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TRANSNATIONAL
PERSPECTIVES
ON POLITICS,
SOCIETY AND
CULTURE

QUEERING
JAPAN

6 - 7 JULY 2018

ORGANIZING TEAM

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Each individual belongs to multiple social groups at the same time. How do gender and sexuality shape these social relations, and how do they determine people's opportunities in life?

We will discuss these broad questions in the case of contemporary Japan through the lens of gender and queerness, and along the intersections of socio-economics, politics and culture. Our aim is to shed new light on sexual politics as shaping the conditions that sustain or hinder human creativity, well-being and survival.

This international symposium brings together scholars from Japan, Germany, Australia and the U.S. to discuss queer life chances in contemporary Japan, while also providing transnational and comparative German, European, and Asia-Pacific perspectives.

FRI, 6 JULY

10:00-13:00 CLOSED SESSION
including brown bag lunch:
Projects, Connections, Avenues

13:00-13:30 GREETINGS AND INTRODUCTION
Anja VERVOORTS
Central Equal Opportunities Officer
Inge KRÜMPELBECK
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Andrea GERMER
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13:30-15:00 (TRANS)NATIONAL LAW AND POLITICS
Chair: Andrea GERMER (Düsseldorf)
Vera MACKIE (Wollongong)
Thinking sexual citizenship through the family
TANIGUCHI Hiroyuki (Kanazawa)
Jurisprudence on LGBT sexuality in Japan
Konstanze PLETT (Bremen)
Legal views on sex and gender in Germany

15:00-15:30 COFFEE BREAK

15:30-17:00 INSTITUTIONS: MATRIMONY – “EHE FÜR ALLE”?
Chair: Annette SCHAD-SEIFERT (Düsseldorf)
SHIMIZU Akiko (Tokyo)
Marriage equality as strategy: family registration, moral conservatives, and the “LGBT” fad in Japan
KAWASAKA Kazuyoshi (Düsseldorf)
LGBT rights are human rights, but in what sense?
Dorothee de NÈVE (Gießen)
Merkel's gut feeling - debate about marriage for all in Germany

17:00-17:30 COFFEE BREAK

17:30-19:00 MARKETS AND CONSUMERS
Chair: Michiko MAE (Düsseldorf)
KAWAGUCHI Kazuya (Hiroshima Shudo)
Consuming identity and lifestyle:
transforming queer subjects in Japan
Elisabeth SCHERER (Düsseldorf)
Queer wedding ceremonies in Japan
Ilse LENZ (Bochum)
Queering gender and capitalism:
A comparative perspective

19:30 DINNER

SAT, 7 JULY

9:00-10:30 HEALTH, DISABILITY AND EDUCATION
Chair: Michael HEINZE (Düsseldorf)

John TREAT (Yale)
Put to the test: abjection and sexual citizenship in Japan
IINO Yuriko (Tokyo)
'Queering' disability may be possible, but ...
MANO Yutaka (Hiroshima Shudo)
LGBT education in Japan: grassroots activities in curriculum development

10:30-11:00 COFFEE BREAK

11:00-13:00 POPULAR REPRESENTATIONS
Chair: Stephan KÖHN (Köln)

Andrea GERMER (Düsseldorf)
Queer carnival and fascist moments:
Your Name (2016)
Jasmin RÜCKERT (Düsseldorf)
Queer space in television drama
Katharina HÜLSMANN (Düsseldorf)
Queer readings and potentials of the Boys' Love genre and communities
KANNO Yuka (Doshisha)
Framing: lesbian representability and the genealogy of girls' culture

13:00-14:30 LUNCH BREAK

14:30-18:30 CLOSED SESSION
Co-operations, Projects, Avenues

18:30 DINNER

