

FORSCHUNG/LEHRE/INFORMATIONEN

Konferenzankündigungen

8th International Congress of Mongolists

5-12 August 2002, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

For further information please contact the International Association for Mongol Studies, Ulaanbaatar 11, P.O. Box 20 A, Sukhbaatar Sq.-3, Soyolin Töv Ötgöö, Mongolia, Tel.: (+976)11 321 328/322 535, Fax: (+976)11 321 328, E-Mail: iams@magicnet.mn. Deadlines for abstracts: 30 April 2002, abstracts accepted in English, Russian and Mongolian.

5th International Congress on Traditional Asian Medicine

18-24 August 2002, Halle (Saale), Germany

Organizer: International Association for the Study of Traditional Asian Medicine. Congress website: <http://www.ictam.de>.

For further information please contact: Prof. Rahul Peter Das, Institut für Indologie und Südasiawissenschaften, Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg, 06099 Halle, Germany, Tel.: (+49)345 5523 652/5523 651, Fax: (+49)345 5527 226, E-Mail: das@indologie.uni-halle.de

The OTAGO conference on japanese cultural nationalism

20-22 August, 2002, Otago University, Dunedin, New Zealand

This will be a small, theme-focused conference organized so that all participants can attend all sessions, with only one paper delivered at a time. Through the generous sponsorship of the Japan Foundation, five speakers have been invited from Japan. The conference is open freely to all who wish to attend, and a limited number of spaces are open for scholars who wish to present papers. It is expected that the conference ultimately will result in a book of essays related to its central theme.

As well as papers on nationalism and issues of national identity in Japanese literature, culture and intellectual history per se, Japan-related papers from a wider geographical perspective would also be very welcome. There is no conference fee but all participants must register by sending an email to: roy.starrs@stonebow.otago.ac.nz, stating their intention to attend and giving their name and affiliation. Those who would like to apply to present a paper should email an abstract of their proposed paper to the same address. THE DEADLINE IS JUNE 15 and applicants will be informed of whether their papers have been accepted shortly after that date. Dr Roy Starrs, Review Editor, New Zealand Journal of Asian Studies, Coordinator,

Japanese and Asian Studies, Burns Building 3rd Floor, University of Otago, P.O. Box 56, Dunedin, New Zealand, FAX (64) 3 467 5292, PHONE (64) 3 479 9030, MOBILE: (64) 021 1790 796, WWW: <http://www.otago.ac.nz/Japanese/>

17th European Conference on Modern South Asian Studies

9.-14. September 2002, Heidelberg, Deutschland

Vom 9. bis zum 14. September ist das Südasiens-Institut der Universität Heidelberg Gastgeber der 17. European Conference on Modern South Asian Studies. Mit fast 300 Teilnehmern aus aller Welt ist dies eine der größten südasienspezifischen Konferenzen überhaupt. Die Teilnehmer und Gäste werden sich überwiegend im Gebäude der Neuen Universität aufhalten, wo die panels stattfinden werden.

Für **deutsche und internationale Verlage** bietet die Konferenz eine hervorragende Gelegenheit, ihre Bücher und Zeitschriften einem Fachpublikum zu präsentieren und mit potenziellen Autoren in Kontakt zu treten. Wir möchten Sie einladen, Ihr Verlagsprogramm auf dieser Konferenz zu präsentieren. Die Teilnahme ist kostenlos, wir bitten jedoch um Anmeldung Ihres Mitarbeiters. Die Konferenzgebühr von Euro 100,00 schließt die Teilnahme am Beiprogramm (Empfänge, Stadtführung, Bootsfahrt) mit ein.

Weitere Details werden den interessierten Verlagen in einem Rundschreiben mitgeteilt. Für weitere Fragen und Informationen zu den 50 Panels, die das ganze Spektrum der modernen Forschung zu Südasiens abdecken, Unterkunft, Ablauf und Anmeldung siehe unter <http://www.sai.uni-heidelberg.de/his/euroconf.htm>. Contact: Dr. Tilman Frasch (Organisationsteam ECMSAS), Im Neuenheimer Feld 330, D-69120 Heidelberg, Tel.: +49 (0) 62 21/54 89 00 /-6302, Fax: +49 (0) 62 21/54 49 98, E-mail: frasch@sai.uni-heidelberg.de. Außerdem begeht das Südasiens-Institut der Uni Heidelberg sein 40-jähriges Jubiläum.

