prof. Dr. Pascha since 1st of April in 2005. His research interest is to analyze patterns and strategies of Japanese multinational in Central and Eastern Europe. Mr. Kawai received his BA in Economics from Meiji Gakuin University in Tokyo in 2000 and MA in Public and International Affairs (global political economy) from the University of Pittsburgh in the US in 2003. He worked as PR assistant in the United Nations World Food Programme (UNWFP) Liaison Office in 2003. Before becoming research assistant in East Asian Studies/Economic Policy, he completed a traineeship in Deutsche-Japanischer Wirtschaftskreis (DJW) in Düsseldorf.

Peter Klöpping has left the Chair of East Asian Economic Studies / Japan and Korea in April 2005 to work for a ThyssenKrupp subsidiary in the Republic of Korea.
Ralph Lützeler has been employed as a Research Associate since September 1, 2005 at the Institute of East Asian Studies. Dr. Lützeler studied Geography and Japanese Studies at Bonn University. After having completed his doctoral thesis on "Regional Mortality Differences in Japan" in 1993, he was employed at the German Institute for Japanese Studies (DIJ) in Tokyo and, since 1998, at the Research Center on Modern Japan (Forschungsstelle Modernes Japan) of Bonn University. He is currently responsible for the structuring of an International Research Training Group (Internationales Graduiertenkolleg) to be established at the Institute of East Asian Studies by September 2007. His main research interest is demography and modern urban development of Japan.

Ingo Meierhans has left the Chair of East Asian Economic Studies (Prof. Pascha) on 31.12.2004 to concentrate on the completion of his doctoral thesis.

Werner Pascha has been appointed to be Editorial Advisor of „Japan Aktuell“, the journal of the Institute for Asian Studies in Hamburg.

Karen Shire was elected Stellvertretende Vorsitzende of the Advisory Board of the Graduate School of Social Sciences, Bremen University

Karen Shire joined the Editorial Board of the German Journal of Workplace Studies: ARBEIT: Zeitschrift für Arbeitsforschung, Arbeitsgestaltung und Arbeitspolitik

Karen Shire declined a "Ruf" for the C4-Professur "Modernes Japan II -- Sozialwissenschaften" at the University of Düsseldorf and accepted a counter offer by the University of Duisburg-Essen for a W3-Professur "Vergleichende Gesellschaft und Gesellschaft Japans"

Karen Shire received a fellowship grant from the Hansa Institute of Advanced Studies for a research cooperation with scholars from Bremen University, the University of Tokyo and Harvard University on German-Japanese comparisons of welfare and employment regimes.

Karen Shire was elected to the University of Duisburg-Essen University Research Committee and to the position of Assistant Dean for International Affairs in the Faculty of Social Sciences.

Visiting Scholars / Gastwissenschaftler

- Yongbing Wang, China Center of Comparative Politics and Economics, Beijing (1 June 2005 – 30 June 2005, funded by Haniel-Foundation)
- Xianghuai Huang, China Center of Comparative Politics and Economics, Beijing (1 June 2005 – 30 June 2005, funded by Haniel-Foundation)
4.1. Joint Research Activities / Gemeinsame Forschungsprojekte

Joint research project on stability and change in East Asia
In 2001 our joint research program was accepted for funding by the DFG. The research program of the institute includes six funded projects, all of which got underway in 2002. A first joint publication appeared as a special issue of the journal ASIEN (Nr. 84, July 2002). All the empirical projects are nearing completion and first results have been published (cf. list of publications). The Institute has begun to draft a conceptual framework for a new joint research undertaking.

Florian Coulmas
Multilingualism in Japan
This project examines the special situation of growing linguistic heterogeneity in a society traditionally operating under monolingual assumptions. The focus of study will be Tokyo as the place where the new multilingualism has become most salient. Concretely, the two dissertation projects concentrate on two complementary fields:

1. The linguistic infrastructure provided for those parts of the population with little or no proficiency in Japanese
2. The attitudes of the host community towards the growing presence of foreign languages within the city.

(Research results see publications Backhaus)

Doris Fischer
Stability and Commercial Information - The economic relevance of institutional design within the information system
Stability and information are concepts with a prominent place in economics literature. The use of both concepts in a theoretical context is however, rare. It is the purpose of this research project to analyse the relationship between stability, information and economic performance, thus describing a new research programme. The project aims at analysing how institutions and institutional change within the information system matter for economic performance and stability. As the Chinese government is constantly stressing the importance of stability while the Chinese information system is currently in a process of institutional transformation, China is supposed to be a valuable starting point to demonstrate and explain the impact of the information system on economic performance and stability.

Winfried Flüchter
Japan’s Construction Lobby Activities and Their Spatial Impact – Systemic Stability and Sustainable Regional Development (completed)
“Japan, Inc.”, “construction lobby” and “sustainability” are the keywords of this research project in the field of economic and political geography. Its aim is to apply institution theory to the problem of the stability of the “system Japan” with regard to sustainable regional development. It will assess this question empirically at several spatial
levels of scale – national, regional and local. The focus is on the “Iron Triangle”, the interplay of ministerial bureaucracy, politics and big business that is the model of the “system Japan” and has long been a symbol of the country’s economic prosperity. It has also long since become a symbol of the inefficiency of the system. In the face of structural reform measures, unmastered crises and the globalisation induced pressure to adapt, the stability of the system appears doubtful. The “Iron Triangle” is exemplified by the construction industry and its lobbying activities. In this connection we hypothesise that though the “system Japan” is quite fragile, as has been quite correctly confirmed in various regards, it still definitely does function in the case of problem-laden branches of industry. This holds particularly for the construction industry, which embodies like no other branch the parallel interests and the informal alliances of the most important actors. The basis of its existence is “dangô” – cartel-like agreements among bidders in public construction commissions. This mode of deriving income exists all over the world, but it is especially profitable in Japan for the involved actors. The analysis first deals with their power and network structures within and outside of the “Iron Triangle” at the national level. The discussion of the stability of the system and its effect on “sustainable” regional development will then have to be related to the prefectural and communal levels. Japanese construction lobby activities will be critically scrutinised with regard to conflicting “top-down” and “bottom-up” strategies – in the context of the general conditions, incentive structures, credibility and path dependency of the complex action systems and from the viewpoint of spatially relevant structures and processes. (Main research report see publications Feldhoff)

Thomas Heberer (together with Prof. Dr. Gunter Schubert, University of Tuebingen)

Is Local Democracy Paving the Way for Political and Social Stability? Implementation and Political Effects of Village and Urban Inhabitants Elections in China
(funded by the German Research Association DFG, 2003-2006)

This project revolves around the issues of participation, elections and social stability in rural and urban areas in China. It is jointly conducted by Thomas Heberer and Gunter Schubert (University of Tuebingen). Whereas Schubert focuses on rural areas, Heberer concentrates on urban locations.

This project attempts to identify the impact of rural and urban elections and community-building on political communication and political participation. It focuses on the changing attitudes of the local population and local cadres and their effect on China’s political system, on political legitimacy, trust and social stabilization. It is carried through with colleagues of two Chinese partner institutes. Between 2002 and 2005 field surveys were conducted in three rural (Guangdong, Jiangxi, Jilin) and three urban areas (Shenyang, Chongqing, Shenzhen) based on in-depth interviews of ordinary residents and local officials.

One intention of the research project was to examine the political awareness of urban and rural citizens and officials in terms of participation and elections. The pivotal question was how institutional change is reflected in the minds of the people concerned? Not only according to the political leadership but also to many social scientists, village and more recently urban elections are crucial for the political reform agenda and for a “socialism with Chinese characteristics”. Are we right in the assumption that this “local democracy” prescribed from above will transcend the institutional restrictions set by the authorities? Will it dynamically reinforce tendencies of social pluralization which have evolved during the reform process? Furthermore, the project is focusing on the
issues whether an enhancement of participation enhances trust into the political authorities and therefore legitimacy and social and political stabilizy.

Karen Shire

Employment Diversification in Japan: The Case of Temporary Dispatched Work (until Jan 2005)

From the perspective of the expansion of a new form of employment – temporary dispatched work – the research has aimed at conceptualizing change in the Japanese employment system. In the final year of funding, the project completed two activities: matching the completed study of temporary work deregulation in Japan with a study of the same in Germany and the conception and implementation of a mail survey of a sample of Japanese temporary help firms. The project findings, presently under preparation, include two dissertations and a comparative book manuscript. A Diplomarbeit (Uwe Holtschneider) was also completed as part of the research. The findings have been discussed by two researchers of temporary work: Dr. Yoshihide Sano, Institute of Social Sciences, Department of Research on the Staffing Industry, University of Tokyo and Prof. Danielle van Jaarsveld, University of British Columbia, during their visits to the project in 2005. Two refereed publications were also completed in 2005 Imai and Shire (2005) and Vitols (2005) (see Publications).

Markus Taube

Stability in Instability. China’s TVEs and the Evolution of Property Rights

For two decades economic and social stability in China’s rural areas has been based on the successful evolution of township village enterprises. These enterprises, however, feature a property rights structure which according to conventional property rights theory should make these enterprises highly inefficient and prone to quick dissolution. But as closer analysis indicates, exactly these ambiguous property rights structures may be the recipe for success. They constitute highly flexible best practice solutions for corporate survival in the context of rapidly changing environments in a transition economy. But as the Chinese market economy matures, these ambiguous property rights structures will nevertheless have to make way for clearly defined – stable – property rights structures.

4.2. Other current and completed research projects / Andere laufende und abgeschlossene Projekte

Helmut Demes

Further Vocational Training in Japan (completed)

(funded by iMove)

Changing labor market structures as well as other developments resulted in changes of the market of further vocational training in Japan. Funded by iMove Helmut Demes and Walter Georg (University of Hagen) carried out a study on the market of further training analysing changes of the market and chances for new players.

Study report: see Publication Demes.
Claudia Derichs and Mark R. Thompson (current)

Dynasties and female political leadership in Asia
(funding: DFG)

The project addresses the striking fact that many governments or opposition movements in Northeast, Southeast, and South Asia have been, or are led by women. Given the fact that these countries are widely considered patriarchal and paternalistic in character and that male competitors have been around to challenge the women’s ascendance to a political position, makes the phenomenon even more interesting. Women in Asia lead governments and opposition movements independent of levels of economic development, cultural differences, and types of political systems. Most surprising – given widespread stereotypes about Islam – is female leadership in the heavily Muslim states in Southeast and South Asia. There is no doubt that the rise of female leaders is linked to their being members of prominent families. What is less usual is women being the beneficiaries of their family’s political inheritance – it is not just a "shortage" of men that leads women to be selected as successors within the family. In addition to the question "why women leaders" this project will consider what the results of this study can add to discussions of the concepts of gender, development, and democratization. (Research Associates: Andrea Fleschenberg, Momoyo Hüstebeck).

Winfried Flüchter

Public Housing and Urban Development in Singapore – Ethnic Groups Between Residential Segregation and Residential Integration

Public housing is regarded as one of the “pillars of the nation” when it comes to the integration of Singapore’s multi-ethnic population. By means of a well-contrived system for providing for their old age, almost 90% of the inhabitants have become quasi-owners. The research project focuses at the micro-level on the degree of equilibrium and particularly the acceptance of the mixture of social and ethnic population that is consciously favoured by Singapore’s government. Of late it has frequently been questioned, not only in Singapore, whether under certain conditions segregation would not be a (better?) alternative. With this question in mind we will evaluate Singapore’s strategy (“social and spatial engineering”). The discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of a balanced mixture and of segregation at the micro-level needs to be related to the macro-level. For the self-image of the “developmental state” of Singapore, public housing is of crucial importance as a sign of “nation building”. The links between priorities at the macro-level and modes of behaviour at the micro-level will be analysed. This project in the field of urban and political geography is based on a critical/hermeneutical concept of science and will apply approaches from decision and behavioural theory, with particular attention to the ethnic-cultural approach. Research fellow in the project is Dipl.-Geogr. Ulrich Zur-Lienen.

