

## Curriculum Vitae

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### Positions

**Since October 2016:** Senior Research Fellow, German Institute for Japanese Studies (Social Science Section), Tokyo

**October 2015 – March 2016:** Post-Doctoral Fellow, DFG Research Training Group 1613 Risk and East Asia, Institute for East Asian Studies, University of Duisburg-Essen

**September 2013 – December 2013:** Visiting Research Fellow, Institute of Social Sciences, Tokyo University

**October 2011 – September 2015:** Doctoral Fellow, DFG Research Training Group 1613 Risk and East Asia, Institute for East Asian Studies, University of Duisburg-Essen

### Education

**March 2016: Dr. Phil. (summa cum laude)**, University of Duisburg-Essen, Faculty of Social Sciences, Institute for East Asian Studies, DFG Research Training Group 1613 Risk and East Asia  
Thesis: *The “Local” in Processes of Endogenous Institutional Change: Informal Village Institutions in Japan’s Changing Agricultural Support and Protection Regime*  
Supervision: Professor Karen Shire, PhD (University of Duisburg-Essen), Professor Robert Pekkanen, PhD (University of Washington, Seattle)

**February 2011: M.A. Politics of East Asia**, Faculty for East Asian Studies, Ruhr- University Bochum  
M.A. Thesis: *Das System JA – Eine neoinstitutionalistische Untersuchung von Stabilität und Wandel in Japans landwirtschaftlichem Unterstützungs- und Protektionsregime* (The System JA – A

Neoinstitutional Analysis of Stability and Change in the Japanese Agricultural Support and Protection Regime)

**May 2008: B.A. Politics and Economics of East Asia**, Faculty for East Asian Studies, Ruhr- University Bochum

B.A. Thesis: *Ethnizität, Identität und Politik. Eine Untersuchung zum Spaltzustand der taiwanesischen Gesellschaft* (Ethnicity, Identity, and Politics: Analyzing the Division of Taiwanese Society)

**May 2002: General Qualification for University Entrance (Abitur)**, Gymnasium Raabeschule, Braunschweig, Germany

## Research Interests

Informal institutions and institutional change, agriculture and agricultural politics in Japan, politics of rural revitalization in Japan, central-local relations, Varieties of Capitalism, decentralization and austerity politics, electoral systems, theory of democratic peace

## Publications

Jentsch, Hanno (forthcoming). *Harvesting State Support – Japan’ Agricultural Support and Protection Regime under Renegotiation*, Toronto: Toronto University Press.

Jentsch, Hanno (forthcoming). “Building arguments on national policies from everyday observations”. In: *Studying Japan: Research Designs, Fieldwork and Methods*, ed. Nora Kottmann and Cornelia Reiher, Baden-Baden: Nomos.

Jentsch, Hanno (forthcoming). San’ya 2020 – From Building to Hosting the Tokyo Olympics. In: *Japan through the Lens of the Tokyo Olympics*, ed. Barbara Holthus, Wolfram Manzenreiter, Franz Waldenberger and Isaac Gagné. London and New York: Routledge

Jentsch, Hanno (2020). “San’ya 2020: From Building to Hosting the Tokyo Olympics” In: *Japan Through the Lens of the Tokyo Olympics*, ed. Barbara G. Holthus, Isaac Gagné, Wolfram Manzenreiter and Franz Waldenberger. New York: Routledge: 54–58.

Jentsch, Hanno (2020). “Regional Revitalization as a Contested Arena – Promoting Wine Tourism in Yamanashi”. In: *Japan’s New Ruralities: Coping with Decline in the Periphery*, ed. Ralph Lützel, Wolfram Manzenreiter and Sebastian Polak-Rottmann. London and New York: Routledge.

Jentsch, Hanno (2019). “La revitalisation régionale et ses contestations locales: Le cas de la promotion de l’œnotourisme à Yamanashi”. *Ebisu*, (56): 191–221.

Jentsch, Hanno (2017). “Subsidized Tradition, Networks, and Power: Hamlet Farming in Japan’s Changing Agricultural Support and Protection Regime”. In *Feeding Japan*, ed. Andreas Niehaus and Tine Walravens. New York: Palgrave Macmillan: 413–442.

Jentsch, Hanno (2017). "Abandoned Land, Corporate Farming, and Farmland Banks: A Local Perspective on the Process of Deregulating and Redistributing Farmland in Japan". *Contemporary Japan*, 28 (2): 1–16.

Jentsch, Hanno (2017). "Tracing the Local Origins of Farmland Policies in Japan: Local-National Policy Transfers and Endogenous Institutional Change". *Social Science Japan Journal*, 20 (2): 243-260.

Jentsch, Hanno (2017). Review: The Political Economy of Japanese Trade Policy, ed. Aurelia George Mulgan and Masayoshi Honma. *Pacific Affairs*, 90 (2): 352-354.

