

"Japanese Studies After 3.11"

It is said that the Great East Japan earthquake of 11 March, 2011 and the nuclear plant accident consequent upon it constituted an important turning point for rethinking, criticizing the whole history of post-war Japan an assertion that has to be questioned. The hegemony of the so-called "Iron triangle" of politic, bureaucracy and business (especially energy industry) resulted in serious environmental destruction across the Japanese islands and in the expansion of an irredeemable gap between countryside and cities during the period of high economic growth. Postwar Japanese democracy has - albeit ironically - lent powerful support to this hegemony as a co-production of Japan and the United States, which continues to this day its occupation of Japan.

The problematics of the 3.11 phenomena foregrounded postwar Japan's contradictions and conflicts all at once, forcing intellectuals to confront this critical situation. Scholars of Japanese and East Asian studies working in such fields as literature, history, film studies, religious studies and media studies should have been quick to deliberate how best to overcome these problematics.

In this symposium to be held at Leipzig Universit, we will to be reflect on the various issues surrounding the phenomena of the 3.11 disaster, in order to explore the possibilities for academic collaboration from transnational perspectives. Note that this symposium is convened as one of a series of events to mark the 30th anniversary of the founding of the International Research Center for Japanese Studies.

- Date: 9-11 November, 2017
- Venue: Bibliotheka Albertina (Universitätsbibliothek Leipzig)

Symposium Program

Day 1: Thursday, 9 November

- 16:30-16:45 Remark by Tsuboi Hideto, Head of Office of International Research Exchange (Nichibunken)
- 16:45-18:45 **Keynote Speech: Karatani Kojin**
- 19:00-21:00 Welcome Party

Day 2: Friday, 10 November

- 9:00-12:00 **New Generation Panel**
- Moderator: Patricia Fister (Nichibunken)
 - Panelists: 3 or 4 graduate students of Leipzig University and Sokendai (the Graduate University for Advanced Studies) Felix Jawinski, Franziska John (both Leipzig University), Tamura Miyuki, Nagase Kai (Both the Graduate University for Advanced Studies)
 - Discussants: Markus Rüttermann (Nichibunken), Dorothea Mladenova (Leipzig University)
- 13:30-16:30 **Session 1: Globalization, Media and Movements**
- Moderator: Tsuboi Hideto (Nichibunken)
 - Panelists: Miyake Toshio (Ca' Foscari University of Venice), Ito Mamoru (Waseda University), Yamada Shoji (Nichibunken), Fabian Schäfer (Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg)
 - Discussant: Martin Roth (Leipzig University)
- 17:00-19:45 **Screening: *Nuclear Nation 2* (2015)**
- Moderator: Mitsuyo Wada-Marciano (Carleton University)
 - Talk with the Film Director: Funahashi Atsushi

Day3 Saturday, 11 November

- 9:00-12:00 **Session 2: Politics and Intellectual Situation after 3.11**
- Moderator: Steffi Richter (Leipzig University)
 - Panelists: Isomae Junichi (Nichibunken), Matsuda Toshihiko (Nichibunken), Sato Hiroo (Tohoku University), Mitsuyo Wada-Marciano (Carleton University)
 - Discussant: Raji C. Steineck (Zürich University)
- 13:30-16:30 **Session 3: Crisis and Representation**

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- Moderator: Isomae Junichi
- Panelists: Tsuboi Hideto, Anne Bayard-Sakai (INALCO), Kimura Saeko (Tsuda University), Stephan Köhn (University Cologne)
- Discussant: Steffi Richter

16:45-18:15 **Round Table**

19:00-21:00 **Farewell Party**

Day 4 Sunday, 12 November

Excursion Tour