Winfried Flüchter

Japan: Rice Farming and the Rice Market Between Globalization, Ideology and Sustainability (current)

Since the Uruguay Round of the GATT (1986-93) Japan has been under pressure to open its rice market. This is an enormous challenge for Japan’s “rice culture.” Rice has extraordinary symbolic power in Japan. It is considered an almost sacred phe-
nomenon, the “backbone of the nation,” deeply embedded in the cultural landscape, history, society, economy and politics of the island empire. How are the Japanese responding to this challenge? What arguments are they advancing? How should these be assessed from the standpoint of trade liberalization, ideology, structural problems in agriculture and the principles of sustainability? What role do vested interests and cultural factors play?

Thomas Heberer

Discourses on Political Reform and Democratization in East and Southeast Asia in the Light of New Processes of Regional Community-Building


Beyond the purely economic dimension of the financial and economic crisis in Asia there is also a political dimension which has generated a discourse on the political reasons for the crisis and thus the future of political structures and political systems. Albeit that the discussion may take different turns in each of the countries involved, emerging transnational processes and discussion contexts can still be discerned.

This project intended to:

- trace and analyze the conceptions on the political future since the mid-nineties at three levels: 1) the political elite; 2) the intellectual elite; 3) NGOs;
- look at the influence exerted on the political reform process by political discourse;
- discern whether a second debate on "Asian values" is emerging or has emerged on the basis of democratic values;
- analyze whether the conceptions formed by political discourse tend to be “Asian”, "Western" or syncretic;
- provide an exhaustive answer to the question whether political discourse is contributing to a debate reaching beyond the earlier one on "Asian values" and whether a common identity oriented towards democratic elements is formed.

This was analyzed in the case of two authoritarian states (China, Vietnam), a multi-ethnic, formally democratic state with strong authoritarian features (Malaysia), and a democratic state with significant parochial structures and patterns of behavior (Japan).

(Research results see publications: Heberer, Derichs, Sausmikat (2004), Heberer, Derichs (forthcoming) and Discussion Paper Series on “Discourses on Political Reform and Democratization in East and Southeast Asia in the Light of New Processes of Regional Community-Building” (Papers available in the Internet: (http://www.uni-duisburg.de/Institute/OAWISS/neu/index.php?seite=orange&links=publikationen)

Thomas Heberer

Ethnic Entrepreneurs between Market Behaviour and Social Morality. The Impact of Ethnic Entrepreneurship on Social Change and Ethnicity. A Case Study Among the Yi in Liangshan Yi Autonomous Prefecture in China


Aspects of ethnic mobilisation during processes of modernisation have until now only marginally been investigated. In particularly there are nearly no academic investigations or analyses of the development of a new entrepreneurship among indigenous minorities and its role in ethnic mobilisation and ethnic consciousness. In China, as a multinational state with 55 ethnic minorities, we have a good area for specific research, in particular seeing as there are very few investigations which deal with ten-
sions between economic modernisation and social change among minorities. This is where our project started out, with four basic questions:

1) The role of new entrepreneurs for social change and social structural change in Yi society.
2) The development of a Yi ethnic entrepreneurship and its impact on social mobilisation.
3) The changing role of social organisations (lineage) and of economic thinking following economic and social change.
4) The relationship between entrepreneurship and ethnicity.

The double role of entrepreneurs as social actors in the market place on the one hand and as members of an ethnic group (Yi) on the other hand is an important interface for our investigation. Individuals (in our case entrepreneurs) operate simultaneously as individuals and as members of personal-relationship groups, like ethnic, regional or language groups. Such a double role can also be found in the ethnic entrepreneur. Here ethnic mobility goes along with individual mobility. An investigation of ethnic entrepreneurs as actors with not only individual but also of ethnic mobility contributes to a better understanding of the processes of change in the social structures.

Research results see publications of Heberer 2004 and 2005.

Thomas Heberer
Is Local Democracy Paving the Way for political and Social Stability? Implementation and Political Effects of Village and Urban Inhabitants Elections in China (funded by the German Research Association DFG, Time: 2003-2006)

This project revolves around the issues of participation, elections and social stability in rural and urban areas in China. It is jointly conducted by Thomas Heberer and Gunter Schubert (University of Tuebingen). Whereas Schubert focuses on rural areas, Heberer concentrates on urban locations.

This project attempts to identify the impact of rural and urban elections and community-building on political communication and political participation. It focuses on the changing attitudes of the local population and local cadres and their effect on China’s political system, on political legitimacy, trust and social stabilization. It is carried through with colleagues of two Chinese partner institutes. Between 2002 and 2005 field surveys were conducted in three rural (Guangdong, Jiangxi, Jilin) and three urban areas (Shenyang, Chongqing, Shenzhen) based on in-depth interviews of ordinary residents and local officials.

One intention of the research project was to examine the political awareness of urban and rural citizens and officials in terms of participation and elections. The pivotal question was how institutional change is reflected in the minds of the people concerned? Not only according to the political leadership but also to many social scientists, village and more recently urban elections are crucial for the political reform agenda and for a “socialism with Chinese characteristics”. Are we right in the assumption that this “local democracy” prescribed from above will transcend the institutional restrictions set by the authorities? Will it dynamically reinforce tendencies of social pluralization which
have evolved during the reform process? Furthermore, the project is focusing on the issues whether an enhancement of participation enhances trust into the political authorities and therefore legitimacy and social and political stability.

**Thomas Heberer**

**Theory and Application of the Concept of “Strategic Groups” – Scope and Limitations of a social science paradigm between structure and action**

(funded by: Kulturwissenschaftliches Institut Essen / Institute of Cultural Science, Time: 2004-2006)

The concept of “Strategic Groups” developed in the 1980s by sociologists of development studies at Bielefeld University addresses the issue how to define new social actors in developing societies, particularly in East and Southeast Asia. This concept proves to be a useful instrument in order to analyze social change and the emerging of new social players in developing societies. Three issues are central for further research:

- The role of strategic groups in processes of social transformation
- strategic groups and counter-strategic groups
- Strategic acting as concrete and “directed” acting

The academic core group intends to explore the role of strategic groups in developing countries by means of case studies and to trace out in which matter the concept of strategic groups may contribute to a better understanding of social interaction and social and political change in the countries concerned.

**Werner Pascha, Roman Bartnik, Manja Jonas**

**Disinvestment from Japan**

(on behalf of JETRO (Japan External Trade Organisation), 2004 / 2005)

In recent years, about one hundred corporate disinvestments from Japan are recorded per year. There can be different motives behind such moves. Selling a Japanese subsidiary can, for instance, be the desired exit channel for an investor who has successfully restructured a failing Japanese company, or it can be due to the failure of the foreign investor to run his Japanese unit. The contributors have prepared several case studies on German companies that have withdrawn their investment from the Japanese market in recent years. The case studies cover basic information about the business operations as well as reasons for investment and disinvestment. It is hoped that some of the conclusions can help JETRO to refocus its wide spectrum of support measures. Independently from the case study project undertaken on behalf of JETRO, a doctoral project (Steffen David) currently analyses disinvestment from Japan more systematically.

**Werner Pascha, Ingo Meierhans**

**New Mechanisms of Economic Policy in Japan**

(Funded by: MEXT, JSPS et al., 2002 to 2006)

As the state in Japan is undergoing a major upheaval of public trust, fiscal limits of the state get tighter, civil society expands and as individual interests mature, the project looks at various (new) mechanisms to solve public policy issues. In terms of methods,
institutional economics and political economy are employed. Pascha looks into the possibilities of setting up independent agencies for functions formerly supplied by the state. One instance is the central bank (Bank of Japan), which became more independent under a new BoJ Law in 1997/98. Another question is the independence of the judiciary, which received more attention recently due to the ongoing judicial reform process. On a more basic level, the project looks at whether a rule-of-law-regime is compatible with the traditional, more network-oriented approach of economic policy making in Japan. Meierhans takes up the issue of public-private-partnerships in Japan and asks why such mechanisms between the state and the market have become more prominent in recent years and to what extent they can be expected to deliver positive results. One concrete issue is to appraise the different organisational set-ups in health care: how do and how might hospitals under public management compare to other set-ups with a more pronounced involvement of private interests?

Cooperation partners: Prof. Dr. Kooichiro Agata and Jiro Uno, M.A., of Waseda University, Tokyo

Werner Pascha
Intraregional and interregional economic relations in East Asia
(Founded by: Various organisations, since 2000)

Economic relations of Pacific Asia are studied from an institutional economic viewpoint. The rationality of various organisational mechanisms like APEC is analysed within a political economic framework. Conventional economics often concludes that regional or even trans-regional mechanisms are saturated with potential organisational failure issues. For instance, they are very much detached, through various layers of legislature and executive, from the final principal, the individual voter. Moreover, such mechanisms often tend to avoid binding agreements and thus cannot effectively control for shirking or even defection. From a different perspective, though, scholars based in the international relations literature often see such organisations in a more positive light. They frequently stress that such regimes constitute a process in which trust and more reliable commitments can slowly evolve. The project tries to take these latter considerations seriously and integrate such “evolutionary” issues into an analysis of the political economic mechanisms that define the intra- and interregional schemes in the Asia-Pacific region. Recent contributions to this line of thought include an appraisal of APEC, the trans-pacific mechanism focussing on economic cooperation, and a comparison of the East Asian and the European process of economic integration.

Werner Pascha, Julia Hollmann
Recent developments at KOPRA – International Internship Platform (www.kopra.org)

Since 2004, KOPRA International Internship Platform is running its Head Office in Duisburg, which is linked to the Chair for East Asian Economic Studies at University of Duisburg-Essen as a third-party project, funded by Stiftung Mercator GmbH.

In 2005, three more offices could be established in Seoul, Shanghai and Taipei within the premises of Goethe Institut Seoul, Chinese German School for Postgraduate Studies (CDHK) and TÜV Rheinland Taiwan Ltd., respectively. During the summer months, KOPRA’s main task was to improve its internet presence to meet new demands. The website has undergone an all around modernisation and is now available
in six different languages: German, English, Korean, simplified Chinese and traditional Chinese. Beside the existing possibility of searching for internships, users can now upload their own CVs, thus allowing companies to search for suitable interns. The new system also helps KOPRA to exercise quality maintenance, thus enabling the team to customise its service to companies and interns.

Now, the focus lies on contacting companies, finding new sponsors and seeking new prospects of cooperation. The project’s research interest consists in the future potential of Non-Profit Organisations in terms of transaction costs advantages of a web based internship platform. The project is supervised by Prof Dr. Werner Pascha and coordinated by Julia Hollmann, Research Associate at the chair and Director of KOPRA e.V.

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Karen Shire with GLOW Network
Globalization, Gender and Work Transformation – GLOW
(funded by the Institute of Social Sciences, University of Tokyo, Japanese Society for the Promotion of Science, until 2007)

In the sixth year of its existence, the GLOW network is comprised of social scientists from Germany, Japan, the U.S. and U.K.