## Awards

**January 2017:** Francesco Kjellberg Award for Outstanding Papers presented by New Scholars 2016, awarded for the paper "Tracing the Local Origins of Farmland Policies in Japan", presented at the 24th World Congress of the International Political Science Association (IPSA) in Poznan, Poland

**November 2011:** Award for best MA thesis of the Institute of East Asian Studies, Ruhr University Bochum

## Stipends and Scholarships

**March 2016 – August 2016:** Publication stipend, DFG Research Training Group Risk and East Asia, Institute for East Asian Studies, University of Duisburg-Essen

**October 2015 – March 2016:** Post-doctoral fellowship, DFG Research Training Group 1613 Risk and East Asia, Institute for East Asian Studies, University of Duisburg-Essen

**October 2015:** "Start-up Grant" awarded by the DFG Research Training Group 1613 Risk and East Asia, Institute for East Asian Studies, University of Duisburg-Essen

**October 2011 – September 2015:** Doctoral stipend, DFG Research Training Group 1613 Risk and East Asia, Institute for East Asian Studies, University of Duisburg-Essen

**October 2009 – December 2010:** Study fellowship, German National Academic Foundation (Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes)

## Other Research-Related Funding

**March 2018:** Toshiba Foundation Grant for organizing an international symposium entitled "What is the 'local'? Rethinking the politics of subnational spaces in Japan", held on October 18-20, 2018 at the German Institute for Japanese Studies, Tokyo

**March 2018:** Friedrich-Ebert Foundation (Tokyo Office) grant for organizing an international symposium entitled "What is the 'local'? Rethinking the politics of subnational spaces in Japan", held on October 18-20, 2018 at the German Institute for Japanese Studies, Tokyo

## Teaching Experience

**Winter Term 2018/2019:** Institute for Japanese Studies, University of Vienna. Block seminar: “Regional Inequality in Japan: Politics, Institutions, and Postwar History” (MA level)

**Summer Term 2017:** Colleges of Arts and Sciences, PEAK Program, Tokyo University. Lecture: “Institutions and Institutional Change in Postwar Japan” (undergraduate level)

**Winter Term 2015/2016:** Institute for East Asian Studies, University of Duisburg-Essen. Seminar: “Social and Political Perspectives on Regional Japan” (MA level)

## Papers and Presentations (selected)

**October 2019:** *日本農業におけるレジーム変容：地域の役割を考える* (Japan’s Changing Agricultural Regime – Considering the Role of the Regions), International Symposium, Hiroshima University, Japan

**July 2019:** *Spatial Austerity and the “Man-Made Disaster” – Revitalizing Local Self-Governance in Japan’s Peripheries*, International Convention of Asian Scholars ICAS, Panel “Theorizing Rural Asia in an Era of Urbanization”, Leiden, Netherlands

**March 2019:** *The Contested Boundaries of “Regional Revitalization” in Japan – Promoting Wine Tourism in the Kofu Basin*, Annual Conference of the Association for Asian Studies (AAS), Panel “What is the ‘Local’? Rethinking the Socio-Politics of Subnational Spaces in Japan”, chaired by Hanno Jentsch, Denver, USA

**January 2019:** *Decentralizing Decline – Town-building and Local Self-Governance in Japan’s Peripheries*, University of Vienna, Austria

**November 2018:** *Governing the ‘Man-Made Disaster’ – Town-Building and Local Self-Governance in the Peripheries of Amalgamated Municipalities in Japan*, Annual Conference of the German Association for Social Science Research on Japan (VSJF), Berlin, Germany

**October 2018:** *Boundary Change: The Impact of Municipal and Cooperative Mergers on Agricultural Reform in Japan*, International Symposium “What is the ‘Local’? – Rethinking the Politics of Subnational Spaces in Japan”, DIJ Tokyo, Japan

**July 2018:** *The 6th Industry: Renegotiating the Political Economy of “Regional Japan”*, Lunch Seminar on Japanese Economy and Society, Maison Franco-Japonaise, Tokyo, Japan

**June 2018:** *Japan’s Changing Agricultural Welfare State – Struggling Cooperatives, Collective Farming, and Village Institutions*, Panel “Governing Social Risks in China and Japan”, chaired by Hanno Jentsch, Society for the Advancement of the Socio-Economics Annual Meeting, Kyoto, Japan

**June 2018:** *Institutional Change at the Rice Roots - Informal Institutions and Local Agency in Japan’s Changing Agricultural Support and Protection Regime*, Society for the Advancement of the

Socio-Economics Annual Meeting, Mini-Conference “Revisiting Nonliberal Capitalism: Germany and Japan Ten Years After the Great Financial Crisis”, Kyoto, Japan

**June 2018:** *Defensive Institution-Building and Changing Social and Political Boundaries: Local Agricultural Regimes and Agricultural Reform in Japan*, Regional Studies Association Annual Conference, Special Session “Agency, Institutional Change and Local Economic Development”, Lugano, Switzerland

