

Workshop

Ageing and Elderly Care in German and Japanese Communities

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Japan and Germany are confronting the fast ageing of their populations. The ensuing increasing demand for elderly care poses severe social as well as economic and fiscal challenges. These challenges are primarily and utmost felt at the community level, where they are further aggravated by an increasing number of single households and a corresponding decline in two or three generation households. In rural areas, well-functioning neighbourhood communities can to some extent compensate for the lack of family support. However, rural areas face additional hardship caused by the migration of the working population into urban agglomerations.

Applying a holistic and comparative approach, this project aims at a better understanding of the various individual, social, economic, legal and political issues raised by rapid demographic change at the level of local communities both in rural and metropolitan settings. Whereas the holistic perspective will allow us to better grasp the complexity created by the interrelations between the psychological, social, economic and political factors involved, the comparative framework will enable us to appreciate the cultural and legal contingencies and their influence on both problem configurations and solution strategies. As a result, we not only aim at enhancing academic knowledge, but also want to inform civil society organizations as well as policy makers at the central and local level of government in both countries about best practices.

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Tuesday, 17 March 2020

10:00 Welcome and Introduction

Franz Waldenberger (DIJ)

10:30 – 12:00 Setting the Context – the Situation of Municipalities in Germany and Japan and their Respective Roles in the Provision of Elderly Care

Japanese elderly care and role of municipalities

Hiroshi Yoshida (Tohoku University)

The responsibilities of municipalities in the provision of elderly care – actual situation and problems in Germany

Gerhard Igl (Kiel University)

Moderator: Gerd Naegele (TU Dortmund)

12:00 – 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 – 17:00 Civic Engagement and Inclusion

(Coffee Break 15:30-16:00)

The policy of the ageing society in Japan

Rika Makino (Cabinet Office)

Platinum society, All around win-win model in super ageing society

Tomoo Matsuda (Mitsubishi Research Institute)

Dementia Friendly Communities in Japan - Best Practices

Ikuko Fujita (International Pacific University)

Long term care in Germany as a challenge for the whole of society

Gerd Naegele (TU Dortmund)

Moderator: Franz Waldenberger (DIJ, Tokyo)

Wednesday, 18 March 2020

9:30 – 12:30 Coping with Labour Shortages in Elderly Care
(Coffee Break 11:00-11:30)

Appreciation and support of care taking family members
Miyoko Motozawa (University of Tsukuba)

The current situation of care work by elderly persons and foreign workers in Japan
Masanobu Masuda (Tokyo Online University)

Combining paid work and care for older adults: Experiences from Germany
Monika Reichert (TU Dortmund)

Professional care services in Germany: Challenges and solutions
Hildegard Theobald (Universität Vechta)

Moderator: Hiroko Kudo (Chuo University)

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 – 17:00 Technologies and Care Systems for Super Aged Societies
(Coffee Break 15:30-16:00)

Redesigning health care for a super aged society - Japanese perspectives
Toshihiko Hasegawa (Future Health Research Institute)

The future of domestic care: Technologies to prolong independent living
Mihoko Niitsuma (Chuo University)

Autonomy and self-determination in the context of community care - The impact of social space and technical assistance systems
Prof. Cornelia Kricheldorf (Catholic University Freiburg)

Participatory technology development – user oriented innovations
Prof. Claudia Müller (Siegen University)

Moderator: Tomoo Matsuda (MRI)

17:00 – 17:30 Concluding session



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