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

22nd annual EASL Conference**18.-20. September 2002, Paris**

Die nächste EASL Konferenz wird in 75116 Paris, Maison de l'Asie, 22 Avenue du Président Wilson, stattfinden. Kontakt über: Benedicte.Vaerman@bib.kuleuven.ac.be oder kaun@sino.uni-kiel.de. Im Internet ist EASL zu finden unter <http://www.uni-kiel.de/easl/easl.html>.

IIAS workshop "Asian Contributions to the Formation of Modern Science. The Emergence of Artificial Languages"**20-21 September 2002, Leiden, the Netherlands**

Contact address: International Institute for Asian Studies, P.O. Box 9515, 2300 RA Leiden, the Netherlands, Tel.: (+31)71 527 2227, Fax: (+31)71 527 4162, E-Mail: w.feldberg@let.leidenuniv.nl, Convenor's E-Mail: jfstaal@socrates.berkeley.edu. For updates and the call for papers visit: www.iias.nl/iias/agenda/modernscience/

Chinese Semiotics and Interdisciplinary Methodology of Human Sciences**20-24 September 2002, Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China**

Organizers: Center for World Civilization Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), College of Arts, Zhejiang University, Institute of Chinese Intellectual History, Tsinghua University, Chinese Society for Historical Theory

Coordinators: Huang Hua-xin, The College of Arts, Zhejiang University, Tian-mu rd., Hangzhou, Zhejiang, China, Chen Qi-neng, The Institute of World History, Dongchang lane, Wangfu st., Beijing, China.

Since 1977 the Chinese semiotics studies in various fields have become ever-increasingly active year by year although a nation-wide academic organization for semiotic studies has not yet been established till now. Chinese semiotics, while still searching for its scientific identity, keeps a serious concern with its epistemological and methodological function in reorganizing the structure of human sciences in our era. This conference with a focus on the two subjects will invite scholars specialized in different fields (especially philosophy, historical theory, literary theory, linguistics along the both Chinese-traditional and western-modern lines) across country for deep discussion about possible theoretical interaction of Chinese and Western humanities. This conference will be chaired by Ru Xin (vice-director of the Scientific Committee of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences; Director of World Civilization Studies, CASS; ex-Vice-President of CASS) and the leaders of Zhejiang University and its College of Arts. Under the general guidance of Chen Yun-quan (vice-secretary-in-General, the Scientific Committee, CASS; ex-Director of Philosophy, CASS), Chen Qi-neng (President of Chinese Society for Historical Theory; ex-Vice-Director of Institute of World History, CASS), Huang Hua-xin (Vice-Dean of the College of Sciences and Arts, Zhejiang Uni.), Dong Kun (Vice-Director, Institute of Linguistics, CASS), Ni Pei-gang (Senior Research fellow, Institute of Foreign Lit-

erature, CASS), Chen Zong-ming (Vice-President of Chinese Society for Logic-Semiotic Studies) and Li You-zheng (Special Senior Fellow, Center for World Civilization Studies, CASS; Executive Committee Member of IASS) have been engaged in designing and organizing the conference.

Japan und Korea auf dem Weg in eine gemeinsame Zukunft: Aufgaben und Perspektiven

25.09.-27.09.2002, Brühl

Veranstaltung (Nr. 26) des Ost-West-Kollegs der Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung, die für Pädagogen, Studierende und Angehörige verschiedener Berufe als Teilnehmende interessant ist. In Kooperation mit dem Japanischen Kulturinstitut Köln und dem DIJ, Tokyo. Kontakt und mehr Informationen: OWK, Willy-Brandt-Str. 1, 50321 Brühl, Tel: 02232/92984-40/50, Fax: 02232/9299020, E-Mail: owk@fzbund.de, <http://www.bpb.de>

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, <http://www.japanologentag.uni-bonn.de>. Nähere Informationen erfolgen in Kürze auf der Website.