In 2004 this international network received a very large grant from the Japanese Society for the Promotion of Science, under the leadership of Professor Mari Osawa, Institute of Social Science, University of Tokyo. Three workshops were carried out in the past year in Duisburg, Tokyo and Windermere, UK. A book reporting the findings of the project is forthcoming from Palgrave press. With the completion of this book project, the international network has turned to three further areas of research cooperation: an international comparative survey on female knowledge workers, an extended analysis of gender and the new economy utilizing census and micro-census data and a third project aimed at advancing theories of gender-based inequalities in international comparison. Two new grants were approved to continue this research. Karen Shire has received a fellowship grant from the Hansa Institute of Advanced Studies, for a seven month co-residence research cooperation with Prof. Dr. Karin Gottschall (Bremen University), Prof. Mari Osawa (Institute of Social Sciences, University of Tokyo) and Prof. Margarita Estevez-Abe (Harvard University). A grant has also been received from the Northrhine Westfalia Ministry of Innovation, Research and Technology for follow-up data analysis and a new project on gender and care work in the growing elderly care sector. A new grant proposal is under review with the Anglo-German Foundation.
Karen Shire, Margret Borchert and Heinz-Ulrich Hoppe  
VIP-NET Virtual Working and Learning in Project-Based Networks  
(funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research – BMBF, until 2007)

This project, which commenced in August 2003, is focussed on understanding the role of project-based work in the production and sustaining of organisational networks. The project involves an interdisciplinary collaboration with scholars in the fields of Information Sciences and Personnel Management. The Sociological part of the project is focussed on the dual-formation and generation of project organisations and network organisations. Further details will become available at the following website: http://soziologie.uni-duisburg.de/forschung.html. In 2005 the sociological module completed case studies of three virtual organisations in the software and architecture branches, and developed a questionnaire for a small panel study of project workers in these industries. Mid-term results were presented at several BMBF sponsored workshops.

Karen Shire and Ursula Holtgrewe  
Global Call Center Project  
(funded by the Hans-Böckler Stiftung, until end of 2006)

This project involves an international team of social scientists engaged in the administering of a unitary survey and the conducting of qualitative research for the purpose of comparing the evolution of new models of industrial and labor relations in the service sector, using the example of call center work. In the past year representative samples of call center managers were surveyed in Germany and Poland, and the results are available in the form of two survey reports. Field research was begun in Poland and is ongoing in Germany. The German team also organised an international conference for the Global Call Center Project in June 2005 at the Science Center Berlin for Social Research. In order to extend the Polish study, the project received additional funds from the Hans-Boeckler Foundation.

Markus Taube  
The Chinese Iron & Steel Industry  
(funded by: International Iron & Steel Institute)

Research associates: Christian Schmidkonz, Matthias Schramm

The steel industry is one of the industries facing the greatest exposure to the ‘China factor’. China is presently producing about one fifth of global crude steel and consuming about one quarter. These shares have not been static, but are the result of a very dynamic process in recent years. Given this situation, the developments in China must be of great concern to the global steel industry. Any developments directly or indirectly determining the speed and prospects of China’s economic growth process do have an explicit impact on the prices, capacity utilization as well as overall development of the steel industry in China and in the global markets.

Module 1: The Framework

The objective of this module is to provide a reliable analysis of the factors determining the development of the Chinese economy in general and the steel industry in particular up to the year 2010 and which are not in the direct influence of the steel industry.
The module will provide insights in the structure and mechanisms of economic policy making in China, especially emphasizing the interplay between central and local actors.

Module 2: Steel Industry in China: Business Issues

The objective of this module is to provide background information on the internal organizational structure and business situation of China’s iron and steel industry. It shall provide information on the following topics in large, medium and small enterprises.

4.3. Newly Acquired Research Projects / Neu eingeworbene Projekte

Helmut Demes

Career formation and the development of vocational competencies in international comparison

(funded by the Japanese Society for the Promotion of Science, 2005-2007)

In continuation of the project “Education, Vocational Training and Employment in International Comparative Perspective: Japan – China – Germany” the research group headed by Prof. Terada Moriki of Nagoya University will analyse the linkages of career formation and the acquisition of vocational competencies of employees in international comparison. In Germany researchers of the Universities in Munich, Freiburg, Hagen and Duisburg participate.

Prof. Dr. Winfried Flüchter, PD Dr. Thomas Feldhoff

Demographic Ageing and Shrinking in Old Industrial Areas in Germany (Ruhr area, Emscher zone) and Japan (Northern Kyushu): Challenges, Adjustment Strategies, and Development Options

In April 2005, the government of North-Rhine Westfalia launched a special research program for the promotion of excellence in humanities. The funded research project by Winfried Flüchter and Thomas Feldhoff is associated with the Chair of Cultural Geography at the Institute of Geography and deals with the phenomenon of demographic ageing in old industrial areas in comparative perspective. In the postwar period, national and local governments in Germany and Japan have made their spatial planning policies by assuming ever-growing socioeconomic conditions. However, in the coming era of rapid ageing, issues of vitality loss of communities become prominent. Most importantly, shrinking cities and regions are a phenomenon that will be significantly intensified in the near future. Thus, policy makers need to take into account the demographic shift and to create strategies to deal with its spatial effects. In particular, it is a major duty of policy makers to ensure that residents are provided with a range of infrastructural facilities in a coordinated, accountable, and affordable manner:

- with educational and social facilities, including kinder gardens and schools as well as medical services and healthcare systems
- with public transport, including measures to promote social inclusion for those living in rural areas and to design a barrier free travel environment for the elderly
- with commerce and other services including recreational facilities and other specialized services for the elderly.
The provision of these infrastructural facilities must respond to meet the residents’ needs, being designed to ensure that they offer safe and convenient access by users. But the current high public debt combined with latent adverse population dynamics will increasingly restrict the government’s ability to act. Eventually, tough policy adjustments will have to be implemented in order to consolidate public finances. At least, reducing capital and running costs of infrastructural facilities while increasing the accessibility and levels of their utilization is inevitable. Thus, innovative ways of managing and using infrastructural facilities as well as integrated planning and development approaches are in question. Instead of traditional top-down approaches in infrastructural planning policy domains, it is necessary to promote bottom-up involvement and citizen participation in policy shaping and implementation. In this context, urban landscape design including the planning of housing and public spaces, the contraction of urban spaces, and the revitalization of urban centers are relating research fields that deserve attention. In-depth research on these points will be conducted using quantitative as well as qualitative research methods.

Thomas Heberer

Innovation of Local Administration in China and Germany in Comparison

A joint project between the Institute of Political Science and the Institute of East Asian Studies at the University of Duisburg-Essen (Prof. Dr. Dieter Grunow and Prof. Dr. Thomas Heberer) and the „China Center of Comparative Politics and Economics“, Peking

(sponsored by: Franz Haniel Foundation, 2005 and 2006)

This project focuses on local administrations and encompasses a comparison of both administrative reforms in China and in Germany. Two case studies will be conducted in each country: one in an urban district and one in a rural township. The administrative system is examined under the following parameter:

- participation,
- transparency,
- relationship to customers (citizens),
- monitoring, and
- efficiency.

Our research comprises key issues like e-government, combating corruption, and electing of officials.

Furthermore, our project will address the following issues:

- opportunity and degree of citizens’ participation
- the interrelationship between development of administration and proximity towards enterprises
- the relationship between development of administration and proximity towards citizens

The Chinese partner has a particular interest in comparative aspects: which experiences of, for instance, the new states in Eastern Germany after reunification are interesting for China and if so which could be translated into China.

Research in Germany was conducted by two Chinese scholars (in cooperation with the partners in Duisburg) in June 2005. Two German scholars will, in turn, conduct research in China in Spring 2006. The findings of both sides will be extensively discussed and analysed. They will be summed up in a policy paper including the issues
of implementation, diffusion and a concept of policy learning. The final proposal will, intentionally, be submitted to the Chinese government.

Thomas Heberer
An International Comparative Study on Village Governance: Case Studies
(March 2005 – February 2006)

The overall objective of this project is to conduct case studies on village governance in China, India, Hungary and Germany, and to sort out the differences and similarities between these cases.

The practical relevance of the study is to explore the possibility for China to learn village governance practices in other countries, especially the possibility of decreasing inferences of the party and upper echelons into village governance.

The specific scientific objectives of the project are as follows:

(1) to compare the power structure in terms of village governance among the various countries;
(2) to compare the distribution of responsibilities between different levels of authorities among the four countries;
(3) to compare the financial structure in terms of village governance among the four countries.

By means of those comparisons, we are going to examine the different levels and manners of intervention by political parties and upper level authorities into local governance. The aim of this project is to trace out possible alternatives for village governance in China, especially to the deep involvement of CCP organizations vis-a-vis village governance and upper level echelons. Concerning the case selections, India has a population similar to China and is at a similar stage of economic development. Hungary as a post-socialist state and Germany, as a firmly established democracy, could serve as a reference for village governance in China in the foreseeable future.

Responsible for the Cooperation and the comparison between China and Germany:
German Partners: Prof. Dr. Thomas Heberer, Anja D. Senz, M.A., Chinese Partners: Dr. Yang Xuedong, Dr. Chen Jiagang, Mr. Lai Hairong (Institute for Comparative Politics and Economics, Beijing / P.R. China)
Financed by: EU-China Training Programme on Village Governance (www.chinarural.org), Inwent, Bonn (www.inwent.org).

Karen Shire
Geschlecht und die deutsche Wissenbasierte Wirtschaft
Ministerium für Innovation, Wissenschaft, Forschung und Technologie NRW
(2005-2006)

Funding is for the German part of the international comparison of Gender and the New Economy, focussing on the quantitative data analysis of the German Micro-Census in 2005, and the development of a new comparative research project on gender and carework, especially in the elderly care sector. This grant matches funds from the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, awarded to the University of Tokyo for the international research.
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Dauner, Anja-Kerstin
Marktstrukturanalyse der chinesischen Automobilzuliefererindustrie

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Betriebliche Alterssicherung in Deutschland und Japan: Ein wichtiges Instrument oder Unternehmenspolitik?

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Markenbewusstsein und Konsumverhalten der jungen Generation im Japan der Gegenwart

Holtschneider, Uwe
Zulieferer-Abnehmer-Beziehungen japanischer IT-Dienstleister im Wandel

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Der demographische Wandel in Japan als Herausforderung und Chance für Unternehmen – Seniorengerechte Güter und Dienstleistungen als Wachstumsmotor

Schnell, Regine
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Aigner, Christina
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Multilingualism in Japan: A Closer Analysis of the Linguistic Situation in Tokyo with Respect to Amount and Distribution of Foreign Languages within the City

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Implikationen des Internets für das Transaktions- und Transformations-kostenniveau in der chinesischen Volkswirtschaft unter besonderer Berücksichtigung eines Digital Divide

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Kulka, Tobias
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Luger, Katrin
Efficiency improvement opportunities at Chinese Railways (working title)

Meierhans, Ingo
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Nhung, Mai Hong
Improving the investment environment to attract more foreign direct investment in Vietnam

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Collective Action of Forgotten Groups in China’s Rural Areas

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Public Housing and Urban Development in Singapore – Ethnic Groups Between Residential Segregation and Residential Integration

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Feldhoff, Thomas
Japan’s Construction Lobby Activities – Systemic Stability and Sustainable Regional Development (completed November 17, 2004)

5.3.2. pending / laufend

Du, Lun
Die „minben-Idee“ im traditionellen Konfuzianismus: Eine historische und systematische Darstellung unter Berücksichtigung ihrer Rolle in der Herrschaftslegitimation (working title)

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### Special teaching activities / Neues aus der Lehre

**Career Opportunities**

“Career Opportunities in International Organisations” were introduced to students in a seminar by Ms Wölk-Alevisopoulos of the German Foreign Ministry on December 7th, 2005.

