

**GERMAN INSTITUTE FOR JAPANESE STUDIES [DIJ]
JAPANESE-GERMAN CENTER BERLIN [JDZB]**

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

for the symposium
Happiness – Does Culture Matter?

Monday, November 21 – Tuesday, November 22, 2011
at the JDZB, Saargemuender Str. 2, 14195 Berlin

Monday, November 21, 2011

12.00 h *Lunch for Speakers and Organisers*

13.00 h **Welcome**
Friederike BOSSE (JDZB)

Introduction
Florian COULMAS (DIJ)
Susanne KLIEN (DIJ)
Carola HOMMERICH (DIJ)

13.30 h **Session 1: Meanings of Happiness in Cross-cultural Comparison (Hommerich)**

Happiness, Culture and Context
Gordon MATHEWS (Chinese University of Hong Kong)

Meanings of happiness in cross-cultural comparison
Yukiko UCHIDA (Kyoto University)

15.00 h *Coffee Break*

15.30 h **Session 2 : Methodological Reflections: How to approach Happiness (Klien)**

East-West difference in happiness: Cultural bias or cultural causation?
Ruut VEENHOVEN (Erasmus University Rotterdam)

Happiness as collaborative autobiography: towards more realistic, culturally embedded, and empathic happiness studies
Neil THIN (University of Edinburgh)

17.50 h **Remarks on the “Study Commission on Growth, Wellbeing and Quality of Life”**
Dr. Wolfram BACKERT (Secretariat, “Study Commission on Growth, Wellbeing and Quality of Life”)

18.00 h **Remarks on the “Working Group on Happiness” at the Cabinet’s Office**
Yukiko UCHIDA (Kyoto University)

18.10 h **Discussion with Daniela KOLBE, MP**
(Head of “Study Commission on Growth, Wellbeing and Quality of Life”)

18.30 h *Dinner*

Tuesday, November 22, 2011

09.00 h	Session 3: Achievement of Happiness	(Winkler)
	Happiness – The Policy Issue Bruno FREY (University of Zurich)	
	The Pursuit of Happiness: Wellbeing in an Unequal World Kate PICKETT (University of York)	
10.30 h	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
11.00 h	Session 4: Case Studies	(Klien)
	Happiness and social cohesion in Britain and Japan: a comparative study of two island economies Dimitris BALLAS (University of Sheffield)	
	Status Anxiety, Subjective Exclusion and Happiness – a German-Japanese Comparison Carola HOMMERICH (DIJ)	
	How to make voters happy? An analysis of political parties' promise of happiness made in election manifestos Chris WINKLER (DIJ)	
12.30 h	<i>Lunch</i>	
14.00 h	Session 5: Development, Social Progress and Happiness	(Hommerich)
	Local Development Vision Project and People's Life Evaluation in Hyogo Takayoshi KUSAGO (Kansai University)	
	The Quest for a New Way of Life beyond Material Affluence: Aspirations, Expectations and Experiences of Young Urban In-migrants to Rural Areas in Contemporary Japan Susanne KLIEN (DIJ)	
	Attitude about international development among university students in Japan Motoi SUZUKI (National Museum of Ethnology Osaka)	
15.30 h	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
16.00 h	Final Discussion	(Coulmas)
17.30 h	End of the symposium	