XII. Tagung zum modernen Chinesischunterricht "Neuere Tendenzen der Sprachentwicklung"

4.-6.10.2002, Frankfurt/Main

Fachbereich Angewandte Sprach- und Kulturwissenschaft, An der Hochschule 2, 76726 Germersheim. Nähere Infos in Kürze unter www.fask.uni-mainz.de/inst/chinesisch oder www.uni-frankfurt.de/fb09/sinologie/

7. Tagung der Deutsch-Japanischen Gesellschaft für Sozialwissenschaften e.V. (DJGSOZWI) "Socio-cultural System and the Environment"

4.-7. Oktober 2002, Yokohama, Japan

The 7th Meeting of the German-Japanese Society for Social Sciences, October 2002: "Socio-cultural System and the Environment" is organized by Prof. Dr. Kenichi Tominaga. Date and place: October 4-7, 2002 at the Yokohama Campus (Faculty of Environmental and Information Studies) of the Musashi Institute of Technology, Yokohama-City, Japan. **Overview:** October 4, Friday: Arrival and Reception,

October 5, Saturday: Symposium "Socio-cultural System and the Environment",
October 6, Sunday: Free Sessions, October 7, Monday: Excursion.

Speakers of the Opening Ceremony: Candidates are President Horikawa of MI-Tech from the Japanese side, and Prof. Dr. Irmela Hijiya-Kirschner as well as a higher official of the German Embassy from the German side. Members of the executive board are speakers. Program: The Program consists of two parts: the Symposium and the Free Sessions. The first day is for the Symposium, and the second day is for the Free Sessions. The length of the presentations will be 30 minutes per presentation (for both the Symposium and the Free Sessions). Symposium: The tentative title of the Symposium is "Socio-cultural System and the Environment." This topic should be discussed from interdisciplinary perspectives. The "environment" here includes both the natural and the socio-cultural environment. In other words, both kinds of papers are included, those dealing with environmental problems on the one hand, and those discussing the change of the family environment, of the rural and urban environment, and of the cultural environment, etc. on the other hand. As Germany and Japan share environmental problems, we enthusiastically expect contributions from Japanese and German speakers discussing respective experiences in their countries. After July 1, registration fees will be Yen 12,000 per participant.

For further details please visit: http://www.uni-konstanz.de/FuF/SozWiss/fg-psy/agentw/21st_circular.htm

Images, Representations and Perceptions in the Shia World

17-19 October 2002, Geneva, Switzerland

The University of Geneva, the Institute for Development Studies, and the Graduate Institute of International Studies are organizing a conference in Geneva, at the premises of the latter institute. Named and themed 'Images, representations and perceptions in the Shia world'. its aim is to provide an overview of recent studies on Shia communities around the world, stretching from Lebanon to Pakistan and including all branches of Shia Islam. The organizers will pay travel expenses and accommodation. More detailed information will be provided on demand. Please contact: Prof. Silvia Naef, UNI Bastions – 3, rue de Candolle, CH-1211 Geneve 4 – Switzerland. Fax.: (+41)22 70572 81, silvia.naef@lettres.unige.ch, Dr. Farian Sabahi, IUHEI, 132, rue de Lausanne, 1202 Geneve – Switzerland, Fax: (+41)22 90857 10, fariansabahi@hotmail.com.

Third Annual Conference of the Central Eurasian Studies Society

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

The CENTRAL EURASIAN STUDIES SOCIETY in conjunction with the Department of Languages and Cultures of Asia, the Central Asian Studies Program, and the Center for Russia, East Europe, and Central Asia at the University of Wisconsin-Madison is pleased to announce the convening of the Third Annual Conference of the Central Eurasian Studies Society. We would like to request submission of paper proposals that concern Central Eurasian studies. These include: history, languages,

cultures, and modern states and societies of the Turkic, Mongolian, Iranian, Caucasian, Tibetan and other peoples of the Black Sea region, the Crimea, the Caucasus, the Middle Volga region, Central and Inner Asia and Siberia, and teaching and research about these topics and areas. We also strongly encourage proposals for pre-organized panels, including a chair and discussant. Pre-organized panels may be sponsored by scholarly organizations related to any part of Central Eurasia.