**Going regional**

In winter 2004, Andrea Fleschenberg and Claudia Derichs organized a graduate course on Elections in Asia in cooperation with parallel courses at the universities of Bonn, Cologne, and Münster. These courses received input from various Asian presenters who had been invited by the Friedrich Ebert Foundation (FES). FES and the universities arranged three conferences on October 21st for the students with guests from Afghanistan, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, South Korea, Sri Lanka, and Thailand: Politics, Economic Power and Problems of Press Freedom in Thailand, University of Bonn; Elections in Asia – Is Democracy Making Progress?, University of Cologne and University of Münster. At the end of the semester, all par-
Participating students gathered in Asienhaus Essen, where they held a final workshop and presented results of their term work. A second initiative of regional university cooperation on “Poverty, Social Inequality and Globalization in Asia” will take place during the winter term 2005/2006 together with the Universities of Bielefeld, Cologne and Duisburg-Essen and the Asiahouse Essen.

Political Education
Since summer 2005, Andrea Fleschenberg and Claudia Derichs conduct a one-year research seminar in which students produce a “Handbook of Leading Women Politicians”. The handbook covers women politicians from around the world and will be published as a reference guide for political education. The project is supported by Friedrich Ebert Foundation (FES), Federal Agency for Political Education (Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung) and Northrhine Westphalia Network of Women’s Studies (Netzwerk Frauenforschung NRW). A first draft of the handbook was presented and discussed by invited experts on a workshop in Duisburg, July 22, 2005.

Workshop “Japanese Management”
In the summer term of 2005, a six hour workshop on Japanese Management was offered by the chair of East Asian Economic Studies in cooperation with the honorary lecturer of the department of business studies Dr. Jörg Raupach.

Dr. Raupach is President and Representative Director of the joint venture NEC SCHOTT Components Corp, former consultant at Roland Berger and researcher at the German Institute of Japanese Studies (DIJ) in Tokyo. Topics of his workshop included basics of Japanese management, corporate governance, organisational structure, marketing and human resource management with many insights from his practical experience. The workshop gave students the opportunity to apply their theoretical knowledge on a case study of the Japanese semi-conductor industry and to discuss examples of current management challenges at NEC Schott Components.

German-Japanese Workshop „Business negotiations“.
On December 11th 2004, for the fourth time a workshop on business negotiations “Joint Ventures with Japanese Enterprises” was organised by Manja Jonas and Roman Bartnik from the East Asian Economic Studies Chair (Professor Pascha). The participants, Japanese exchange students as well as students from East Asian Studies and Business Studies, had to act as board members of Japanese and German companies. They were asked to negotiate a Joint Venture with a company from the other country. As “coaches”, Dr. Pohl (formally top manager at ABB) and Mr. Kataoka (former CEO of NEC Germany) were kind enough to offer their expertise. In a preparatory workshop by Dr. Pohl, the participants received first-hand knowledge about business negotiation and decision making structures in Japanese enterprises. During the second workshop, the students were divided into German and Japanese teams each responsible for their company strategy. After six intense business periods, two Japanese-German joint ventures were founded and respective “Top Managers” had to justify their business strategy to a critical assembly of general shareholders...

Both the chair and the participants consider this form of simulation and collaboration with practitioners a highly valuable learning tool and are very grateful to Mr. Kataoka and Dr. Pohl to share their knowledge with us.
Workshop zur Wirtschaft Koreas/Workshop on the Korean Economy

Werner Pascha and Peter Klöpping organised a workshop on the Korean Economy. It was supported by AlFreDo e.V. University lecturers and experts from the business world covered various aspects of the Korean economy: Economic development and current economic and business situation, industrial relations, corporate governance and financial market reform, management of foreign subsidiaries in Korea and the issues of the North Korean economy.
Guest Lectures / Gastvorträge

09.10.04 Zhu Yiping
(Fudan University)
Privatisierung in chinesischen Staatsunternehmen

11.11.04 Zhu Yiping
State-owned Enterprise in China

16.12.04 Andreas Fulda
(Integrierte Fachkraft bei der China Association for NGO Cooperation CANGO)
Zivilgesellschaftsförderung im Rahmen der deutsch-chinesischen Entwicklungszusammenarbeit

19.01.05 Alexander Gumann
(Siemens AG Nürnberg)
China - Economic Development in Main Industries

20.01.05 Prof. Cai Dingjian
(Chinese University of Politics and Law, Beijing)
China between Party and Constitution: Which of them has greater authority?

27.01.05 Christian Schmidkonz
(Cap Gemini)
Entwicklung des Internet in China und volkswirtschaftliche Implikationen

13.05.05 Phil Bryson
(Brigham Young University)
Pricing in the New Economy

23.06.05 Thorsten Rademacher
(Absolvent der Ostasienwirtschaft / China)
Erfahrungen in dem Ostasien-Business

28.06.2005 Dr. Henning Klöter
(Ruhr-Universität Bochum)
Schrift- und Identitätsdebatte in Taiwan

29.06.05 Prof. YaK Yeow Kueh, Ph. D.
(Chuhai College, Hong Kong)
Agricultural Development in China

30.06.05 Prof. YaK Yeow Kueh, Ph. D.
Was Mao really necessary? Reflections on economic development in China

19.07.05 Aazar Ayaz
(Direktor THE RESEARCHERS, Islamabad / Pakistan)
Decentralization in Pakistan: an approach to poverty reduction and protection of human rights
Symposia and Conferences Organized by Members of the Institute

01.12.04
The Institute of East Asian Studies (Thomas Heberer) and the Catholic Academy „Die Wolfsburg“ jointly organized this seminar.

14.-15.01.2005
Fifth Conference of the Association for Social Sciences on China (ASC), Brühl
Organized by Doris Fischer and Monika Schädler

Björn Alpermann
*The political integration of private entrepreneurs in the Chinese cotton sector*

Dr. Karsten Giese
*The Wired Chinese – Ethnic and National Identities in the Internet Era*

Prof. Dr. Gunter Schubert
*Village Elections, Democracy, and the Rise of the Peasant Citizen in Contemporary China*

Martin Brendebach
*Die Presse in der VR China: Pluralisierung durch Kommerzialisierung*

Bettina Gransow
*China’s Anti-Poverty Policy and NGOs: from Government to Governance?*

28.01.05
Chinas junge Zivilgesellschaft
In cooperation with the Heinrich-Böll-Foundation, the Foreign Ministry, the Institute of East Asian Studies (Thomas Heberer) organized a discussion on China’s young civil society in Berlin.

25.-27.02.05
Reformen und institutioneller Wandel in der Volksrepublik China.
Seminar at the Evangelische Akademie in Loccum jointly organized by the Institute of East Asian Studies (Thomas Heberer) and the Seminar for Sinology and Korean Studies at the University of Tübingen.

25.04.2005
„Fokus China“ – China auf der Überholspur? Der Chinesische Wirtschaftsboom und seine Folgen
Joint Seminar of the Institute of East Asian Studies (Thomas Heberer) and the Catholic Academy „Die Wolfsburg“.
International Workshop „Strategic Groups – Facets of a Multiple Concept“

Workshop organized in the context of the Research Groups „Strategic Groups“ at the Institute of Cultural Studies, Essen, organized by Thomas Heberer.

Korea in the 21st century – Challenges for a Newly Advanced Economy from a German Perspective

Sponsored by: Korea Research Foundation, IKB, Haniel-Stiftung, DKW, Gfw

The participants of the conference approached the challenges confronting the Korean and German Economy from different point of views according to the topics of the plenary sessions.

Dr. Wook Chae of the Korean Institute of International Economic Policy and Professor Dr. Peter Mayer of the University of Osnabrück showed that the role of the state is changing in an advanced economy. The question, what the state, facing globalisation and pressure of international organisations, is able to do and which scope of action the state should retain remained a topic for the rest of the day.

Dr. Sung-Hee Jwa, President (until April 2005) of the Korea Economic Research Institute, and Jürgen Wöhler, Chairman of German-Korea Business Association, showed that the array of products as well as the industrial organisation of Korea, still aiming at big affiliated groups of companies, are changing - and have to diversify. In an intermezzo, the CEO of Economic Development Corporation of Northrhine Westphalia, Ms. Wassner, spoke on the economic cooperation between Korea and Northrhine Westphalia. Ms. Wassner was accompanied by a group of Korean journalists of well-known newspapers and TV networks. In the third session, Professor Dr. Martin Hemmert, a German at Korea University in Seoul, could point out that mid-sized companies and start-ups among hightech-intensive companies in Korea as well as in the education sector are an important field to be further exploited through future cooperation between Korea and Germany. In the last session, Professor Jin-Ho Yoon of the Inha University and Prof-Dr. Gerhard Bosch of the Institute of Labor and Technology (Gelsenkirchen) discussed the relations between employers and employees. It was considered how Germany and Korea can integrate interests of employees into the sustainable development of an advanced economy. During the day it had become more and more visible, how much Korea has moved away from the conventional problems and issues of developing economies. How the legacies of a social market economy can reasonably be handled remains a question for the Korean as well as for the German economy. In his closing remarks DKW chairman Mr. Wöhler therefore proposed that further events like the current one should be organised in the future.

10:00 Welcoming

Choong-Seok Lee (Head and Consul General, Embassy of the Republic of Korea, Bonn Office)

Professor Dr. Werner Pascha (University of Duisburg-Essen, Organiser)

10:30 – 11:45 Plenary Session 1
Dr. Wook Chae (Senior Research Fellow at the Korea Institute of International Economic Policy, Seoul)
The role of the government for the economy in a globalized world economy
Commentator: Professor Dr. Peter Mayer (Vice President, University of Applied Sciences Osnabrück; former Representative of Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation in Seoul)
11:45 – 13.00 Lunch Break
13:00 – 14:15 Plenary Session 2

Dr. Sung-Hee Jwa (President (ret.) of Korea Economic Research Institute, Seoul)
Korea’s economic and industrial structure: The challenge of balanced and competitive corporate structures
Commentator: Jürgen Wöhler (Chairman German-Korea Business Association (DKW); Executive Vice President of Landesbank Baden-Württemberg, Stuttgart; Member of the Board of German Asia-Pacific Business Association (OAV))
14:15-14:30 Statement

Petra Wassner (CEO of Gesellschaft für Wirtschaftsförderung NRW (Economic Development Corporation))
The economic relations between Korea and Northrhine Westphalia
14:30 – 15:45 Plenary Session 3

Professor Dr. Martin Hemmert (Korea University, Seoul)
Technological innovation as a precondition for future economic strength
15:45 – 16:15 Coffee Break
16:15 – 17:30 Plenary Session 4

Professor Jin-Ho Yoon (Inha University, Incheon)
Industrial Relations in transition: Employers and employees in an age of “economic democracy and global competition”
Commentator: Professor Dr. Gerhard Bosch (Vice-President, Institute of Labor and Technology of the Science Centre, State of Northrhine Westphalia, Gelsenkirchen)
17:30 – 17:55 General Discussion, Summary by Prof. Dr. Werner Pascha

