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Profiles of Speakers

Ms. WATANABE Mina is the secretary general of the Women's Active Museum on War and Peace (WAM) based in Tokyo, which focuses on violence against women in conflict situations including military sexual slavery during the Second World War (the so-called "comfort women"). She has been an activist for women's rights since 1990, following her graduation from the International Christian University in Japan. Ms. Watanabe has worked in NGOs and parliamentarians' offices with a focus on women's rights, and was actively involved in The Women's International War Crimes Tribunal for the Trial of Japan's Military Sexual Slavery held in Tokyo in 2000. She has published a number of articles, co-authored a book, and provided talks on the "comfort women" issue to various audiences.



Dr. Tobias SOELDNER is a Senior Research Fellow at the German Institute for Japanese Studies (DIJ) in Tokyo, Japan. Following a research visit to Tokyo University, he received his PhD in Psychology from Humboldt University Berlin. His academic interests center on acculturation processes and the interplay between culture, personality, and personal values in group interactions, with a special focus on the German, Japanese, and US contexts. His recent relocation to East Asia provided him with a unique embedded perspective for the re-examination of several theories about human nature, most of which were originally developed and tested only in the so-called "western" context. While continuing his inquiries into the relation between human universals and cultural specifics, he contributes to the DIJ's manifold research projects with an expertise in statistical research methods.



Prof. Dr. NISHIYAMA Akiyoshi is a professor at Kyoritsu Women's University at the faculty of International studies in Tokyo as well as a board member of the Japanese institute for German studies. He received his PhD on education and school policy in imperial Germany in Alsace-Lorraine at the University of Tokyo. Ever since he has published a great variety of articles on the topics of educational policies, politics of language, historical understanding and nation-building. From 2007 until 2010 he conducted research on the Franco-German history textbook as the first bi-national history textbook to transnationalize history education. Furthermore he was director of the Grants-in-Aid for scientific research of Japan Society for the promotion of science (JSPS) to carry out research on violence and civil society throughout German and European history from 2010 until 2012. His many and varied transnational projects led him to research stays back and forth between Germany and Japan.



Dr. Gudrun WACKER is at present Senior Fellow in the Asia Division at the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP) in Berlin, a think tank providing political advice to the German government and parliament. Her research focuses on Chinese foreign and security policy, especially EU-China relations, China and the Asia-Pacific region and security cooperation in the Asia-Pacific. She has published on these issues as well as on China's regional and global role and on domestic developments such as minority policy and Internet censorship in China. She has been organizing the "Berlin Conference on Asian Security" (BCAS) held annually at SWP in Berlin and she has been co-organizing an annual track two dialogue between EU and China on cross-strait relations with the Shanghai Institutes for International Relations. She is currently a member of the Steering Committee of CSCAP EU (Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific).



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Prof. Dr. OGUMA Eiji is a professor of Faculty of Policy Management, Keio University, since 2006. He holds a PhD in Sociology from the University of Tokyo (1997). Prior to his studies in the Department of International Social Sciences he gained a Bachelor of Arts in Agriculture. His research covered the national identity and nationalism, colonial policy, democracy thoughts and social movements of modern Japan from the view of historical sociology. He tends to socio-historical research of national identity and politico-economical structure of modern Japan including regional area. He has got 6 prizes for his works in Japan. His most recent articles discuss "The Boundaries of 'Japanese' Vol.1: Okinawa 1868-1972" (2014) and "Japan's 1968: A Collective Reaction to Rapid Economic Growth in an Age of Turmoil" (2015).



Prof. Dr. Jie Hyun Lim is professor of Transnational History and founding director of the Critical Global Studies Institute at Sogang University in Seoul. Previously the founding director of the Research Institute of Comparative History and Culture (RICH) at Hanyang University in 2004-2014. He initiated the 'flying university of transnational humanities' as the transnational academic venture and wrote broadly on the transnational interaction of nationalism and Marxism in East Asia and Eastern Europe, transnational memory studies, and postcolonial historiography. He held visiting appointments at Cracow Pedagogical University, Warsaw University, Harvard-Yenching Institute, Nichibunken, EHESS, Paris II University and Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin. His present research topic is a transnational history of 'victimhood nationalism' covering Post-WWII Korea, Japan, Poland, Israel and Germany.