FOR SUBMISSION: On-line conference registration is available at: <http://www.wisc.edu/creeca/>

Center for Russia, East Europe, and Central Asia, University of Wisconsin, 210 Ingraham Hall, Madison, WI 53706, USA, tel. +1/608-262-3379; fax +1/608-265-3062, e-mail: creeca@intl-institute.wisc.edu, <http://www.wisc.edu/creeca/>. Additional information about past and forthcoming CESS Annual Conferences is available at the CESS website: <http://www.fas.harvard.edu/cess/>

China und Indien: Die nächsten Großmächte – Politik, Wirtschaft und Gesellschaft im Vergleich

27.10.-31.10.2002, Brühl

Veranstaltung (Nr. 27) des Ost-West-Kollegs der Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung, die für Pädagogen, Studierende und Angehörige verschiedener Berufe als Teilnehmende interessant ist. In Kooperation mit dem Zentrum für Entwicklungsforschung der Universität Bonn. Kontakt und mehr Informationen: OWK, Willy-Brandt-Str. 1, 50321 Brühl, Tel: 02232/92984-40/50, Fax: 02232/9299020, E-Mail: owk@fhhbund.de, <http://www.bpb.de>

Japan in den 90er-Jahren

21.-24. November 2002, Wittenberg

Die Jahrestagung der Vereinigung für sozialwissenschaftliche Japanforschung findet in diesem Jahr vom 21.-24. November 2002 in der LEUCOREA in Wittenberg statt.

Damit wird das Thema eines Forschungsprojekts aufgegriffen, das gegenwärtig am Institut für Sozialwissenschaftliche Forschung (*shaken*) der Universität Tōkyō unter Leitung von Professor Kikkawa durchgeführt wird. Nach der abschließenden Klärung von organisatorischen Einzelheiten wird über das genaue Programm und die Anmeldebedingungen informieren. Näheres unter: www.vsjf.net

"Transnationale und internationale Integration der VR China" Call for Papers für die dritte wissenschaftliche Tagung des Arbeitskreises für sozialwissenschaftliche Chinaforschung (ASC) bei der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Asienkunde

22.-23. November 2002, Witten/Herdecke

Die dritte wissenschaftliche Tagung des Arbeitskreises für sozialwissenschaftliche Chinaforschung am 22./23. November 2002 wird sich folgendem Themenschwerpunkt widmen: "Transnationale und internationale Integration der VR China".

Ziel der Konferenz ist es, die Einbindung Chinas in internationale und transnationale Institutionen und Netzwerke aus dem Blickwinkel unterschiedlicher theoretischer Ansätze in den Sozial-, Politik-, Wirtschafts- und Rechtswissenschaften zu analysieren. Dabei geht es ebenso um die Anwendung von Theorien bzw. theoretischen Ansätzen aus diesen Disziplinen auf die empirische China-Forschung wie die möglichen Konsequenzen der Ergebnisse der empirischen China-Forschung für die Theoriebildung. Auf der Tagung werden Zusammenfassungen der Beiträge präsentiert, und Kommentare von zwei Korreferenten vorgetragen. E-Mail-Adresse: hg460fi@uni-duisburg.de

Das Programm der Konferenz wird auf der Basis der eingereichten Beiträge vom Sprecherrat des Arbeitskreises zusammengestellt. Die Beiträge sollen bis zum **15. Oktober 2002** Korreferenten zugänglich gemacht werden.

DVCS-Jahrestagung 2002
Call for papers
"Kritik"

22.-24.11.2002, Frankfurt/Main

Im Dezember 2000 veranstaltete die Deutsche Vereinigung für Chinastudien (DVCS) eine Jahrestagung zum Thema "Zensur: Text und Autorität in China in Geschichte und Gegenwart". Der damalige Vorschlag, auch der komplementären Frage der Kritik eine Tagung zu widmen, soll nun in die Tat umgesetzt werden: "Kritik" ist das Thema der 13. Jahrestagung der DVCS, die vom 22.-24.11.02 in der J.W. Goethe-Universität in Frankfurt/M. stattfinden wird. Kritik ist ein wesentliches Moment freien und unabhängigen Denkens. Ihre Ausprägung in einer Kultur kann ein Indiz für deren Aufgeklärtheit sein, und der Grad ihrer Tolerierung kann als Maßstab für die Liberalität einer Gesellschaft gelten.

