

# Program of the VSJF 2017 Annual Conference

Department of East Asian Studies – University of Vienna  
in cooperation with the German Institute for Japanese Studies (DIJ)  
and the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber

## Monday, 30.10.2017

14:00 – 18:00 | Gender Workshop Session 1 (University Campus 2.4, 1090 Vienna)

## Tuesday, 31.10.2017

09:00 – 12:00 | Gender Workshop Session 2 (University Campus 2.4, 1090 Vienna)

**Venue: WKO (Austrian Federal Economic Chamber), Rudolf-Sallinger-Saal, Wiedner Hauptstraße 63, 1040 Vienna**

12:30 – 13:30 | Registration

13:30 – 13:45 | Opening and Welcome Addresses

13:45 – 14:00 | Introduction: Rural Japan Revisited

Ralph LÜTZELER and Wolfram MANZENREITER (University of Vienna)

14:00 – 15:00 | **The Power of Regions: Strategies of Revitalisation and Sustainability, Part 1** (Expert Panel 1-1)

Chairs: Daniel KREMERS and Susanne BRUCKSCH (German Institute for Japanese Studies, Tokyo)

Thomas FELDHOF (Ruhr University, Bochum)

*Community Power for Energy Sector Transformations in Japan: Innovation Shaped by Institutional Constraints*

Susanne BRUCKSCH (German Institute for Japanese Studies, Tokyo)  
*Strategies of Revitalisation: Regional Matching-Hubs for Manufacturing, Medical Device Companies and Hospitals for Enhancing Future Industries*

FURUTANI Tomoyuki (Keiō University, Tokyo)

*Technology in Mountain Farming: Utilising Drones to Strengthening Local Agricultural Business*

15:00 – 15:45 | Networking and Coffee Break

15:45 – 16:30 | **The Power of Regions: Strategies of Revitalisation and Sustainability, Part 2** (Expert Panel 1-2)

Chair: Franz WALDENBERGER (German Institute for Japanese Studies, Tokyo)

	<p>Cornelia REIHER (Free University, Berlin)  <u><i>Imagining the Future of Rural Areas: Revitalization Strategies between Conservatism and Pluralism</i></u></p> <p>Carolin FUNCK (Hiroshima University)  <u><i>Has the Island Lure Reached Japan? Remote Islands between Tourism Boom, New Residents and Fatal Depopulation</i></u></p>
16:30 – 16:45	<p><b>Input Statement: Internet of Trees</b></p> <p>Ingomar LOCHSCHMIDT (Austrian Embassy / AußenwirtschaftsCenter Tokyo)</p>
16:45 – 17:30	<p><b>Panel Discussion: Innovation for Japanese Agriculture and Forestry – Opportunities and Potentials</b></p> <p>Moderator: Ingomar LOCHSCHMIDT (Austrian Embassy / AußenwirtschaftsCenter Tokyo)</p>
19:00 – 21:00	<p><b>Reception by the Japanese Ambassador in Austria</b> (Residence of the Japanese Ambassador, 1190 Vienna)</p>

## Wednesday, 01.11.2017

**Venue: University Campus Court 2, Lecture Hall C1, Spitalgasse 2, 1090 Vienna**

08:30 – 09:30	<p><b>Regional Policy Approaches (Re)considered (Panel 2)</b></p> <p>Chair: Wolfram MANZENREITER (University of Vienna)</p> <p>Volker ELIS (University of Cologne)  <u><i>Rural Shrinking in Japan and Germany: Similarities, Dissimilarities and Lessons to Learn</i></u></p> <p>UENO Shinya (Kumamoto University)  <u><i>System Dynamics Analysis on Rural Areas Policy</i></u></p>
09:30 – 10:00	Coffee Break
10:00 – 11:30	<p><b>Rural Communities Readjusting (Panel 3)</b></p> <p>Chair: Ingrid GETREUER-KARGL (University of Vienna)</p> <p>Johannes Harumi WILHELM (Keiō University, Tokyo)  <u><i>Shrinking Communities and the Question of the Commons</i></u></p> <p>ŌSUGA Toshiki (Japanese Institute of Irrigation and Drainage, Tokyo)  <u><i>Rural Social Capital Research Studies on Land Improvement Projects</i></u></p> <p>William W. KELLY (Yale University, New Haven)  <u><i>Akiya in Regional Japan: The Complex Social Relations of Empty Houses</i></u></p>
11:30 – 13:00	Lunch Break
13:00 – 14:30	<b>Against the Current: Migration to Rural Areas (Panel 4)</b>

	Chair: Ralph LÜTZELER (University of Vienna)
	ISHIKAWA Yoshitaka (Kyōto University) <u>Peripheral Areas in Contemporary Japan and Migration to Them</u>
	Ludgera LEWERICH (Heinrich-Heine-University, Düsseldorf) <u>I-Turn Migration as a Means to Rural Revitalization? The Case of Ama</u>
	John W. TRAPHAGAN (University of Texas in Austin) <u>Entrepreneurs and the Pursuit of Existential Meaning in Rural Japan</u>
14:30 – 15:30	Coffee Break & Poster Presentation
15:30 – 18:00	Section Meetings (University Campus, Court 2)
19:00– 21:00	Reception by the Mayor of the City of Vienna (City Hall, 1010 Vienna) including Presentation of the VSJF-Award 2017

## Thursday, 02.11.2017

**Venue: University Campus Court 2, Lecture Hall C1, Spitalgasse 2, 1090 Vienna**

08:30 – 09:45	Early Morning Screening: <u>65+ Being Old in Rural Japan</u> (Documentary, A 2014, 35 min., jp. with English subtitles) and Discussion with Producers Isabelle PROCHASKA (University of Vienna) and Pia KIENINGER (University of Life Sciences, Vienna)
	Parallel event: <b>VSJF General Meeting (Mitgliederversammlung)</b>
09:45 – 10:00	Coffee Break
10:00 – 11:30	<b>Institutional Change in Japan's Peripheries: Rural Areas between Decentralization, Deregulation, and Dependency (Panel 5)</b>
	Chair: Sonja GANSEFORTH (German Institute of Japanese Studies, Tokyo)
	Hanno JENTZSCH (German Institute of Japanese Studies, Tokyo) <u>Process or Perish? Family Farms, Agricultural Cooperatives, and the "6th Industry"</u>
	IBA Haruhiko / SAKAMOTO Kiyohiko (Kyōto University) <u>Who Governs Community Farming for Agricultural Efficiency and Residential Welfare? A Critical Application of Governance Theory</u>
	John KNIGHT (Queen's University, Belfast) <u>Picking Persimmons before the Monkey Does: Volunteer Tourism and Crop Protection in Rural Japan</u>
11:30 – 12:00	Coffee Break
12:00 – 13:30	<b>Social Relations and Well-being in Rural Japan (Panel 6)</b>
	Chair: Barbara HOLTHUS (University of Vienna)



Tolga ÖSZEN (Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University, Turkey)  
*The Family, New Actors, and Social Relations in Contemporary Rural Ja-*  
*pan*

AKITSU Motoki / OTSUKI Kei (Kyōto University)  
*The Precarious Balance between Old Residents and New Settlers in Ja-*  
*pan's Rural Community: Inclusion or Novel Development?*

Paul HANSEN (Hokkaidō University, Sapporo)  
*Kyoko's Assemblage: Escaping 'futsū no nihonjin' in Hokkaidō*

13:30 – 14:00

Concluding Remarks