

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

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