Closing Remarks: Mr. Wöhler
18:00 Reception

05./08./12.09.2005
Japan im 21. Jahrhundert – Eine Momentaufnahme
Zur Landeskunde, Politik, Wirtschaft und Gesellschaft Zu Sprache, Literatur, Religion und Geschichte
Tagungsort: Duisburg, Forsthausweg (Mercatorhaus)
In Zusammenarbeit mit dem Institut für Ostasienwissenschaft der Universität Duisburg-Essen, Campus Duisburg, dem Novalis-Hochschulverein, Kamp-Lintfort und Sprachschülern des Gymnasium in den Filder Benden, Moers

Prof. Dr. Winfried Flüchter (Universität Duisburg-Essen, Campus Duisburg)
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8 Duisburg East Asia Day / Duisburger Ostasientag
03.12.2004

Commemorating the tenth anniversary of the Institute for East Asian Studies

Time has long been a prime occupation for philosophers and scientists, including students of East Asians Studies. December 3, 2004 provided for an additional momentum to reflect upon time as the Institute of East Asian Studies commemorated its tenth anniversary. On this occasion the yearly public symposium on contemporary East Asian issues was convened at the nearby technological centre in Duisburg. Prof. Dr. Markus Taube, the Director of the Institute of East Asian Studies, welcomed the guests and friends of the institute, among them representatives from various Asian embassies and consulates, the German Foreign Ministry the city of Duisburg and the University. After Prof. Taube’s preliminary remarks about the institute’s self-perception and ambitions in a time of rapid changes, the guests looked back at their experiences with and future expectations of the institute. This was followed by the much-anticipated lecture by Dr. Theo Sommer, editor at large at Die Zeit magazine, on the topic of regional security in East Asia. Drawing on a wide range of topics which need to be considered in addressing the issue, Dr. Sommer also provided for a tour d’horizon of his own East Asian studies. In so doing, he made his audience aware of the drastic changes the last few decades had experienced, illustrating, as he did, that much of what is taken for granted today is rather novel. At the same time, new tests and trials have sprung up. Following a comprehensive discussion in which Dr. Sommer elaborated on many of the points he had raised, the institute presented its current research activities in a poster exhibition. Presenters there met with interested visitors for an exchange of views. Ten years is a time span long enough to witness the emergence of first traditions such as the presentation of the yearly award for the best student thesis. Following the presentation of the award by Prof. Flüchter, there was, this time rather exceptional, a Japanese drum music performance by the group Shin-Daiko. Much impressed from the booming sounds and the surprisingly physical performance, guest, institute members and students met at the buffet where East Asian issues, study plans and programs, drums and many other topics were discussed. Predictions about the institute in another ten years time were thereby rather few and scattered. Ten years is, after all, a long time – too long for detailed plans and visions. By all we know, the future is a journey into new, unknown and testing grounds. Who’s to know the topics of discussion at the 20th anniversary in 2014. That much is sure, a decade is ten years and midnight is when the day begins.

Programme

Begrüßung Prof. Dr. Markus Taube (Direktor, Institut für Ostasienwissenschaften)
Grußworte
Adolf Sauerland (Oberbürgermeister von Duisburg)
Prorektor Prof. Dr.-Ing. Klaus Solbach (in Vertretung von Prof. Dr. Lothar Zechlin, Rektor der Universität Duisburg-Essen)

MD Dr. Frank Speier (in Vertretung von Staatssekretär Hartmut Krebs, Ministerium für Wissenschaft und Forschung, NRW)

Prof. Dr. Eckhardt Rohkamm (ehm. Vorstands vorsitzender KruppThyssen Technolo- gies, Sprecher des Beirats des Instituts für Ostasienwissenschaften)

Festvortrag

Dr. Theo Sommer (Editor-at-Large, Die Zeit)
Regionale Sicherheit in Ostasien

Eröffnung der Posterausstellung: Forschung am Institut für Ostasienwissenschaften

Empfang und Verleihung des Studienpreises

Grußworte:

S.E. Yougmin Kwon (Botschafter, Republik Korea)

Dr. Liu Jinghui (Gesandte, Volksrepublik China)

Dr. Takahiro Shinyo (Generalkonsul, Japanisches Generalkonsulat Düsseldorf)

Dr. Heinrich Kreft (stellv. Leiter des Planungsstabes, Auswärtiges Amt)

Kulturprogramm: Shin-Daiko

Further details and photographs of the East Asian Day can be found on the homepage of the Institute:

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Die ökonomische Bedeutung des Dritten Sektors in Japan, in: Institut für Asienkunde (Hg.): Japan aktuell, Hamburg, 12/2004

Werner Pascha

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Japans wirtschaftliche Entwicklung zwischen kurzfristigen Einflüssen und langfristigen Perspektiven, Landesspracheninstitut Nordrhein-Westfalen, Arbeitspapier 2, April 2005


Karen Shire


Markus Taube
Development Scenarios for the Chinese Economy up to 2010 and Implications for the Global Iron & Steel Industry. Report prepared on behalf of The International Iron & Stree Institute, Brussel (mit Christian Schmidkonz, Matthias Schramm), 2005


Was, wenn China ins Stocken gerät, in: Bank Sarasin & Co: Ltd. (Hg.): Sarasin Ausblick 2005, Zürich, S. 26-30

Institutioneller Wandel als unternehmerische Aufgabe: Der Fall 'China', in: Pascha, Werner; Storz, Cornelia (Hg.): Wirkung und Wandel von Institutionen: Das Beispiel Ostasiens, Schriften zu Ordnungsfragen der Wirtschaft, Band 77, Stuttgart, S. 163-190 (mit Matthias Schramm)

Peter Backhaus
13.11.04 Symposium Anthropology of Japan in Japan "Signs of Multilingualism in Tokyo: A diachronic look at the linguistic landscape", Tokyo
20.11.04 Nihon Gengo Seisaku Gakkai "Tōkyō no tagengo sābisu" (Multilingual services by the Tokyo Metropolitan Government), Tokyo
02.02.05 DIJ-Study Group "Multilingualism in Tokyo: Reading the Signs", Tokyo
15.02.05 Kokuritsu Kokugo Kenkyūjo "Tōkyō no tagengo keikan" (Tokyo's multilingual landscape), Tokyo

Peter Baron
08.11.04 "Gegenwärtige Tendenzen in der Japanischen Wirtschaft", Deutsch-Japanische Gesellschaft in Bayern e. V., München
09.11.04 "Neues Wachstum in Japan - Chancen für deutsche Unternehmen", Deutsch-Japanische Gesellschaft in Nordbayern e.V., Nürnberg
08.-19.11.04 Teilnahme am "Round Table Japan", 10. Asien-Pazifik-Konferenz der Deutschen Wirtschaft, Bangkok
17.03.05 "Fall oder Aufstieg? - Japans Wirtschaft am Wendepunkt", Deutsch-Japanische Gesellschaft zu Bremen e.V., Bremen,

Roman Bartnik
09.04.05 "Organizational routines in international R&D alliances", Doctoral Colloquium, Academy of International Business (AIB) 32nd Annual Conference, University of Bath, School of Management

Claudia Derichs
26.10.04 Die Witwen der Märtyrer und die Töchter der Dynastien [Martyrs' Widows and Dynasties' Daughters]; Rotary Club, Moers
28.01.05 Repräsentanz, Partizipation, Ermächtigung: Geschlechtskategoriale Aspekte von Entwicklung und Demokratisierung [Representation, Participation, Empowerment: Gender-related aspects of development and democratization], University of Hagen, Hagen
12.02.05 Demokratisierung in der malayischen Welt [Democratization in the Malay world]; Weingartener Asiengespräche [Asia Talks in Weingarten], Weingarten (Oberschwaben)
29.03.05 Gender Equality in Higher Education; International Conference on Gender Mainstreaming and the Millenium Development Goals, Islamabad, Pakistan
04.04.05 Die Japanische Rote Armee im internationalen Kontext [The Japanese Red Army in an international context]; Hamburger Institut für Sozialforschung [Hamburg Institute of Social Research], Hamburg
20.04.05  Das Privileg der Herkunft – Karrierefrauen mit und ohne Tuch [The privilege of descent – career women with and without 'headgear'], Antrittsvorlesung, University of Duisburg-Essen

05.05.05  Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft: Stand und Perspektiven [Comparative Politics: State of the art and perspectives], University of Bielefeld, Dpt. Of Political Science

25.05.05  Frauen machen Karriere: Ein Streifzug durch Kontinente und Kulturen [Women make career: A scouting trip through continents and cultures]; University of Duisburg-Essen, Meduse Mentoring Program

27.05.05  Malaysia im Wandel – Die Akteure heute [Malaysia in Transition – Today’s Actors]; Annual Assembly of the Deutsch-Malaysische Gesellschaft [German-Malaysian Society], Hamburg

14.06.05  Politik als Motor und Bremse der Entwicklung. Ausgewählte Beispiele aus verschiedenen Weltregionen [Politics as engine and breaks of development. Selected cases from various world regions], University of Zürich, Zürich (Switzerland)

30.06.05  Agenten des Wandels in Malaysia und Indonesien [Change agents in Malaysia and Indonesia], Center for Development Studies (ZEF), Bonn

23.08.05  Women as Change Agents in Transition States; International Convention of Asia Scholars 4 (ICAS 4), Shanghai, PR China

Lun Du
06.07.05  „Die Gründer der Westlichen Zhou-Dynastie und ihre Herrschaftslegitimation: eine Darstellung anhand der Zhou-Dokumente im Shujing“, Ruhr-University Bochum

Thomas Feldhoff
17.11.04  „Arbeitslosigkeit, Alte und Abwanderung? Perspektiven der ländlichen Räume in Deutschland“, Öffentlicher Probevortrag zur Erlangung der Lehrbefähigung im Lehrgebiet Humangeographie, Institut für Geographie, Fachbereich Biologie und Geographie der Universität Duisburg-Essen, Duisburg

01.09.05  „Population Geographical Aspects of Ageing in Japan“, 11th International Conference of the European Association for Japanese Studies (EAJS), Urban and Environmental Studies Section, Wien (Österreich).

