



Alliance for Research on East Asia Ruhr

AREA Workshop „System Competition in East Asia“

Friday, 19 July 2019

Location: Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Mensa, Bistroebene, Room II

Outline

The workshop “System Competition in East Asia” will deal with competing political and institutional constellations, mainly from the 19th to the 21st century. Our group conceives of system competition as a process that takes place between groups and is not limited to the field of political economy, but that pertains also to cultural phenomena. Accordingly, one focus will be set on issues of linguistic encoding of competitive relationships, and the resulting conflicts.

In the context of the overarching framework that addresses "East Asian Challenges", systems will first be juxtaposed. Thereafter, the arenas and the core content of competition will be analyzed. The levels of consideration are regional and interregional within East Asia, but will also be broadened so as to include Eurasia. The specific examples relate to political and economic systems, beginning with the epoch of European, later Japanese, Russian and US challenges to East Asia, which also manifested themselves in military conflicts, hard ideological fronts and trade wars.

In the cultural sphere, the contributions will address language policy norms, but also the linguistic interaction of conventions within different regions, in relation to gender and to specific social and ethnic groups.

One possible key question is as to whether the system conflicts under observation lead to integration and linguistic or political leveling or to the perpetuation of the conflicts? Another perspective of the joint research initiative will concern innovation. Do new settings and epistemes arise from system competition?

Program

9.00-9.15 Welcome and introduction

9.15-10 Nele Noesselt (Duisburg): Construction of system competition: cooperation and communication between hybrid regimes?

10-10.45 Liu Tao (Duisburg): Social insurance in China and Germany: convergence and divergence in the process of model transfer

10.45-11.15 Elisabeth De Boer (Bochum): System competition related to the advent of agriculture and metallurgy to the Japanese islands: Its influence on the linguistic map of Japan

11.15-12 Sven Osterkamp (Bochum): New Wor(l)d Order: Japanese as a Language of Transnational Standing in East Asia circa 1900 and its Linguistic Prerequisites

Lunch

13.30-14.15 Susanne Weigelin-Schwiedrzik (Vienna): The Sino-Japanese War 1894-1895 and System Competition in East Asia

14.15-15.00 Florian Pölking (Bochum): Narrative and argumentative patterns in the political language of North and South Korea of the 1960s. A comparison

15.30-16.15 Christine Moll-Murata (Bochum): Communist Party of China and Kuomintang: Hundred years of cooperation and conflict in written and visual sources

16.15-17.00 Christian Schwermann (Bochum): The New Rise of the (Term) Meritocracy: A Harbinger of System Competition?

17.00-18.00 Comments by Li Yuan (Duisburg) and Heiner Roetz (Bochum), General discussion

All students and researchers are welcome to participate.

If you would like to join us, please register with Christine.Moll-Murata@rub.de