

## **FORSCHUNG/LEHRE/INFORMATIONEN**

### **Konferenzankündigungen**

#### **European Social Science Java Network 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Workshop 'Youth and Identity'**

**2.-5. Februar 2002, Marseille, Frankreich**

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#### **China im 21. Jahrhundert: Entwicklungsland oder Supermacht?**

**18.-22. Februar 2002, Brühl**

Veranstaltung des Ost-West-Kollegs der Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung, die für Pädagogen, Studierende und Angehörige verschiedener Berufe als Teilnehmende interessant ist. Kontakt und mehr Informationen: OWK, Willy-Brandt-Str. 1, 50321 Brühl, Tel: 02232/92984-40/50, Fax: 02232/9299020, E-Mail: [owk@fhhbund.de](mailto:owk@fhhbund.de)

#### **Keio-Cologne Seminar on the Taxation of Electronic Commerce**

**voraussichtlich 28.-29.03.2002, Keio University, Tokyo, Japan**

(ursprünglich angesetzt für den 4.-5. Oktober 2001) Englischsprachiges Symposium, veranstaltet von der Keio-Universität Tokyo, der Universität Köln und der Deutsch-Japanischen Juristenvereinigung. Anmeldungen bitte an Prof. Dr. Matthias K. Scheer, Generalsekretär der DJJV. Kontakt: [DrScheer@aol.com](mailto:DrScheer@aol.com).

#### **AAS Annual Conference**

**4.-7. April 2002, Washington, D.C.**

Vom 4. bis 7. April 2002 wird in Washington D.C. die jährliche Konferenz der Association for Asian Studies (AAS) stattfinden. Weitere Informationen zur Konferenz und zu den Anmeldeformalitäten finden sich auf der Homepage der AAS unter [www.aasianst.org](http://www.aasianst.org).

#### **"East Timor in Transition: Past, Present and Future"**

**12.-13. April 2002, DeKalb, IL, USA**

Kontakt und Abstracts bitte an Andrea K. Molnar, Department of Anthropology, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL 60115, USA, Tel.: 001-815-753 8578,

Fax.: 001-815-753 7027, E-Mail: [akmolnar@niu.edu](mailto:akmolnar@niu.edu). Anmeldefrist: 15. November 2001.

### **Chinese Arts in the international Arena**

**18.-20. April 2002, London, England**

Kontakt: Helen Glaister, Education Department, British Museum, Great Russell St., London WC 1B 3DG, England, Tel.: 0044-20-7323 8938, Fax.: 0044-20-7323 8855, E-Mail: [hglaster@thebritishmuseum.ac.uk](mailto:hglaster@thebritishmuseum.ac.uk). Anmeldefrist: 3. September 2001.

### **4. Brühler Tagung junger Asienexperten "Differenzierungsprozesse in Asien: Politik, Wirtschaft, Kultur"**

**6. bis 9. Mai 2002, Brühl**

Zum vierten Mal veranstaltet das Ost-West-Kolleg der Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung (Brühl) in Zusammenarbeit mit der Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (Berlin) und der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Asienkunde eine Tagung für junge Asienexperten.

Das Seminar richtet sich speziell an junge Wissenschaftler bzw. Studenten im Endstadium ihrer Ausbildung, die sich im Rahmen von Magister-, Diplomarbeit, Dissertation oder Habilitation mit aktuellen politischen, gesellschaftlichen oder wirtschaftlichen Entwicklungen in den Staaten Asiens beschäftigen. Ziel ist es, über die bestehenden Zirkel sozialwissenschaftlicher Asienforschung hinaus, zu einer fächer- und länderübergreifenden Diskussions- und Informationskultur beizutragen. Das Thema ist offen formuliert, sodass eine Vielfalt von Forschungsansätzen und -vorhaben eingebracht werden kann. In den einzelnen Panels sollen theoretische Ansätze, neue empirische Ergebnisse und Forschungsvorhaben in Kurzvorträgen von 10 Minuten vorgestellt werden. Diese werden anschließend von Fachwissenschaftlern kommentiert, und es besteht ausgiebige Gelegenheit zur Diskussion im Plenum.

