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In its series of public lectures, the German Institute for Japanese Studies will present on

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What is the corporation? How is it changing? A German and Japanese Comparison

This talk will discuss how apparent differences in the institutional structure of the German and Japanese corporations can be understood in the light of recent developments of comparative institutional analysis. It will then discuss how these structures are being adapted in response to market globalization and IT revolution and speculate on whether these two types of corporate structures will eventually converge to a similar type.

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The lecture will be given in English. It will take place on **Thursday, 26 May 2005 at 6.30 p.m.** at the DIJ. Admission is free, please register with Ms. Dinkel at the DIJ.