

IN-EAST LECTURE SERIES

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**THEORY-BASED RESEARCH AND FIELDWORK.  
SOCIAL ACTORS, STRATEGIC BEHAVIOR,  
AND THE LOGIC OF THE CHINESE PARTY STATE**

**Prof. Dr. Thomas Heberer**

Prof. Heberer has been involved with China in academic and professional capacity the past 30 years and he has, during this time, accumulated a wealth of research experience. In five individual lectures during the winter term 2019/20, he will share his profound knowledge about research on and fieldwork in China with the audience.

The session topics cover a number of different pressing issues faced by China and the world and they focus on fieldwork methods employed and research results gained by Prof. Heberer throughout his work. We expect that all participants will profit greatly from his expertise in empirically grounded and theory-driven research and hope for a fruitful exchange of ideas in the discussion part of each session.

- Thu, 31 Oct. 2019, 16–18 h**    **China as a Developmental State.  
The Functionality and Logic of the Chinese Party State**
- Thu, 14 Nov. 2019, 16–18 h**    **Weapons of the Rich: Strategic Behavior and Collective Action  
of Private Entrepreneurs in China**
- Thu, 28 Nov. 2019, 16–18 h**    **Political Representation in an Authoritarian Context: Formal,  
Informal and Digital Forms of Representation in China**
- Thu, 12 Dec. 2019, 16–18 h**    **Decoding the Chinese Puzzle: Rapid Economic and Social  
Development Despite a High Level of Corruption**
- Thu, 16 Jan. 2020, 16–18 h**    **40 Years of Fieldwork in China:  
Preconditions, Environment, Methodologies**

**Location: Room SG 183** (Geibelstr. 41, Duisburg, Building SG, 1st floor)

**Time: 16.00–18.00**

The lectures are open to all interested students, colleagues and the public.  
For IN-EAST MA-students taking the module AEAS 1110 (Liu, Aristova)  
the lectures are part of the required coursework.