Programm und Beiträge der 3. Tagung, die im Mai 2001 stattfand, können im Internet eingesehen werden auf den Seiten der DGA: <http://www.asienkunde.de>. Anmeldungen bitte per Post, Fax oder als Attachment mit E-Mail an: Dr. Gudrun Wacker, SWP, Ludwigkirchplatz 3-4, 10719 Berlin, Tel: (030) 88007-265, E-Mail: [gudrun.wacker@swp-berlin.org](mailto:gudrun.wacker@swp-berlin.org).

### **Discourses on Political Reform and Democratization in East and Southeast Asia in the Light of New Processes of Regional Community-Building**

**Duisburg/Germany, May 22-24, 2002**

This international conference is organized by the Institute for East Asian Studies, Gerhard-Mercator University Duisburg/Germany (responsible: Prof. Dr. Thomas Heberer, e-mail: [heberer@uni-duisburg.de](mailto:heberer@uni-duisburg.de) or Dr. Claudia Derichs, e-mail: [derichs@uni-duisburg.de](mailto:derichs@uni-duisburg.de)). Contents: Beyond the purely economic dimension of the

financial and economic crisis in Asia there is also a political dimension which has generated a discourse on the political reasons for the crisis and thus the future of political structures and political systems. Albeit that the discussion may take different turns in each of the countries involved, emerging transnational processes and discussion contexts can still be discerned.

This conference intends to: — trace and analyze the discourses and conceptions on the political future since the mid-nineties at three levels: 1) the political elite; 2) the intellectual elite; 3) NGOs; — look at the influence exerted on the political reform process by political discourses; — discern whether a second debate on "Asian values" is emerging or has emerged on the basis of democratic values; — analyze whether the conceptions formed by political discourse tend to be "Asian", "Western" or syncretic; — provide an exhaustive answer to the question whether political discourse is contributing to a debate reaching beyond the earlier one on "Asian values" and whether a common identity oriented towards democratic elements is formed.

This shall be analyzed in the case of two authoritarian states (China, Vietnam), a multi-ethnic, formally democratic state with strong authoritarian features (Malaysia), and a democratic state with significant parochial structures and patterns of behavior (Japan).

The following questions shall be examined and analyzed: Which conceptions regarding the political future are discussed since 1990? How has the Asian crisis affected the character of the debate and which levels of discussion and changes in perspectives can be discerned? We are particularly interested in: a) ideas for a future political system such as concepts of democracy, ideas concerning the political order, forms of participation; b) How are events leading to the crisis viewed? Where and when do we see a recognition of faults, and where is the status quo of political-systemic and structural relations defended? c) Which reform concepts are introduced and discussed? Which ideas, principles, values and traditions do political actors rely on? c) Are there any attempts at long-term democratization, and if so, which forms of democracy are regarded as emulative? This shall be analyzed at three levels: a) the political elite (both governing and non-governing); b) NGOs, with a distinction between external and internal spheres of influence, i.e. foreign and domestic impulses; and c) the intellectual elite. Is there any link between the level of political discourse and the change in political structures (such as the emphasis on village and communal elections in China and Vietnam)? Can we expect a form of "intellectual mobilization" (Bendix)? Are there any signs of an emergence of a second Asian values debate on the basis of democracy-oriented values? Does this lead to an application of Western democratic concepts or are there any efforts to draw a boundary between those concepts and syncretic indigenous conceptions?