Auch in China hat die Kritik eine lange Geschichte. Sie ist die Triebkraft der chinesischen Philosophie, die ohne sie nicht entstanden wäre. Sie hat in den Formen der Literatur- und Historiographiekritik Poesie und Geschichtsschreibung begleitet. Sie hat als Kultur-, Traditions- und Quellenkritik das Verhältnis Chinas zu seinen eigenen Grundlagen beeinflusst. Sie hat als Machtkritik das politische System herausgefordert und zugleich mit geprägt. Nicht zuletzt ist Kritik ein Gegenstand, der auch die Sinologie selbst betrifft, insofern sie ihre eigene Geschichte und Gegenwart fortwährend und unvoreingenommen zu reflektieren hat. Kritik ist somit ein Motiv, das eine Reihe von bedeutenden Aspekten der alten und modernen chinesischen Kultur und zugleich eine Vielzahl sinologischer Teildisziplinen (Philologie, Philosophie, Literatur, Kunst, Politologie, Historiographie, usw.) und das Fach als solches berührt. Auch diesmal ist die Publikation der Beiträge in einem Sammelband vorgesehen. Infos auch unter <http://www.uni-frankfurt.de/fb09/sinologie/>

Anmeldungen an heiner.roetz@ruhr-uni-bochum.de (Postadresse: Prof. Dr. Heiner Roetz, Geschichte und Philosophie Chinas, Ruhr-Universität, 44780 Bochum) oder an wippermann@em.uni-frankfurt.de (Postadresse: Prof. Dr. Dorothea Wippermann, FB 9 / Sinologie, J. W. Goethe-Universität, Postfach 11 19 32, 60054 Frankfurt/M.)

**The Namche Conference People, Park, and Mountain
Ecotourism at Namche Bazaar**

5-8 December 2002, Khumbu, Nepal

For further information please contact: Bridges-PRTD and the Laboratory of Geology, Hokkaido University (Prof. Teiji Watanabe).

Seth Sicroff, Director Bridges, Fax: (+708)575 6620, namche@bridges-prtd.com or nc@bridges-prtd.com, <http://www.bridges.prtd.com>.

**Zwischen Globalisierung und Tradition:
Wohin geht China im 21. Jahrhundert?**

9.12.-13.12.2002, Brühl

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**The Russo-Japanese War and the 20th Century:
An Assessment from a Centennial Perspective**

10 February 2003, Jerusalem, Israel

For further information please contact: Dr. Rotem Kowner, Japan and Asia Program, Dept. of Multidisciplinary Studies, University of Haifa, Mt. Carmel 31905, Haifa, Israel, Tel: (+972)4 824 0559, Fax: (+972)4 824 9155.

**2003 BIENNIAL AKSE CONFERENCE
First Call for Papers**

9-13 April 2003, Frascati, Italy

The 2003 Conference of the **Association for Korean Studies in Europe** will be organized in cooperation with University La Sapienza in Rome and held in Frascati near Rome, 9-13 April 2003, with the support of the Municipality of Frascati. Those who wish to present a paper at the conference should send a **summary** of approximately 1000 words (in English, Korean, French or German), plus a bibliography, **before 1 September 2002**, to the Secretary of AKSE, Dr. Antonetta Bruno, preferably as a Word e-mail attachment (Antonetta.Bruno@uniroma1.it).

Please use the following format for your summary: Times New Roman font, with interlinear space 1.5, in 12-point type, with 2.5 cm margins. You may also send the summary by mail to the following address: Prof. Antonetta L. Bruno, Università la Sapienza, Facoltà degli Studi Orientali, Piazzale Aldo Moro 5.

Please indicate in which of the following sections the paper would fit: pre-modern history, modern history, modern Korean society, religions and philosophy, linguistics, anthropology and folklore, literature, or arts and archaeology. Those who have sent in a proposal will be notified by 1 November 2002 whether it has been accepted. If a paper is accepted the **full text** should be sent to the Secretary before **15 January 2003**. If you do not propose to read a paper but nevertheless want to take part in the conference, please announce your intention to participate by e-mail or normal mail (addresses as above). We ask *all participants*, whether they present a paper or not, to indicate whether they would be willing to share a room or would prefer to have a single room (at extra expense). *The Second Notice will only be sent to those who have responded to this First Notice*. Further information on the conference will be supplied in due time on the AKSE Homepage (<http://www.akse.uni-kiel.de/>).