Doris Fischer

12.01.05  Institutioneller Wandel in der chinesischen Wirtschaftsforschung, Vortrag im Rahmen des Volkswirtschaftlichen Forschungsseminars, Fakultät für Betriebswirtschaftslehre, Universität Duisburg-Essen, Duisburg
15.01.05 Comment to the lecture „The Growth of Content Diversity in the PRC Press – A quantitative Analysis“ by Martin Brendebach at the fifth research conference of the Association for social sciences in China within the German Association of Asian Studies, Brühl

27.01.05 Transformation der chinesischen Wirtschaft – eine exemplarische Analyse am Beispiel der Unternehmensordnung, Lecture at the department of economics, Hochschule Bremen

18.02.05 Wirtschaftsboom in Indien und China – Konsequenzen für die Industrieländer?, Lecture at the conference „Indien & China: Die kommenden asiatischen Weltmächte?“, Katholik Akademie Trier

21.03.05 China – Eine aufkommende Größe im weltweiten Großanlagenbau? Wirtschaftspolitische Hintergründe der Wettbewerbsposition chinesischer Anbieter, Lecture at the general meeting of the working group for large plant engineering and construction, VDMA, Frankfurt

14.05.05 Institutional change within Chinese Economic Research, Lecture presented at the Luncheon Seminar, University Center for Chinese Studies, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, 1.4.2005, (and at the Economic Department, Wuhan University, Wuhan)

11.05.05 Regional economic integration: Challenges for Global Governance, Wuhan University, Economic Department, Wuhan

24.08.05 The Role of media in Asia’s regional integration process and the special influence of China, Lecture for the Panel “China’s Role in Asia’s Regional Integration Process”, International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS) 4, Shanghai

Andrea Fleschenberg

21.10.04 Keynote intervention on “Women to power in Asia’s super election year 2004?”, Panel discussion on “Asia has voted – a breakthrough for democracy?” at the University of Cologne, organised by Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation. Asienhaus, Universities of Cologne, Bonn and Duisburg-Essen

17.11.04 Lecture on “Asia’s roaring tigresses – female electoral performance in 2004“, Institute for Ethnic Studies, Colombo, Sri Lanka

18.11.04 Workshop on “Breaking the Glass Ceiling – Case studies from Europe and Asia“, pre-conference workshop of the international conference on “Women and Politics in Asia”, organised by the Institute for Human Development and Training, Colombo, Sri Lanka

19.11.04 Intervention on “Engendering development: Paradoxes and anomalies of female political participation in Asia“; Co-chairwoman of the final conference session including a conference summary, international conference on “Women and Politics in Asia”, organised by the Institute for Human Development and Training, Colombo, Sri Lanka

27.11.04 Co-organizer and moderator of “East Timor – a country on the rise?”, NGO-Workshop held at Asienhaus, Essen, in cooperation with Watch
Indonesia, Asiahouse, East Timor Forum, German East Timor Society, funded by EED and Catholic Fund One World

28.-30.03.05 Invited speaker on “Engendering electoral politics” to the international conference on “Gender Mainstreaming & Millennium Development Goals”, organised by the Pakistani Ministry of Women’s Development and AWPA, Islamabad

15.04.05 Moderator and Panel Discussant at the International Symposium on “Coming to terms with the past and democratic transformation – Cambodia, Germany, Peru, South Africa and East Timor”, organised by Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation, Berlin

Winfried Flüchter

28.10.04 Tōkyō – Monster oder Modell? Geographische Gesellschaft München
10.11.04 Die Bedeutung der Natur für die Tätigkeit des Menschen in China (Teil 1)
Territorialität, Bodenschätze und Bodennutzung als Problemfelder des modernen China (Teil 2). China-Tagung, Katholische Akademie Trier
01.12.04 Singapurs Strategie zur Überwindung ethnischer Konflikte. Uni-Colleg, Universität Duisburg-Essen
22.02.05 Katastrophenschutz in Japan. Gymnasium Rheinkamp, Moers, Klasse 7a
08.04.05 Tōkyō quo vadis? Chances and Limits (?) of Metropolitan Growth. Institut d’Asie Orientale, Lyon
02.09.05 Shrinking Cities as a Challenge for Japan’s Future. 11th International Conference of EAJS at Vienna

Christian Göbel

18.06.05 „China – Ländliche Entwicklung unter den Bedingungen eines autoritären Systems“, Vortrag auf dem Tagesseminar „Ländliche Entwicklung in China Themen und Trends“, veranstaltet vom Asienhaus, Essen

Presentations in the Media (Broadcast, Television)

12.06.04 Interview für die Deutsche Welle zu Chinas Hongkong- Politik
18.06.05 Interview für die Deutsche Welle zu Fragen der Stabilität im ländlichen China

Thomas Heberer

02.10.04 Chinas politische Revolution auf lokaler Ebene – neueste empirische Beobachtungen und Erkenntnisse. Vortrag gehalten im Rahmen des Politisch-kulturellen Wochenendes China, Theodor-Heuss-Akademie, Gummersbach

03.11.04 Chinas Stadtbevölkerung zwischen gesellschaftlicher Neuordnung und sozialer Unsicherheit, öffentlicher Vortrag im Rahmen des Uni-Collegs, Universität Duisburg

20.11.04 Bildungsreform, Studienreform und Studienentwürfe. Vortrag gehalten im Rahmen des „Offenbacher Brückenschlags“, organisiert vom Schulamt der Stadt Offenbach/M.

29.11.04 Politische Reform in China als mehrdimensionaler Prozess: Probleme, Diskurse und Partizipation, Vortrag gehalten am Seminar für Sinologie und Koreanistik der Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen

01.12.04 Systeme: Regionale und ethnishe Vielfalt in einem komplexen Gebilde, Vortrag gehalten in der Katholischen Akademie Wolfsburg,

12.02.05 Staat und „Demokratie“ in China, Vortrag gehalten im Rahmen der Weingartener Asiengespräche 2005, Thema „Staat und Demokratie in Asien“, Weingarten

26.02.05 „Kommunitarismus“ als Antwort auf den Zerfall der Danwei? – Politische und administrative Reformen in Chinas Städten, Vortrag gehalten im Rahmen der internationalen Tagung „Reformen und institutioneller Wandel in der Volksrepublik China“, Evangelische Akademie Loccum

27.02.05 Moderation der Podiumsdiskussion „25 Jahre nach der Reformwende – Wie stabil ist die Herrschaft der KP China, im Rahmen der internationalen Tagung „Reformen und institutioneller Wandel in der Volksrepublik China“, Evangelische Akademie Loccum

08.03.05 Gesellschaft im Umbruch – die Herausforderungen der chinesischen Gesellschaft und Politik, Workshop zur Vorbereitung auf das Stipendienprogramm „Beijing Case – Kultur des High-Speed-Urbanismus. Kulturelle Dimension städtischen Wachstums“, Kulturstiftung des Bundes, Goethe-Institut, Berlin

16.04.05 Charakteristika und Eckpunkte der politischen und gesellschaftlichen Wandlungsprozesse, Vortrag gehalten im Rahmen des Kompaktseminars „Landeskunde und interkulturelle Vorbereitung China, Landesspracheninstitut, Bochum

16.04.05 Städtisch-ländliche Konfliktpotenziale und staatliche Konfliktbehebungsmechanismen, Vortrag gehalten im Rahmen des Kompaktseminars „Landeskunde und interkulturelle Vorbereitung China, Landesspracheninstitut, Bochum

22.04.05 China: Land und Gesellschaft im Wandel, Vortrag gehalten im Landfermann-Gymnasium Duisburg,
25.04.05  Soziale Folgen des Transformationsprozesses. Vortrag gehalten im Rahmen der Reihe „Fokus China“ – China auf der Überholspur? Der Chinesische Wirtschaftsboom und seine Folgen, gemeinsame Veranstaltung der Katholischen Akademie „Die Wolfsburg“ und des Instituts für Ostasienwissenschaften der Universität Duisburg-Essen

29.04.05  China’s Domestic Development – Seven Hypotheses. Vortrag gehalten im Rahmen des Transatlantic Dialogue on China, organized by the CSIA Washington, D.C. and the Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP), SWP, Berlin

03.05.05  Soziale Konfliktlösungen im urbanen Raum. Vortrag gehalten anlässlich der fünften Jahresakademie des China-Zentrums, St. Augustin

03.05.05  Chinas neue Vielfalt. Vortrag gehalten anlässlich der fünften Jahresakademie des China-Zentrums, St. Augustin

17.05.05  Einführung zur gegenwärtigen Entwicklung Chinas im Rahmen der Veranstaltung „Sollen wir das Waffenembargo aufheben? Die Europäische Union und das „neue“ China. Diskussion mit Helga Trüpel, Vize-Präsidentin des Ausschusses für Kultur und Bildung des Europäischen Parlaments, Gästehaus der Universität Bremen

31.05.05  Die regionale Vormacht China: Perspektiven nach dem Machtwechsel. Vortrag gehalten an der Bundesakademie für Sicherheitspolitik, Berlin

13.06.05  Das chinesische „Hartz IV“ – Globalisierung und soziale Sicherung in Chinas Städten, Unternehmerverband Niederrhein, Krefeld

07.-10.08.05  Can China Considered to be a Model of Development? Seven Hypotheses, Paper presented at the International Symposium on China Model for Development (August 8th, 2005 (Tianjin Normal University), Symposium organized by the China Center for Comparative Politics and Economics, the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and Tianjin Normal University, Tianjin/China

20.08.05  Ethnic Entrepreneurship and Ethnic Identity: A Case Study among the Liangshan Yi (Nuosu) in China (in Chinese), paper presented to the 4th International Conference on Yi Studies: Bimo Practice, Traditional Knowledge, and Ecosystem Sustainability in the 21st Century, Meigu County, China

19.-24.08.05  Discussant of the following papers: Tami Blumenfield, Local Learning and Primary Schooling in Two Minority Communities; Sun Dechao, Theoretical Conception of Research into Traditional Liangshan Yi Physical Education; Wei Anduo, Creating “Special Education Districts” to promote economic development in Yi areas (all papers and the comment in Chinese), Panel "Economic Development and Education", 4th International Conference on Yi Studies: Bimo Practice, Traditional Knowledge, and Ecosystem Sustainability in the 21st Century, Meigu County, China

29.08.05  Development of Modern China Studies in Germany and Europe, presented at the Documentation and Information Centre, Central Compilation and Translation Bureau (in Chinese), Beijing/China,
05.09.05 Chinas rascher Wandel von unten – politische und gesellschaftliche Wandlungsprozesse, Vortrag gehalten vor dem Lions Club, Mülheim/Ruhr

Presentations in the Media (Broadcast, Television)

03.12.04 Perspektiven der chinesischen Reformentwicklung aus deutscher Sicht, Interview mit der Deutschen Welle
07.12.04 Tagesgespräch in Bayern 2: „Der Kanzler auf Vertreterreise. Was bringt uns der Handel mit China?“, 12-13 Uhr, Studio Essen des WDR
10.12.04 Der Besuch von Bundeskanzler Schröder in China und Strategien deutsch-chinesischer Beziehungen, Interview der Deutschen Welle
03.03.05 Deutsche Welle (Agenda des Volkskongresses usw.)
14.03.05 SWR Forum, (Separationsgesetz und Taiwanfrage, Mit. J. Erling und E. Correll)
07.03.05 WDR MORGENECHO, Nationaler Volkskongress in Peking
06.04.05 ARTE, Interview zur Tibet-Frage und zum Dalai Lama, Aufnahme
14.04.05 „Das Tagesgespräch“, Bayern 2 und Aufhebung des Waffenembargos gegenüber China?
14.04.05 Deutsche Welle (Chinesisch-japanische Beziehungen und ihre geostrategische Bedeutung)
03.06.05 Deutsche Welle (Chinas jüngster Reformweg und der Vierte Juni)
28.06.05 SWR Forum (70. Geburtstag des Dalai Lama: Hintergründe und Perspektiven der Tibetfrage), mit Dr. Holbig und E. Correll)
28.06.05 Deutsche Welle (Besuch Hu Jintaos in Moskau)
20.08.05 Fernsehen des Autonomen Bezirks Liangshan der Yi: Interview über die Entwicklung des Liangshan-Bezirks und die Rolle privater Unternehmer

Patrick Heinrich

02.10.04 "Nihon gengogaku no bunkiten" [Turning Points of Japanese Linguistics]. Fall Meeting of the Tagengo shakai kenkyū-kaï [Research Society for a Multilingual Society], Tokyo University of Foreign Studies.
09.02.05 "Progressive Erasure and Reversing Language Shift Activities in Ryukuyan." 1st International Conference on Small Island Cultures. Kagoshima University.
27.04.05 "Sprachwechsel in den Ryukyu Inseln." Mittagsforum der Fakultät für Ostasienwissenschaft Bochum.
07.05.05 mit Hans Martin Krämer "Enfant terrible der japanischen Geschichtswissenschaft – Oguma Eiji und die Sicht der japanischen Geschichte des 20. Jahrhunderts." 5. Treffen der Initiative zur historischen Japanforschung, Universität Tübingen.
13.10.05 "Debate on English as Second Official Language in Japan: Focus on the Opponents' Language Ideologies." Symposium on Language Regimes in
Transtion at Gakushuin University Tokyo.