Are these "Asian" concepts truly Asian in the sense that there are democracy-inducing concepts and factors drawing on a reservoir of indigenous elements which can be viewed as local thought products deviating from Western ideas? Within this context, we understand "indigenous concepts" to mean ideas on political change born within the respective cultural realm which need not necessarily be compatible with Western ideas. We do not subscribe to a homogenous notion of culture in this context, but rather to different cultural traditions that may produce competing con-

cepts and contending theories. Does the discourse on democratization and participation contribute to a discourse beyond the earlier debate on values within the region, and is it possible to, on the basis of the mentioned synthesis debate, ascertain new signs of a common regional identity more decidedly marked by elements of democracy? Registration and further information: please contact Falko Lenzian, e-mail: [Duisburg.Conference@uni-duisburg.de](mailto:Duisburg.Conference@uni-duisburg.de)

### **Asian Studies Association of Australia 14<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference**

**1-3 July 2002, Hobart, Tasmania**

The Conference theme, **After Sovereignty: Nation and Place** will be developed through the following streams: Post-colonial and post Cold War Asia: new political contexts and national agendas, Discourses of identity: religion, ethnicity, race, indigenusness, gender and sexuality, Globalisation: corporate power, new technologies, global and local cultural expressions, Political sovereignty: geographical borders and nation-states, Moral sovereignty: human rights and international intervention. A number of leading speakers on Asian issues, together with a number of international delegates will participate in this Conference. Nähere Informationen unter: <http://www.cdesign.com.au/asaa2002/>

### **17<sup>th</sup> European Conference on Modern Asian Studies**

**23.-28. Juli 2002, Heidelberg, Deutschland**

Die Konferenz wird organisiert vom Südasiens-Institut in Heidelberg. Kontakt: Manfred Hake, Südasiens-Institut, <http://www.sai.uni-heidelberg.de>.

### **University of Oxford doctoral workshop on JAPANESE LINGUISTICS**

**15.-21. September 2002, University of Oxford**

A workshop for doctoral students working on Japanese linguistics (in a wide sense) will be held 15-21 September 2002 in the University of Oxford. The workshop will be open to up to 20 students.

Programme: Participants will present their projects in plenary sessions followed by discussion. Each participant will also have at least one individual session with one of the teachers. Each day will have a lecture by one of the teachers. The working language of the workshop will be English. Participants will be expected to submit a 5-10 page summary of their research project to be circulated to the other participants and teachers before the workshop. Teachers: The teachers in the workshop will be: Anthony Backhouse (University of Hokkaido), Richard Bowring (Cambridge University), Viktoria Eschbach-Szabo (Tübingen University), Bjarke Frellesvig (University of Oxford), Masayoshi Shibatani (University of Kobe), John Whitman (Cornell University). Funding: Accommodation and meals will be provided (in Hertford College). In addition, funding is being sought for transportation costs to and from England for students from Europe. Every effort will be made to secure such funding and no one should be discouraged from applying for financial reasons. Application:

Application for participation will take the form of submission by 15 March 2002 of: a short description of the research project, a short CV, including description of previous study and schedule for completion, and a letter of reference from the supervisor. Interested students are, however, encouraged to express their interest as early as possible. Acceptance will be advised by medio April 2002.

Contact: Enquiries: [bjarke.frellesvig@hertford.ox.ac.uk](mailto:bjarke.frellesvig@hertford.ox.ac.uk), Applications: Bjarke Frellesvig, Oriental Institute, University of Oxford, Pusey Lane, Oxford OX1 2LE, UK.

### **EASL Konferenz**

**18.-20. September 2002, Paris**

Die nächste EASL Konferenz wird in Paris stattfinden. Weitere Angaben liegen zz. nicht vor. Kontakt über: [Benedicte.Vaerman@bib.kuleuven.ac.be](mailto:Benedicte.Vaerman@bib.kuleuven.ac.be) oder [kaun@sbb.spk-berlin.de](mailto:kaun@sbb.spk-berlin.de). Im Internet ist EASL zu finden unter <http://www.uni-kiel.de/easl/>.

### **12. Deutschsprachiger Japanologentag**

**30. September-3. Oktober 2002, Universität Bonn**

Anmeldeschluss für Einzelvorträge: 31. Dezember 2001, Anmeldeschluss für Arbeitsgruppen und Sonderveranstaltungen: 31. Oktober 2001, Tagungsbüro: Japanologisches Seminar, Tagungsbüro Japanologentag, Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn, Regina-Pacis-Weg 7, D-53113 Bonn, Kontakt: Tel.: +49-(0)228-73-9446/-1986, Fax.: +49-(0)228-73-5054, E-Mail: [japanologentag@uni-bonn.de](mailto:japanologentag@uni-bonn.de), <http://www.japanologentag.uni-bonn.de>. Nähere Informationen erfolgen in Kürze auf der Website.

