International Symposium on
Civil Society, Political Participation and Happiness

Conference schedule
23 – 25 May 2013
Werner Reimers Foundation, Bad Homburg

23 May, Thursday
19:00 – 20:30 Public opening lecture *(held in German; scripts in English are provided)*
   **Christopher Pleister**, Federal Agency for Financial Market Stabilisation, FMSA
   *Social commitment, market principles and happiness – the view of the private sector*
   **Florian Coulmas**, German Institute for Japanese Studies, DIJ
   *Social commitment, market principles and happiness – the view of science*
20:30 – 21:30 Get-together

24 May, Friday
09:30 – 11:00 Session 1: Setting the stage: Civil Society, Political Involvement and Happiness
   **Bernard Enjolras**, Centre for Research on Civil Society & Voluntary Sector
   *Changing patterns of voluntarism and participation in Norway*
   **Paul Dekker**, Tilburg University
   *Social and political involvement and the machinery of trust, mastery and happiness*
11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break
11:30 – 13:00 Session 1: Setting the stage: Civic Engagement and Social Well Being
   **Kristin Strømsnes**, Centre for Research on Civil Society & Voluntary Sector
   *Voluntary association and trust*
   **Elvira Cicognani**, University of Bologna
   *Social participation, sense of community and social well-being*
   **Carola Hommerich**, German Institute for Japanese Studies, DIJ
   *Feeling involved – civic engagement and social well-being in Japan*
13:00 – 14:30 Lunch
14:30 – 16:00 Session 2: Antecedents and consequences of political participation *(part I)*
   **Alois Stutzer**, University of Basel
   *Direct democracy and procedural utility*
   **Matthew S. Winters**, University of Illinois
   *Untangling the relationship between political participation and happiness*
**Tim Tiefenbach**, German Institute for Japanese Studies, DIJ
*Political participation and happiness: Japan, the usual outlier?*

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 – 18:00 **Session 2: Antecedents and consequences of political participation (part II)**

*Phoebe Holdgrün*, German Institute for Japanese Studies, DIJ
*Political participation and well-being: A case study of political activists in Japan after 3/11*

*Robin LeBlanc*, Washington and Lee University
*What do we do when the young don’t party? Examining barriers to satisfactory youth engagement in politics in Japan and Italy*

*Junko Yamashita*, University of Bristol
*Participative Democracy or Cheap Service Provider? – NPOs in the Japanese elderly care system*

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25 May, Saturday

09:30 – 11:00 **Session 3: Social movements (part I)**

*Matthew Hilton*, University of Birmingham
*The politics of expertise: NGOs in Britain since 1945*

*Koichi Hasegawa*, Tohoku University Sendai
*Anti-nuclear activities after the Fukushima nuclear disaster: A new stage of the Japanese Civil Society?*

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00 **Session 3: Social movements (part II)**

*Patricia Steinhoff*, University of Hawaii at Manoa
*Advocacy can also be fun: Finding happiness through participation in Japan's invisible civil society*

*Barbara Holthus*, German Institute for Japanese Studies, DIJ
*Framing processes among the invisible - Parental social movement organizations and well-being in Japan*

*Millie Creighton*, The University of British Columbia
*Civil society and Japanese citizens' activism surrounding Japan's constitution and Article 9 debates, Okinawan peace movements, and post-311 disaster responses*

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 15:30 Final discussion