12th World Sanskrit Conference

14-19 July 2003, Helsinki, Finland

Mailing address: 12th World Sanskrit Conference, Institute for Asian and African Studies, University of Helsinki, P.O. Box 59, FIN-00014 Helsinki, Finland. Tel: (+9)358 19122 674, Fax: (+9)358 19122 094, petteri.koskikallio@helsinki.fi or asko.parpola@helsinki.fi or klaus.karttunen@helsinki.fi, <http://www.helsinki.fi/hum/aakkl/12wsc>

ICAS 3

19.-22. August 2003, Singapore

The International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS) is one of the largest regular gatherings of scholars whose research centres on Asia and/or Asians, especially in the humanities and social sciences. Asian studies at the start of the new millennium is increasingly cross-disciplinary and inter-regional in character, a positive development which ICAS both demonstrates and seeks to further. Convened in Leiden, the Netherlands in 1998, and Berlin, Germany in 2001, the next conference (ICAS3) will take place in Singapore in August 2003, jointly hosted and organised by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and the Asia Research Institute of the National University of Singapore. Address of permanent ICAS secretariat: IIAS, P.O. Box 9515, 2300 RA Leiden, the Netherlands, Tel.: +31-71-527 2227, Fax: +31-71-527 4162, E-mail: iias@let.leidenuniv.nl or <http://www.icassecretariat.org/>

For further details please visit the website: <http://www.fas.nus.edu.sg/icas3/>

Call for Papers
Triennial Conference of the European Association for Japanese
Studies, Economics and Economic History Section
Change, Rigidity and Adaptation in the Japanese Economic
System, Past and Present

27-30 August 2003, Warsaw, Poland

Institutional change is an ongoing, important subject in discussion of the realities of Japanese economic development. Often, change has been seen as problematic, since a variety of established practices – such as vertical groupings, strong personal relations or an insufficient ability to create knowledge – appear to be in conflict with the new structures that are needed, impeding, for example, the opening of enterprises to the public, more market-oriented decision-making behaviour or creativity in product development. Many well-known commentators on the Japanese economy, both Japanese and non-Japanese, have argued that the present problems of the Japanese economic system have resulted from the inability of a hitherto successful system to change to new structures. This view of the slow pace of change is closely tied to the concept of path-dependence. On the other side, factors such as new technologies and the power of foreign capital seem to be imposing paradigmatic, radical changes. The sudden rise of mergers and acquisitions or the rapid dissolution of company groupings can be interpreted as indicators that change is far from slow, at least in some well-defined areas of the economy. In other words, change occurs in a disruptive manner, in the sense of Schumpeter's 'creative destruction', since in the presence of a rapidly changing environment new, radical solutions are the only rational response. For economic historians, too change, or lack of change, is the very core of studying the longer term dynamics of the Japanese economy.

To facilitate discussion of this very broad subject area, we would like to subdivide our focus into the three following areas: Economic policy, Management and labour issues, Technology and innovation.

It is our intention to discuss these subjects in discrete sub-panels during the course of the conference. We would hope that the time allocated for each paper will be 30 minutes, of which 15 minutes will be available for presentation, and 15 minutes for discussion. However, the final time allocation will be subject to the number of contributors and the scheduling adopted for the conference as a whole. We believe that this construction will allow us to discuss the overall question of institutional change in greater depth. In this sense, we would be pleased if researchers from disciplines other than economics / economic history, such as law, history of technology, politics or sociology, who have worked in this area, would consider contributing to our sessions. The Convenors welcome offers of papers that come under this broad heading, and which deal with past and present aspects of the Japanese economic system, in particular the dynamics of the system, and the balance between stability, flexibility and rigidity. We hope that the papers offered will also help us to learn something about institutional change by looking at the Japanese experience.

Procedure and Time Scale

The title of the proposed paper should be sent by mail or e-mail to both the convenors at the addresses given below by **31st July, 2002**, with an indication of which, if any, of the proposed sub-panels would be most appropriate. If an additional area besides economic policy, management and labour issues and technology and innovation is to be proposed, the proposal of the additional area should be sent to both the convenors at the addresses given below by **31st July, 2002**, with an indication of at least three speakers who have agreed to present a paper. An abstract of the contents of the paper (maximum 2 pages) should be sent to both the convenors by **30th September, 2002**. A draft list of papers submitted to the section will be drawn up by the end of October, 2002. Proposals submitted after this date will only be considered if there is still room in the panels.