Imai Jun
02.07.05 “Relational Perspective on Japanese Labor Market Reformation,” The annual meeting of the SASE, Labor market and human resource network, Budapest, Hungary
04.07.05 “Changing Labor Management Practices in Japan: The Impacts of Results-based System in the 1990s on Employment Relations,” Society for Comparative Research, 7th Annual Graduate Student Retreat, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary

Peter Klöpping
22.01.05 "Chaebol und Corporate Governance", Workshop zur Wirtschaft Koreas, Universität Duisburg-Essen, Campus Duisburg
22.01.05 "Arbeitgeber-Arbeitnehmer-Beziehungen im Wandel: Herausforderungen für ausländische Niederlassungen", Workshop zur Wirtschaft Koreas, Universität Duisburg-Essen, Campus Duisburg

Werner Pascha
11.10.04 "Die koreanische Volkswirtschaft nach der Asienkrise: Reformen und Wiederbelegung", Round Table Workshop der BMW Stiftung Herbert Quandt in München
22.01.05 "Wirtschaftliche Entwicklung und Aufstieg Südkoreas", Workshop zur Wirtschaft Koreas, Universität Duisburg-Essen, Campus Duisburg
11.02.05 „Aussichten für eine stabile Erholung bei anhaltendem Reformbedarf”, Tagung Weltwirtschaft im Umbruch – Folgen für Deutschland, Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung München, Evangelische Akademie Tutzing
06.05.05 „Wirtschaftliche Entwicklung und Demokratisierung in Ostasien“, Kurzseminar für deutsche und ausländische Studenten/Graduierte „Demokratie und Entwicklung in Asien“, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Wesseling
02.06.05 „Koreastudien in Deutschland – der Bereich der Lehre und Hochschuleinrichtungen“, Deutsch-Koreanisches Forum, Hamburg
18.06.05 Korreferate zu verschiedenen Themen, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Asienkunde, Nachwuchstagung, Höchst/Odenwald
29.08.05 „Japans Wirtschaft zwischen kurzfristigen Anpassungen und langfristigen Megatrends“, IHK Rheinhessen, Mainz
01.09.05 „The APEC Process in the Light of EU Experiences“, The Research Institute of International Affairs, 28th Anniversary Conference, Seoul
05.09.05 „Japans Wirtschaft zwischen kurzfristigen Anpassungen und langfristigen Megatrends“, Symposium Changes and Challenges in the Japanese Automotive Industry, JDZB Berlin
12.09.05 „Japan in der Wirtschaft Ost- und Südostasiens“, Vortrag vor Schülern, Universität Duisburg-Essen, Campus Duisburg
19.09.05 „Rekrutierung des Nachwuchses unter besonderer Berücksichtigung von Praktika“, DAAD-Seminar Im Netzwerk zwischen Wissenschaft und Wirtschaft, Berlin

26.09.05 „Föderalisierung in Japan: Eine sinnvolle Idee zur Reform der Wirtschaftspolitik?“, Ausschuss für Wirtschaftssysteme und Institutionenökonomik, Königswinter

**Karen Shire**
07.10.04 Gender and the Re-regulation of Temporary Agency Employment in Liberal and Non-Liberal Economies, Bi-annual meetings of the German Sociological Association, Munich

21.11.04 Gender Perspectives on the Welfare State and Employment, Panel Introduction and Moderation, Annual meetings of the German Association for Social Science Research on Japan, Berlin

08.01.05 Call Center Management and Worker Outcomes in the European Union: The 'Labour Mediated' Cases of the Netherlands and Germany Compared, in the Panel: Comparative International Studies of the Global Call Center Industry, at the Meetings of the Industrial Relations Research Association, Philadelphia, PA (with Danielle van Jaarsveld, Univ. of British Columbia u.a.)

19.02.05 Post-Crisis Settlement from a Gender Perspective, Comment at the 19th International Symposium of the Institute of Social Sciences, The University of Tokyo, Tokyo

08.04.05 Concluding Comment to the Workshop Grenzen der Entgrenzung von Arbeit, SOFI (Sociological Research Institute at the University Göttingen), Göttingen

23.06.05 Call Centers in Poland, Global Call Center Workshop, Science Center Berlin for Social Research, Berlin

22.07.05 What can engineers and social scientists learn from each other?, DAAD Summer Academy Guidance and Control of Autonomous Systems, Duisburg

31.08.05 Gender and Employment in the New Economy in Comparison (with Sylvia Walby, Lancaster University) at the 2005 GLOW Workshop, Comparing Gender Regimes in the Knowledge-Based Economy, Lake Windermere, UK.

08.09.05 Gesellschaft Japans: Sozialstruktur und Neue Arbeitswelt, International Summer School Conference -- Japan in the 21st Century, Duisburg

02.05.05 Auswirkungen der Liberalisierung auf die Unternehmenskultur -- Ein Vergleich zwischen Deutschland und Japan, Konrad-Adenauer Symposium, Leitbild Unternehmer

**Markus Taube**
06.10.04 „China’s Economic Development: State Policy, Networks and State Capitalism“ presentation at the „IISI – 38th Annual Meetings and Conference“ organized by the International Iron and Steel Institute, Istanbul

14.10.04 „The Chinese Economy: Myths and Realities – Production Location - Sales Market - Crisis ?“, presentation at the „Symposium PCB Technology 2004“, organized by Ruwel AG, San Jose
26.10.04 „The Chinese Challenge: Myths and Realities“, presentation at the „Siemens Leadership Program“, organized by Siemens AG, Feldafing

06.11.04 „Der China-Faktor in der Weltwirtschaft“, Vortrag im Rahmen des 24. Aufbaustudiums für Führungskräf teder Instituts für Bildung im Stahlzentrum, Krefeld

08.11.04 „Aktuelle wirtschaftliche Rahmenbedingungen in China - Realitäten des China-Mythos“, Vortrag im Rahmen des Dialogforum China 2004 der Investitions- und Strukturbank Rhenland-Pfalz, Mainz


14.12.04 „Geschäftsführung in China“, Vorbereitungsseminar für Mitarbeiter der Demag AG, Duisburg

29.01.05 „Europäisch – Asiatischer Markt - China als Beispiel für internationale Wirtschaftsbeziehungen“, Seminartag im Rahmen der Qualifizierungsmaßnahme „Interdisziplinäres Qualifizierungsprogramm“ der Thyssen Krupp Stahl AG, Duisburg

25.-26.01.05 „Der chinesische Markt. Struktur – Chancen – Risiken“, Vortrag auf dem Seminar „China! Geschäftserfolg in Asien“, veranstaltet von Euroforum, Köln

12.02.05 „Der China-Boom – Wachstumsmotor oder Gefahr für die Weltwirtschaft“, Vortrag im Rahmen der Tagung „Weltwirtschaft im Umbruch – Folgen für Deutschland“ der Evangelischen Akademie Tutzing in Kooperation mit dem ifo Institut, München, Tutzing

16.-17.03.05 „Der chinesische Markt. Struktur – Chancen – Risiken“, Vortrag auf dem Seminar „China! Geschäftserfolg in Asien“ veranstaltet von Euroforum, München

17.03.05 „Mythos China – Triebkräfte und Fallstricke des chinesischen Wirtschaftsbooms“, Vortrag bei der Bosch-Siemens-Haushaltsgeräte GmbH, Grainau

10.04.05 „Risks and Development Scenarios for the Chinese Economy“ presentation at the „IISI – Spring Board Meeting“, organized by the International Iron and Steel Institute, Shanghai


25.04.05 „Chinas Wirtschaft im Wandel“, Vortrag im Rahmen der Tagung „China auf der Überholspur?“ der Katholischen Akademie ‚Die Wolfsburg’, Mülheim an der Ruhr

05.-06.07.05 „Automotive-Standort China: Mythos und Realität“, Vortrag auf dem „1. Deutschen Standortforum für Automobilzulieferer“, veranstaltet von Euroforum, Köln
07.07.05 „The Chinese Challenge – Myths and Realities“, presentation at Körber AG, Kahl am Main

08.-09.07.05 „Chinas „Wirtschaftswunder“ - Stabiler Trend oder bedrohliche Überhit-zung ?“, Vortrag auf dem Seminar „Großmacht China“ der Akademie für Politische Bildung, Tutzing.

20.-21.07.05 „Spillover-effects, crowding-in and the contributions of FDI to growth in China, presentation at the „Second CNRS-CASS Academic Conference“, organized by CNRS and CASS, Lyon

22.07.05 „Systemwechsel auf ‚Chinesisch’ - Charakteristika und Eckpunkte eines ökonomischen Transformationsprozesses“ und „Der China-Boom – Triebkräfte, Risiken und die Herausforderung an Europa“, Vorträge auf dem „Landesvorbereitungsseminar China“, veranstaltet von dem Landesspracheninstitut Nordrhein-Westfalen, Bochum

26.09.05 „hawala – Institutionelle Fundierung eines ‚Finanzsystems’ jenseits etablierter Wirtschaftsräume“

Interview auf der Jahrestagung des Ausschuss für Wirtschaftssysteme und Institutionenökonomik des Vereins für Socialpolitik, Königswinter

Presentations in the Media (Broadcast, Television)

20.12.04 Interview bei Bloomberg TV zu Fragen der gesamtwirtschaftlichen Entwicklung in der VR China

27.01.05 Interview bei Bloomberg TV zum Wachstum in China und der Akquisition der PC Sparte von IBM durch Lenovo

28.01.05 Interview für die Deutsche Welle zur Bewertung des Renminbi und seiner Bedeutung für Chinas Handelsbeziehungen

03.02.05 Interview für die Deutsche Welle zu Fragen des gesamtwirtschaftlichen Entwicklung, Geldmengenentwicklung und Inflationsgefahr in China

12.02.05 Interview für die Deutsche Welle zu Fragen des gesamtwirtschaftlichen Entwicklung und weltwirtschaftlichen Verflechtung Chinas

07.03.05 Interview bei Bloomberg TV zu den wirtschaftspolitischen Weichenstellungen auf dem Nationalen Volkskongress 2005

18.05.05 Interview bei Bloomberg TV zur aktuellen wirtschaftlichen Entwicklung in China und der Diskussion um eine Wiedereinführung von Importquoten für Textilien

23.06.05 Interview bei Bloomberg TV zu aktuellen Entwicklungen im Finanzsektor und in der Währungspolitik

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**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

**EHRENAMTLICHE TÄTIGKEITEN**

**Helmut Demes**  
Member of the Advisory Board, Center for Transnational Labour Studies  
Member of the Screening Committee for Students at the Faculty of Economics, University of Witten-Herdecke.

