

December 5, 2008

International Workshop

RURAL AREAS WITHOUT HOPE? STRUCTURAL CHANGE AND POLICY OPTIONS IN JAPAN AND GERMANY

9:30 - 9:45 Welcome address and opening of the workshop

9:45 - 11:05 **Section 1: Regional Socioeconomic Disparities in Japan and Germany**

Ralph LÜTZELER: Growing and Shrinking Regions in Germany – An Overview

YAMAMOTO Kenji: Regional Disparities in Japan

11:05 - 11:25 Coffee Break

11:25 - 12:45 **Section 2: Current Situation in Shrinking Regions in the Rural Periphery**

Claudia NEU: Demographic Change and Civil Society in Remote Rural Areas

Volker ELIS: Shrinking Towns in Japan's Rural Periphery – Current Situation and Future Prospects

12:45 - 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 - 15:30 **Section 3: Conventional Top-down Concepts for Regional Development**

Ulrike GRABSKI-KIERON: Statutory Planning Instruments in Rural Development: the Role of Top-Down Approaches Addressing Demographic Change

YAMAMOTO Masaki: Effects of a Decreasing-Population Society and the National Spatial Strategies from a Global Economic Perspective

15:30 - 15:40 Coffee Break

15:40 - 17:00 **Section 4: From Government to Regional Governance?**

Peter WIRTH and Bernhard MÜLLER: Demographic Change in Peripheral Areas – from Local Action to Regional Networks

KIM Doo-Chul and BU Hye-Jin: Coping with Depopulation and Demographic Ageing in Rural Japan: From Government to Local Governance

17:00 - 17:45 Concluding Discussion



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