Publication

It is our intention to approach British publishers with a view to publishing some of the papers presented at the conference in a volume focussing on past and present institutional change in the Japanese economy. Any such publication would be based mainly on contributions at the Warsaw conference, but in the interests of producing a coherent and focussed volume, the convenors will reserve the right to select papers, and, if necessary, to seek additional contributions. In view of the timing of the conference, we would ask contributors who wish their papers to be considered for publication to submit a manuscript by the **31st December, 2003**. Papers should not exceed 8,000 words, including footnotes. Papers submitted after this date will not be considered for publication. The convenors, as editors, will then select papers, and, if necessary, request revisions. In order to expedite the final publication (in Britain the time from manuscript submission to publication is normally c.9-12 months), we would expect to receive revised papers by **30th April, 2004**.

Janet Hunter, Economic History Department, London School of Economics, Houghton Street, London WC2A 2AE, United Kingdom, Tel: +44 20-7955-7071, Fax: +44 20-7955-7730, E-mail: j.e.hunter@lse.ac.uk, Cornelia Storz, Center of Japanese Studies, University of Marburg, 35 032 Marburg, Germany, Tel.:+49 6421 28 24627, Fax: +49 6421 28 28914, E-mail: storz@mail.uni-marburg.de

The 13th 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 war schon der 31. Januar 2002 (!)). For more information please visit the congress' website: www.fu-berlin.de/iira2003

Asien-Pazifik-Wochen

15.-28. September 2003, Berlin

Im Jahre 2003 wird Indien das Schwerpunktländ der 4. Asien-Pazifik-Wochen sein. Die Planungen sind bereits im Gange; ca. 60 Projektanmeldungen liegen schon vor. Zur Gestaltung des Länderschwerpunktes Indien wurden außerdem bereits Gespräche mit der Indischen Botschaft, dem Indienausschuss der deutschen Wirtschaft, dem Indian Council for Cultural Relations sowie der Confederation of Indian Industry aufgenommen. Aktuelle Informationen finden Sie unter: <http://www.apforum.com>

Informationen

Hamburger China-Wochen

17.09.2002 bis 1.10.2002, Hamburg

Von August bis November bieten die "China-Wochen Hamburg 2002" ein buntes Kaleidoskop von knapp 100 Veranstaltungen zwischen Kultur, Wirtschaft und Wissenschaft. Einen Schwerpunkt werden dabei die "Shanghai-Tage" bilden, bei denen sich die südchinesische Metropole selbst besonders stark engagiert. Shanghai ist seit 16 Jahren Partnerstadt von Hamburg. Am 17. September wird Ole von Beust zusammen mit dem Vize-Bürgermeister von Shanghai, Zhou Muyao, mit einem Festakt im Rathaus die Feierlichkeiten offiziell eröffnen. 230 chinesische Firmen mit Sitz in der Hansestadt und 800 Hamburger Unternehmen mit wirtschaftlichen Beziehungen zu China machen Hamburgs China-Kompetenz und die große Bedeutung der Hansestadt für chinesische Aktivitäten in Europa schon heute deutlich. Die diesjährigen China-Wochen haben das Ziel, die Bedeutung Hamburgs als Chinas Partner in Europa in der Öffentlichkeit herauszustellen und gleichzeitig die Beziehungen zu China weiter zu intensivieren. Kunst und Wissenschaft nehmen in der Veranstaltungsreihe – zum großen Teil von der Kulturbehörde unterstützt – einen herausragenden Platz ein und sollen das wachsende Interesse der Hamburger an der Kultur Chinas befriedigen: Rund um die Eröffnung der neu gestalteten China-Abteilung im Museum für Kunst und des Shanghai Art Museum über Führungen im Botanischen Garten, die Präsentation zeitgenössischer Kunst aus Shanghai bis zu "Kunst, Keramik, Tee und Seide" (Kunsth Handwerk aus China) und "Neues chinesisches Kino". Kontakt für Wirtschaftsveranstaltungen der China-Wochen bei der Handelskammer Hamburg, Telefon 040/36138291, E-Mail: corinna.nienstedt@hk24.de. Infos unter: <http://www.china-wochen.com>

7. Jetro-Test

28.09.2002, Bochum

Seit 1996 führt das Japonicum als einzige Institution im deutschsprachigen Bereich den JETRO-Test durch, der besonders für Personen gedacht ist, die in Japan ein Praktikum suchen oder in einer japanischen Firma arbeiten möchten. Der Test wird