Ms Meri JOYCE (Peace Boat) is the international coordinator and interpreter of Peace Boat a Japan-based international non-governmental and non-profit organization that works to promote peace, human rights, equal and sustainable development and respect for the environment. Peace Boat seeks to create awareness and action based on effecting positive social and political change in the world. Meri Joyce maintains partnerships and communication with NGOs, civil society organizations and communities in Japan, Northeast Asia, and around the world. She coordinates conference organization, international policy and campaign advocacy in fields of peacebuilding, conflict prevention, nuclear disarmament and nuclear phaseout. Moreover she is engaged as the Northeast Asia Regional Liaison Officer at Global partnership for the prevention of armed conflict (GPPAC) and a steering committee member of Northeast Asia Regional Peacebuilding institute (NARPI).



Dr. Hans Carl von WERTHERN is the German Ambassador to Japan since March 2014. Prior to his current position he served as the head of division for East Asia in the German Federal Foreign Office. From 2007-2010 he was an envoy at the Beijing embassy. Right after he became the head of the central department of the Federal Foreign Office in Berlin from 2011-2014. During the same time as receiving his doctorate degree at Johannes Gutenberg University in 1985, he became an attaché at the Federal Foreign Office in Bonn and worked afterwards at the Vietnam embassy and later at the Permanent Representation to NATO in Brussels. In 2003 he received his Master's degree in International Relations at King's College, London.



Cyryl KOZACZEWSKI is the Polish Ambassador to Japan since July 2012. He is a career diplomat with experience both in the fields of bilateral and multilateral affairs. In 2008 he became the Deputy Head of the EU Department and was at that time the Ministry of Foreign Affairs European Correspondent. In 2010 he became Director of the Common Foreign and Security Policy Department. He was also a Political Director, responsible for Polish position within the EU's external policy. He joined the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1995, which included one year assignment to the Polish Embassy in Seoul, South Korea. Cyryl Kozaczewski graduated from the Institute of International Relations at University of Warsaw. In 1997 he became an expert in the Security Policy Department and completed his postgraduate studies in Geneva Centre for Security Policy in 1999.



Mr CHEN Ching-Yao is a Taiwan artist, who graduated from the Taipei National Institute of the Arts. He held solo exhibitions in Korea, New York, Taipei, and many other places and since 2002, he has also been a member of Hantoo Art Group, a major artist group in Taiwan. In 2001, Chen won the Taipei Prize with his work Bubble Task Force, which marked the beginning of his long-term exploration of subculture, the politics of image, and other related issues. Costume play, appropriation, misplacement, and collage are recurring themes in his artistic practice. Through his extremely superficial placement as shown in his continuous impersonation of others, how one looks at "the others" and how one identifies oneself become contradictory and complicated. His works have always been closely related to the influence of foreign cultures in Taiwan, his most recent work 'Dear Great Leader Mr.Chen, We Love You' from 2013 and 2014, displays a cosplaystyle parody to mock the solemn manner in political portraits of national leaders.



Prof. MOON Chung-In is a professor at the department of Political Science at Yonsei University, adjunct professor at the Asia-Pacific Studies Institute at Duke University and Ambassador for International Security Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, in Korea. He served as Dean of Yonsei's Graduate School of International Studies and as Chairman of the Presidential Committee on the Northeast Asian Cooperation Initiative. His areas of expertise cover Northeast Asia security and International Security. In that regard he has published over 40 books and 230 articles in edited volumes and such scholarly journals as *World Politics*, *International Studies Quarterly*, and the *World Development*. He is currently also the Editor-in-Chief for Global Asia, a Seoul-based quarterly English magazine and a board member in East Asia Foundation, Pacific Century Institute.



Ms HAN Jung-Hwa Nataly (M.A.) is chairwomen of the Korea-Verband e.V. since 2012. The Korea-Verband is a politically independent NPO, where she is in charge of Korea Communication- & Research Center since 2009. With her multimedia presentation on „Comfort Women – the way to reconciliation“, she was invited to more than 36 institutions in various German cities since 2010. She also works as a German-Korean interpreter for conferences and talks for the Federal Foreign Office, the German Parliament and various political foundations from Germany and Japan. Since 2001 she is translating the historical novel „Land“ by Pak Kyongni (21 volumes), which covers the colonial past of Korea. Her scientific approach is postcolonial theory. She majored in Korean and Japanese studies and history of art at Free University and Humboldt-University of Berlin.



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