**Claudia Derichs**  
Referee for the Austrian Science Fund (FWF)  
Organization of the International Annual Conference of the German Association for Social Science Research on Japan (VSJF), *Gender Dynamics and Globalization*, held at the Japanese-German Center Berlin (JDZB), Nov. 19-21, 2004 (together with Susanne Kreitz-Sandberg)  
Coordinator for the tsunami victims’ relief project “Capacity-building of women affected by Tsunami Disaster in Sri Lanka” Sri Lanka (sponsored by VERDI, Germany, and Institute of Human Development and Training, Malabe, Sri Lanka)  
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**Thomas Feldhoff**  
Convenor of the “Urban and Environmental Studies” Section, 11th International Conference of the European Association for Japanese Studies (EAJS), Vienna (Austria), 30 August – 3 September 2005

**Doris Fischer**  
Vice-Chair of the German Association for Asian Studies  
Board Member of the Association for Social Sciences on China in the German Association for Asian Studies  
Dr. Doris Fischer was chair of the Panel “The Impact of ASEAN”, presented at the International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS) 4, Shanghai 22.8.2005. The panel focused on questions of regional integration in Asia with special focus on the role and future perspectives of ASEAN.

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Chair of the study group “East Asia” in the German Association for Geography / Sprecher des Arbeitskreises „Ostasien“ in der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Geographie
German Coordinator of the Japanese-German Geographical Conferences (Nichi-Doku Chiri Gakkai) / Deutscher Koordinator der „Japanisch-Deutschen Geographenkonferenzen“ (Nichi-Doku Chiri Gakkai)
Member of the selection commission of the “Association of the Promotion of German-Japanese Cultural Relations“ (JaDe), Cologne / Mitglied der Auswahlkommission des „Fördervereins Deutsch-Japanische Kulturbeziehungen“ (JaDe), Köln
Member of the scientific council of the journal “Journal of Economic Geography“ / Mitglied des wissenschaftlichen Beirats der „Zeitschrift für Wirtschaftsgeographie“
Co-editor of / Mitherausgeber „Schriftenreihe zur Ostasienforschung“ und „Duisburger Geographische Arbeiten“

Christian Göbel
Co-organizer and Germany program manager of the internship exchange program „Civil Society Ambassadors Build Bridges Between Germany and China“, co-hosted by Asienhaus (Germany) and CANGO (China)
Faculty advisor for the Institute of East Asian studies student delegation to the World Model United Nations (MUN) in Beijing, March 2006

Thomas Heberer
Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Duisburg-Essen (since 09 / 05)
Member of the China Advisory Council of the German Association for Asian Studies
Fellow of the Centre For Research On Provincial China, University of New South Wales and University of Technology, Sydney / Australien
Member of the Curatorship of the Institute for Arabic, Chinese, Japanese and Russian Languages of the State of Northrhine-Westphalia
Member of the Board, Institute for Peace and Development (INEF), Duisburg.
Member of the Editorial Committee of the "European Journal of East Asian Studies"
Member of the Board, Asia Foundation Essen/Germany
Member of the „Selection Committee China“ of the „German Academic Exchange Council“ (DAAD)
Member of the Editorial Board of the journal „Provincial China“, Sydney
Member of the Advisory Board of “China aktuell”, Hamburg
Member of the Academic Advisory Committee of the „Center of East Asian and Pacific Studies“, Trier University
Co-editor of the series "Ostasien-Pazifik. Trierer Studien zu Politik, Wirtschaft, Gesellschaft, Kultur"
Co-editor of the series "Schriftenreihe zur Ostasienforschung"
„Permanent Visiting Professor“ Zhongguo Renmin Daxue (Chinese People’s University) and Qingdao Haiyang Daxue (Qingdao Ocean University)
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Board member of the Institute for Asian affairs (IfA), Hamburg
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Member of the committee for Economic Systems and Institutional Economics, Verein für Socialpolitik (German Association for Economic Studies)
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Markus Taube
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Organizer of the Duisburger Volkswirtschaftliches Forschungsseminar (DVF) e.V.
Member of the Board and Treasurer of the Research Institute on Economic Developments in the Pacific Region (FIP e.V.)

Member of the Advisory Board of the journal 'China aktuell'
Roman Bartnik  
06 – 09 / 2005  
Research stay at the Graduate School of Economics at Hitotsubashi University in Tokyo

Helmut Demes  
January 2005  
Field research in Japan: Market for further vocational training.

Doris Fischer  
27.03.-03.04.05  
The University Service Center for Chinese Studies, Chinese University of Hong Kong

08.05.-18.05.05  
Field research in Wuhan and Beijing

18.08.-25.08.05  
Shanghai, International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS 4)

Winfried Flüchter  
27.02.-19.03.05  
Field research in the Philippines related to the urban poor and to the urban and rural divide

Thomas Heberer  
05.-12.11.04  
Evaluating the Application of Sponsoring the German Research Centre of Peking University on behalf of the German Academic Exchange Council (DAAD)

16.07.-01.09.05  
China

The following activities were carried through:

- Participating (as a paper presenter) in the International Symposium on China Model for Development, organized by the China Center for Comparative Politics and Economics, the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and Tianjin Normal University
- Participating (as a paper presenter and discussant) in the 4th International Conference on Yi Studies: Bimo Practice, Traditional Knowledge, and Ecosystem Sustainability in the 21st Century
- Collecting exponates for a major exhibition on Sichuan province and the Liangshan Yi to be conducted at the Duisburg Museum of History (Opening ceremony 29 June, 2006)
- Attending a field trip in Meigu county focusing on Bimo Practice, Traditional Knowledge, and Ecosystem Sustainability
- Visiting Jishou University in Jishou/Hunan on request of President of that university; discussing the possibility to establish a Department of German Studies
• Visiting Nankai University in Tianjin, discussing the concrete arrangements of the co-operation between the Centre of European Studies at Nankai University (funded by the European Commission) and the Institute of Political Science of the University of Duisburg-Essen

• Discussing an itinerary of field research in China (project on “Administrative Reforms in Germany and China”) with the China Centre of Comparative Politics and Economics in February/March 2006

• Discussing new research projects with various research institutes

Imai Jun
Oct 04 - Feb. 05  Conducting research for the project Employment Diversification in Japan

Karen Shire
18.02.-22.02.05  DFG Project Research Meeting with Prof. Yoshihide SANO, Department of Research on the Staffing Industry, Institute of Social Sciences, University of Tokyo and Participation (Commentator) at the 19th International Symposium on Post-Crisis Settlements and Gender, Institute of Social Sciences, The University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan
The East Asian Studies collection comprises about 24000 monographs and more than 200 periodicals as of Sept. 2005.

All of these titles can be searched electronically in the OPAC of the University Library Duisburg-Essen (http://aleph01.ub.uni-duisburg.de/F) and also in the OPAC of the Union Catalogue of the University Library Network in Northrhine-Westfalia (http://193.30.112.134/F/).

Although library funds were restricted during the period of report, approximately 250 new monographs have been added to the collection. In this regard we are thankful to Prof. Dr. A. Bohnet for his donation of Chinese economic works, and also to the Japan Foundation for its donation of some Japanese teaching materials.

At the national level, the East Asian Studies library continues working in association with CJK (Chinese, Japanese and Korean) libraries and an association of Japanese libraries, for example, a journal article service on demand, or a direct library loan with the Berlin State Library, East Asia Department etc.

At an international level, it carries on cooperating with the National Institute for Infor-matics (NII) and other Japanese libraries in Europe.

The parallel cataloguing of Japanese monographs has continued, using the original characters in NACSIS-CAT (Japanese Union Catalogue) hosted by NII. Approx. 3000 of our titles can be searched for with the Chinese and Japanese characters not only in <<Webcat>> (http://webcat.nii.ac.jp) but also in the European Japanese Union Catalogue (http://bodley24.bodley.ox.ac.uk/cgi-bin/acwww25/maske.pl?db=gbjpn).
Since July 1995 the Institute has published its own working paper series, a limited number of which are available free of charge. Most papers in the series can be accessed via the Internet.

http://www.uni-duisburg.de/Institute/OAWISS/publikationen/arbeitspapiere/index.html

Between October 2004 and September 2005 the following papers appeared.

63. Thorsten Nilges  
Zunehmende Verschuldung durch Mikrokredite  
Auswertung eines Experiments in Südindien

64. Christian Göbel und Thomas Heberer (Hg.)  
Task Force: Zivilgesellschaftliche Entwicklungen in China

Most of the papers can be accessed via the Internet:

http://www.uni-duisburg.de/FB5/VWL/OAWI/ARBEITSPAPIERE/index.html

Between October 2004 and September 2005 the following papers appeared:

73. Caterina Wasmer  
Towards Sustainability: Environmental Education in China  
A German Strategy for Chinese Schools?

74. Markus Taube  
Spillover-effects, crowding-in and the contributions of FDI to growth in China  
A Review of the Literature
Thomas Feldhoff


Hinsichtlich des berühmt-berüchtigten „Eisernen Interessenkartells“ von Politik, Bürokratie und Wirtschaft hat die Bauindustrie einige Besonderheiten aufzuweisen, die ihre Anfälligkeit für Lobbyismus und Korruption bedingen. Ihr hoher wirtschaftlicher Stellenwert nicht nur für Gesamtjapan, sondern vor allem für die schrumpfenden Peripherräume und damit für die Regionalentwicklung des Landes ist eine Hauptursache für das Auftreten von Raumkonflikten um großflächige Infrastrukturen – und zugleich Garant der bemerkenswerten Stabilität des „Baustats Japan“.

Öffentliches Bauen in Japan ist somit als Ergebnis baulobbyistischer Einflussnahme in vielen Fällen nicht nur übersteuert und ineffizient, sondern auch umweltzerstörerisch und gesellschaftlich konfliktbelastet. Es widerspricht also allen drei Zieldimensionen der Nachhaltigkeit: Ökonomie, Ökologie und Gesellschaft.

Im Mittelpunkt der Studie stehen die institutionellen Grundlagen, die Akteursnetzwerke und die negativen Raumwirkungen des japanischen Bau-Lobbyismus, die anhand von Fallstudien illustriert werden.

Inhaltsübersicht:

1. Einleitung
2. Stand der Forschung und theoretischer Bezugsrahmen
3. Grundlagen des „Baustats Japan“
4. Stabilität und Wandel der Akteursnetzwerke und institutionellen Arrangements
5. Kōbe – Flughafen als regionalwirtschaftlicher Risikofaktor?
6. Tokushima – Ein „El Dorado“ für öffentliches Bauen?
7. Landgewinnung Isahaya – Ein Anachronismus der Landesentwicklung?
8. Schlussbetrachtung

Werner Pascha (Hg.)

(mit Cornelia Storz) Wirkung und Wandel von Institutionen – Das Beispiel Ostasien, Schriften zu Ordnungsfragen der Wirtschaft, Band 77, Stuttgart, Lucius & Lucius, 2005

The empirical background of conventional economic theories is mainly the West, America and Europe. This holds true for Institutional Economics as well. Can this relatively young but increasingly important branch of economic theory prove its relevance in other cultural contexts?
In the current volume, application oriented economists and experts from the regional studies address the question if phenomena in East Asia can be analysed fruitfully with the tools of Institutional Economics. Growth and developmental problems of this region provide interesting empirical evidence both for those interested in theory to clarify the area of application of Institutional Economics and looking for ideas of further theory development and for the practitioner wanting to de-mystify and better understand the region.

Florian Coulmas

Hiroshima: Geschichte und Nachgeschichte, C.H. Beck 2005

Hiroshima – the name of the city has become a symbol of the threat to humanity by itself. Why the bomb was dropped, who benefited from the dropping, who were the victims and what happened to the survivors – these questions have taken the background. This book deals with these questions.

Florian Coulmas describes the background and myths of this unique human catastrophe. He lays the moral dilemma open, which is linked to the use of this weapon and shows how censorship of the American occupation power led to the fact that the history of Hiroshima is remembered very one-sidedly until today.