**November 2017:** *Process or Perish? Family Farms, Agricultural Cooperatives, and the “6th Industry”*. Annual Conference of the German Association for Social Science Research on Japan (VSJF), Panel “Institutional Change in Japan’s Peripheries: Rural Areas between Decentralization, Deregulation, and Dependency”, chaired by Sonja Ganseforth, Vienna, Austria

**September 2017:** *Japan’s Destabilizing Agricultural Welfare State - Struggling Cooperatives and Changing Village Institutions*. 15<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the European Association for Japanese Studies (EAJS), Panel “The Social Consequences of Structural Reform on the Welfare Mix: Agricultural Protection, Family Care and Corporate Welfare”, chaired by Karen Shire, Lisbon, Portugal

**March 2017:** *The Difference Democracy Makes? Comparing Agrarian Change in Japan and China (with Rene Trappel)*, Annual Conference of the Association for Asian Studies (AAS), Panel “Envisioning a Future for the Countryside: Chinese and Japanese Perspectives”, chaired by Sally Sargeson, Toronto, Canada

**November 2016:** *Hamlet-Based Collective Farming - Village Institutions as Resources in Japan’s Changing Agricultural Sector*, Conference “Rural Areas between Decline and Resurgence - Lessons from Japan and Austria”, University of Vienna, Austria

**July 2016:** *Tracing the Local Origins of Farmland Policies in Japan*, 24<sup>th</sup> World Congress of the International Political Science Association (IPSA), Panel “Local Governance and Civil Society”, chaired by Robert Pekkanen, Poznan, Poland

**July 2015:** *Consuming the Nation – Chisan Chishō in the Context of WTO Era Agricultural Policy-Making in Japan (with Tine Walravens)*, Symposium “Emotionalizing the Nation: Conflicting Narratives in Japanese Food Identities”, Royal Flemish Academy, Brussels

**March 2015:** *Village Institutions and the Agricultural Reform Process in Japan*, Annual Conference of the Association for Asian Studies (AAS), Panel “Interest Groups in Contemporary Japan”, chaired by Robert Pekkanen, Chicago, USA

**August 2014:** *Agricultural Marketization Meets Village Institutions: Community Farming in Hikawa-chō, Shimane-ken*, 14<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the European Association of Japanese Studies (EAJS), Panel “Eating Practices and Japan’s Agri-Food System in Flux: On Local Farmers, Global Risks and Alternative Consumers’ Choices”, chaired by Cornelia Reiher, Ljubljana, Slovenia

**November 2012:** *Dörfliche Institutionen und der landwirtschaftspolitische Reformprozess in Japan* (Village Institutions and the Agricultural Reform Process in Japan), paper presented at the

Sociology workshop during the Annual Conference of the German Association for Social Science Research on Japan (VSJF), Weingarten, Germany

## Main Field Research Experience

**August/September 2018:** Field research in Minami-Shinano, Iida City, Nagano Prefecture. Interviews and participatory observation, document collection (stakeholders and activities surrounding local self-governance institutions on the level of the city and the former village of Minami-Shinano)

**April 2017 – ongoing:** Document collection and interviews with farmers, local cooperative representatives, local administrations etc. in various localities throughout Japan

**October 2016 – ongoing:** Participatory observation and interviews in the wine and grape industry in Yamanashi (regular visits, active participation in events, interviews), research trips to various other locations throughout Japan, document collection and interviews with stakeholders of Japan's "6<sup>th</sup> industry" (public officials, farmers, local agricultural cooperatives, entrepreneurs).

**September 2013 – December 2013:** Field research in Hikawa Town and Izumo City, Shimane Prefecture, Japan, including participatory observation (individual and cooperative rice farms, local agricultural cooperative, agricultural administration), semi-structured interviews with farmers, agricultural officials, document collection

**March 2013 – June 2013:** Field research in the Kōfu Basin, Yamanashi Prefecture, Japan, including participatory observation (individual and incorporated horticulture farms), semi-structured interviews with farmers, local and prefectural officials, agricultural cooperatives, document collection

## Languages

**German:** Native speaker

**English:** Near native level

**Japanese:** Fluent

## Related Working Experience and Internships

**February 2010 – August 2010:** Working experience in various agricultural projects in rural and peri-urban areas in Japan

**November 2008 – October 2011:** Freelance journalist, Westdeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung WAZ, Essen, Germany

**November 2007 – October 2011:** Editorial staff member Bochumer Stadt- und Studierendenzzeitung bsz, Bochum, Germany

**October 2006 – February 2007:** Internship at the Asienhaus Essen, editorial tasks for the journal *südostasien* (South East Asia, published by Asienhaus Foundation)

**July 2003 – September 2003:** Internship at the Braunschweiger Zeitung, Braunschweig, Germany