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

Thursday, 17 July 2008, 18.30 h

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Electoral Systems and Party Personnel

This presentation introduces a new multi-year collaborative research project funded by the National Science Foundation of the United States commencing in July 2008. The Principal Investigators (PIs) are Ellis Krauss, Robert Pekkanen and Matthew Shugart. Our aim is to examine how electoral systems affect what we call "party personnel strategies" (encompassing both party nomination and ranking strategies as well as party and legislative organization). To do this, we employ analysis of eight countries—four of which experienced electoral system change (the other four are control or "steady-state" cases for us): Bolivia, Germany, Portugal, Japan, New Zealand, Ukraine, Lithuania and the United Kingdom. Because of the vast scope of the project, a number of collaborators will play a vital role in the project.

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『日本における市民社会の二重構造：政策提言なきメンバー達』.

The lecture will be given in English. It will take place on **Thursday, 17 July 2008** at 6.30 p.m. at the DIJ. Admission is free, please register.

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