### **Third Annual Conference of the Central Eurasian Studies Society**

**October 17-20, 2002, University of Wisconsin, Madison**

For further information contact: Central Eurasian Studies Society [www.harvard.edu/~cess](http://www.harvard.edu/~cess), or Center for Russia, East Europe, and Central Asia, University of Wisconsin, 210 Ingraham Hall, Madison, WI 53706 USA, Tel. 608/262-3379; Fax 608/265-3062, E-Mail: [creeca@intl-institute.wisc.edu](mailto:creeca@intl-institute.wisc.edu), [www.wisc.edu/creeca](http://www.wisc.edu/creeca)

### **The 13<sup>th</sup> World Congress of the International Industrial Relations Association (IIRA)**

**September 8-12, 2003 in Berlin, Germany**

The congress will be organized by the German Industrial Relations Association (GIRA) and hosted by the Free University of Berlin. The conference theme will be "Beyond Traditional Employment: Industrial Relations in the Network Economy". Like the 12th World Congress, which took place in Tokyo last year, the Berlin congress will presumably be attended by more than 1000 industrial relations

researchers and practitioners from all over the world. You are most welcome to not only to attend the congress but also to submit a paper (Bewerbungsschluss für Vorträge ist schon der 31. Januar 2002 (!)). For more information please visit the congress's website: [www.fu-berlin.de/iira2003](http://www.fu-berlin.de/iira2003)

## Informationen

### Informationen zu verschiedenen Newsletter

*Newsletter of the Program for Southeast Asian Studies (PSEAS): Suwannabhum*

der Arizona State University, Direktor James R. Rush. Arizona State University, Box 873 502, Tempe, AZ 85287-3502, USA, E-Mail: [psea@asu.edu](mailto:psea@asu.edu)

Der Newsletter erscheint zweimal jährlich, enthält kurze Artikel, Buchbesprechungen sowie Lehrveranstaltungen und gibt einen Überblick über die programmeigenen Monografien.

*Indonesien Report*

wird von der Botschaft der Republik Indonesien, Presse- und Informationsabteilung, Lehrter Str. 16-17, 10557 Berlin, in deutscher Sprache herausgegeben. Er enthält kurze Artikel zu aktuellen Themen aus Wirtschaft, Kultur und Landeskunde.

*Dalit International Newsletter*

erscheint dreimal jährlich und ist gegen eine Gebühr von US\$ 10,- zu beziehen bei John C.B. Webster (editor), P.O. Box 932, Waterford, CT 06385, USA. Der wenige Seiten umfassende Newsletter enthält Dalit bezogene Beiträge.

*DAAD euroletter*

gibt Informationen zur EU-Bildungs- und Hochschulzusammenarbeit sowie zu verschiedenen Programmen mit Asien-Bezug. Der Infoteil enthält auch (asienbezogene) Internetadressen, Veröffentlichungen und Tagungshinweise. Der DAAD euroletter kann von der Internetseite der Arbeitsstelle EU, Ref. 333, abgerufen werden: <http://eu.daad.de>.

### Informationen der European Association of Sinological Librarians (EASL)

After seven years of EASL homepage (<http://www.uni-kiel.de/easl/>) and two years of EASL discussion list it seems to be time to clear up and correct names, snailmail and email addresses. If you want to subscribe to EASL discussion list please send a mail with your name and email address to Matthias Kaun ([kaun@sbb.spk-berlin.de](mailto:kaun@sbb.spk-berlin.de)). (If you have no idea as to what EASL discussion list is all about you may have a look at: <http://www.listserv.gmd.de/archives/easl-l.html>). The second reason is that you are maybe already member of EASL discussion list but your email address has changed. In this case please send a message with your current email address to Matthias Kaun.