

## ***Research Design and Practice in Transnational Asian Studies***

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Graduate School of Interdisciplinary Information Studies, IT ASIA Graduate Program, University of Tokyo, Japan

Alliance for Research on East Asia (AREA Ruhr), Faculty of East Asian Studies, Ruhr University Bochum (RUB) and Institute for East Asian Studies (IN-East) University Duisburg-Essen (UDE)

### **Organisers:**

Professor Kaori Hayashi, Sociology of Mass Media and Journalism, IT ASIA Graduate Program, Graduate School of Interdisciplinary Information Studies, University of Tokyo, Japan

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### **Seminar Description:**

*This course is designed as an intensive cross-disciplinary doctoral workshop covering research design in transnational studies, especially in an Asian regional context. Research projects about transnational social and political transformations are often faced with the challenge of how to track and analyze social processes as they reach beyond national boundaries. With a focus on transnational processes in the East/South-East Asian region, but open also to other global regional foci, the course will include a series of lectures by leading scholars in Asian Transnational Studies. Students will present their research to this community of scholars and receive comments and guidance on how to develop transnational methodologies and modes of analysis.*

### **Location:**

University of Tokyo, Institute of Advanced Studies on Asia, Room 612 ([campus map link](#))

## PARTICIPANTS

### Guest Speakers/Commentators

Shimizu	Akiko	Professor, Postcolonial Theory, Queer Theory (Literature) (UT)
Nagy	Stephen R.	Professor, Politics and International Relations, International Christian University, Tokyo
Weber	Torsten	Postdoctoral Principle Researcher, German Institute for Japanese Studies Tokyo

### Faculty

Christiansen	Flemming	Professor, Political Sociology of China (UDE)
Hayashi	Kaori	Seminar Organizer and Professor, Sociology of Media and Journalism Studies (UT)
Klein	Axel	Professor, Japanese Politics (UDE)
Noesselt	Nele	Director, AREA Ruhr PhD Program (UDE) and Professor, Chinese Politics
Schmidtpott	Katja	Professor, Japanese History (RUB)
Shire	Karen	Seminar Organizer and Professor, Comparative Sociology and Japan Studies (UDE)

### Doctoral Candidates

An	Huy Tran	Doctoral Candidate AREA Ruhr (UDE)
Chun	Jihoon	Doctoral Candidate AREA Ruhr (RUB)
Nagae	Yuki	Doctoral Candidate IT-ASIA (UT)
Paschka	Marc	Doctoral Candidate AREA Ruhr (RUB)
Salvadó Gracia	Miquel	Doctoral Candidate AREA Ruhr (UDE)
Takeuchi	Kyoko	Doctoral Candidate, IT-ASIA (UT)

### MA Students

Katsui	Shin	MA Student, IT-ASIA (UT)
Kim	Heeyeon	MA Student, IT-ASIA (UT)
Yi	Chao	MA Student, IT-ASIA (UT)

## SCHEDULE

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

9.00 – 10:00	<p>Welcome and Program Introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Prof. Kaori Hayashi, GSII, University of Tokyo</li><li>- Prof. Nele Noesselt, Director, AREA Ruhr PhD Program</li><li>- Prof. Karen A. Shire, IN-EAST, University of Duisburg-Essen</li></ul> <p>Brief self-introductions of the further AREA Ruhr faculty, U of Tokyo and AREA Ruhr graduate students (continued after lunch)</p>
10:00 – 10:45	<p>Presentation and Discussion of Project by UDE Doctoral Candidate Miquel Salvadó Gracia: China Going Global on Renewable Energy – The Case of the Solar PV Sector in Latin America</p> <p>Comment by Prof. Stephen R. Nagy (Department of Politics and International Relations, ICU, Tokyo)</p> <p>Open Discussion (Moderated by U of Tokyo Doctoral Candidate Kyoko Takeuchi)</p>
10:45 – 11.00	<p>Short Break</p>
11:00 – 12.00	<p>Research Lecture by Prof. Kaori Hayashi, (IT ASIA, U of Tokyo): <i>The silent public in a liberal state: challenges of Japan's journalism in the age of the Internet</i></p> <p>Open Discussion (Moderator Prof. Nele Noesselt, UDE and AREA Ruhr)</p>
12.00 – 13.30	<p>Lunch Break</p>
13:30 – 14:15	<p>Continuing with Introductions</p>

14.15 – 15.00	<p>Research lecture by Prof. Nele Noesselt, (UDE and AREA Ruhr): <i>Cross-Regional Connectivity: Silk Road Dreams and Overlapping Regionalism</i></p> <p>Open Discussion (Moderator Prof. Flemming Christiansen, UDE and AREA Ruhr)</p>
15.00 – 15.15	Short Break
15:15 - 16:00	<p>Presentation and Discussion of Project by U of Tokyo MA Student Heeyeon KIM: <i>Exclusionism in Recent Japanese Society: Through SNS Platforms</i></p> <p>Comment and Discussion Moderation by Prof. Axel Klein (UDE)</p>
16:00 -	Optional Walking Tour (tbd)

