Labour Market Liberalisation after the Lehman Crisis: France, Germany and Japan in Comparative Perspective

German Institute for Japanese Studies (DIJ), Tokyo

Workshop Programme

Friday, December 14th

9:45 – 10:00 Welcome

10:00 - 12:00 Panel 1: Changes in Public Sentiment and their Implications for Labour Market Policy
Chair: Steffen Heinrich, German Institute for Japanese Studies (DIJ)

When Voters Favour the Social Investment Welfare State
Marc Brazzill and Hideko Magara, Waseda University, Yuki Yanai, Kochi Institute of Technology

Solidarity and Self-Interest Theories: Testing Segmentation and Social Welfare Preferences in France, Germany, Japan and South Korea
Nate Breznau, University of Bremen

Labour Market Dualisation, Inequality Aversion and Policy Change
Paul Marx, University of Duisburg-Essen

The Change in Labour Market Policy Preferences in Germany, Japan and Taiwan before and after the 2008 Financial Crisis
Chung-Yang Yeh, Soochow University

12:00-13:30 Lunch break
   Chair: tbd

   Contesting the ‘Liberal Pensée Unique’? In-Work Benefits in France and Germany before and after the Crash
   Daniel Clegg and Jochen Clasen, University of Edinburgh

   Still on the Path of Liberalisation? Reforms of Non-Standard Work in Germany and Japan after the Lehman Crash
   Steffen Heinrich, German Institute for Japanese Studies (DIJ)

   Economic Growth through Social Protection? Tentative Analysis on the Nature of PM Abe’s Work Style Reform
   Shinji Kojima, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University

   Changing Discourses on Labour Market Inequalities after the Lehman Crisis in Japan
   Machiko Osawa, Japan’s Women University

15:30-15:45  Coffee break

15:45-17:45  Panel 3: How Have Corporate Practices and Industrial Relations Changed?
   Chair: Werner Pascha, University of Duisburg-Essen

   Agency Work and Subcontracting in German Core Sectors: (How) Can Collective Bargaining Stop the Casualisation of Work?
   Chiara Benassi, King’s College London

   The Role of Labour Flexibility in the Pursuit of Innovation Strategies by Established Japanese Companies
   Kostiantyn Ovsiannikov, University of Tsukuba

   From Structure to Strategy: The Changing Role of Corporatism in German Labour Market Policies
   Florian Spohr, University of Bochum

   Japan’s Gender-Labour Dilemma - an Institutional Political Analysis
   Midori Wakamori and Charles Weathers, Osaka City University
17:45-18:00  
*Coffee break*

18:00-19:30  
**Public Roundtable: Labour Politics after the Global Financial Crisis: French, German and Japanese Perspectives**  
*Bruno Amable, University of Geneva*  
*Paul Marx, University of Duisburg-Essen*  
*Mari Miura, Sophia University*

19:30  
*Buffet reception*

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**Day 2 – Saturday, December 15th**

10:00-12:00  
**Panel 4: Changing Growth Models and their Social and Political Implications**  
Chair: Mari Yamauchi, Doshisha University

*Contesting Growth Models: Social Movements in Comparative Political Economy*  
*Saori Shibata, University of Leiden*

*Japanese Labour and Social Policy between TPP and the Crisis of the Global Liberal Order*  
*Yves Tiberghien, University of British Columbia*

*Automation, Wage Inequality, and the Moderating Role of Labour Market Institutions: Evidence from 21 OECD Member States*  
*Zach Parolin, University of Antwerp*

*Japan’s ‘Work-Style’ Reform: Deregulatory and Worker-Protective Policies as an Economic Growth Strategy*  
*Hiroaki Watanabe, University of Sheffield*

12:00-13:30  
*Lunch break*
13:30-15:30  Panel 5: Labour Markets and Institutional Change
Chair: Sebastien Lechevalier, EHESS

French Employment Policy and Labour Market Reforms, the Political Economy of a Neoliberal Transformation.
Bruno Amable, University of Geneva

Non-Standard Work and Labour Market Segmentation: Institutional Change and Occupational Shifts
Werner Eichhorst, IZA and University of Bremen, and Verena Tobsch, INES Berlin

Logics of Liberalisation under Non-Liberal Capitalism: Japan’s, France’s and Germany’s Trajectories Compared
Stefan Heeb, University of Geneva

“Pernicious Institutional Complementarity” and the Politics of Welfare and Labour Reform in Japan
Takaaki Suzuki, Ohio University

15:30-15:45  Coffee break

15:45-16:30  Wrap-Up and Discussion of Publication Project

16:30  End of workshop