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

9:00 – 9:15	Welcome Back: Karen Shire and Nele Noesselt
9:15 – 10:15	<p>Research Lecture by Prof. Katja Schmidtpott (RUB and AREA Ruhr) in Preparation of Saturday's Excursion: <i>Transnational Urban History and the Former Treaty Port of Yokohama</i></p> <p>Open Discussion (Moderated by Flemming Christiansen (UDE and AREA Ruhr)</p>
10:15 – 11:00	<p>Presentation and Discussion of Project by U of Tokyo MA Student Shin KATSUI: <i>Antibody-Drug Development</i></p> <p>Comment and Moderation by Prof. Karen Shire (UDE and AREA Ruhr)</p>
11:00 – 11:15	Short Break

11:15 – 12:00	<p>Presentation and Discussion by U of Tokyo MA Student Chao YI: <i>The current condition of Taiwan and Japan for circularity implementation</i></p> <p>Comment and Moderation by Prof. Nele Noesselt (UDE And AREA Ruhr)</p>
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch Break (order in lunch boxes)
13.00 – 14:00	<p>Research Presentation by Professor Akiko Shimizu, University of Tokyo: <i>Culture politics in Japan: marriage equality for same sex couples</i></p> <p>Open Discussion (Moderator: Prof. Karen Shire, UDE)</p>
14:00 – 14:45	<p>Research Presentation and Discussion of Doctoral Project by Huy Tran An, Negotiating Sexualities and Masculinities in Transnational Migration: Vietnamese Male Migrants in Contemporary Japan</p> <p>Comment by Professor Akiko Shimizu (U of Tokyo)</p> <p>Discussion Moderation: Yuki Nagae (Doctoral Candidate, U of Tokyo)</p>
14:45 – 15:00	Short Break
15:00 – 15:45	<p>Presentation and Discussion by U of Tokyo Doctoral Student Kyoko TAKEUCHI <i>Formation of a Plastic Category: Focusing on “X-jendā” in Japan</i></p> <p>Comment by Prof. Akiko Shimizu (U of Tokyo)</p> <p>Discussion Moderation: Marc Paschka (Doctoral Candidate, RUB, AREA Ruhr)</p>
15:45 – 16:00	Wrap Up: Karen Shire and Nele Noesselt
16:00 -	Optional Walking Tour (tbd)

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

9:00 – 9:15	Welcome Back, Karen Shire and Nele Noesselt
9:15 – 10:15	Research Presentation by Dr. Torsten Weber, DIJ Tokyo: Embracing 'Asia' in China and Japan. Discourse and the Contest for Hegemony 1912-1933  Open Discussion (Moderator Prof. Katja Schmidtpott, RUB and AREA Ruhr)
10:15 – 11:00	Research Presentation and Discussion of Doctoral Project by Jihoon Chun, Qing-Chosŏn relations during the period 1882 – 1895 as seen through the lens of 'Public Law of All Nations' (萬國公法) and the Collapse of Interpolity Order of 'Serving the Great' (事大秩序)  Comment by Dr. Torsten Weber, DIJ Tokyo  Discussion Moderation: Miquel Salvado Gracia (UDE, AREA Ruhr)
11:00-11.15	Short Break
11.15 – 12.00	Presentation and Discussion of Doctoral Project by Marc Paschke, The Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) of Korea and Japan during the colonial period, 1910-1945  Comment by Dr. Torsten Weber, DIJ Tokyo  Discussion Moderation: An Huy Tran (UDE, AREA Ruhr)

12:00 – 13:30	Lunch Break
13:30 – 14:30	Research Presentation by Professor Axel Klein: <i>Field Research in Japanese Politics</i>  Discussion Moderation: Prof. Katja Schmidtpott (RUB and AREA Ruhr)
14:30 – 15:15	Presentation and Discussion of Doctoral Project by Yuki Nagae, <i>Acculturation of immigrant and refugee families in Japan from the perspective of parental beliefs</i>  Comment and Discussion Moderation Prof. Flemming Christiansen, (UDE and AREA Ruhr)
15:15 – 15:30	Short Break
15:30 – 16:00	Introduction to the Excursion on Saturday, September 21

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

10:00 – open end	Transnational Urban History Visit to Yokohama with Prof. Katja Schmidtpott (RUB and AREA Ruhr)  (meeting point and further details to be announced)
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch Break
14:30 – 17:00	Continuation or other optional Walking Tour

## TUESDAY, September 24

9:00 – 9:15	Welcome Back, Karen Shire and Nele Noesselt
9:15 – 10:15	Research Presentation by Flemming Christiansen (UDE and Area Ruhr): <i>Three Ways of Doing Transnational Research</i>  Open Discussion (Moderation Jihoon Chun)
10:15 – 11:15	Research Presentation by Karen Shire (UDE and Area Ruhr): <i>Regulating Transnational Labour in the Asia Pacific – A Research Design</i>  Open Discussion (Moderation Nele Noesselt)
11:15 – 11:30	Short Break
11:30 – 12:00	Wrap Up Discussion on Research Design and Practice in Transnational East Asian Studies
18:00	Closing Dinner at a local <i>Izakaza</i> (location to be announced)