

International Symposium

Prospects and Challenges for the Future Generation

- ◆ Date: 03. December 2014 (Wed) 09.30–17.40 (admission at 09.00)
- ◆ Venue: The Japan Foundation, Sakura Hall, Yotsuya 4-4-1, Shinjuku
- ◆ Languages: English – Japanese with simultaneous translation services
(One keynote speech in German with translation service into English and Japanese)
- ◆ Free admission, registration is required

In February 2014, Forbes titled an article “Overeducated, underpaid, but optimistic: white-collar millennial workers feel career future is bright.” The article was referring to the results of an international survey among business professionals. Yet, what about members of the “Generation Y” who are not lucky enough to be on a career track already? And what about the “Generation Z” who has not even finished high school? What are the work prospects for this generation?

Evidence suggests that today’s young people will not only suffer long-term consequences from the US financial crisis, the European debt crisis and lower economic growth rates in Asia when they try to get a first foothold in the job market. For the foreseeable future, a growing amount of young people will also need to cope with precarious and non-standard or irregular forms of working. In most countries worldwide, the outlook for a strong start in life is therefore rather bleak. For many teenagers and people in their twenties “big dreams” are of no avail.

Experts fear that the future prospects on the work markets will affect more than just career advancement. It might also hamper adulthood: getting married, buying a house and having children. Today’s conference will address these challenges among distinguished experts from various disciplines and analyse possible policy reforms both from a Japanese, German and Asian perspective.

For further details, please refer to the attached programme.

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- ◆ Registration is open until the 30th of November. Please contact us via E-mail with your name, affiliation and contact details at KAS-Tokyo@kas.de. Please note that a rejection-notification will be sent out if the maximum number of participants has been reached. If your registration was successful, there will be no further confirmation.
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09.30 - 09.40	Welcome Remarks
	Paul LINNARZ, Regional Representative for Economic Policy, Resident Representative for Japan, Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation
09.40 - 10.30	Keynote Speeches
	Prof. GENDA Yuji, The University of Tokyo: “Young Generation in Japan: Between Hope and Despair”
	Prof. Dr. Dr. Karl-Rudolf KORTE, Director, NRW School of Governance, University of Duisburg-Essen: “The Young Generation in Germany: Between Adaptation and Protest”
10.30 - 12.00	Session 1: Employment
Moderator:	Prof. Martin POHL, University of Tsukuba
Panellists:	Prof. HARA Hiromi, Japan Women’s University Dr. Alexander SPERMANN, Director of Labour Policy Germany, IZA Prof. HUI Weng Tat, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, Singapore
13.00 - 14.30	Session 2: Education and Training
Moderator:	Prof. Martin POHL, University of Tsukuba
Panellists:	KUDO Kei, Director General, NPO Sodateage-Net Dr. Michael ZIBROWIUS, Economist, Cologne Institute for Economic Research Prof. Edilberto DE JESUS, former President, Asian Institute of Management, Republic of the Philippines
14.45 - 16.15	Session 3: Family, Society and Job Mobility
Moderator:	Prof. GENDA Yuji, The University of Tokyo
Panellists:	OBATA Rumiko, Executive Vice President, Obata Shuzo (Sake Brewery) CO. LTD. Sofie GEISEL, Project leader of “Success Factor: Family”, German Chamber of Commerce and Industry Prof. Dr. Hong-Jik LEE, College of Social Welfare, Kangnam University, Republic of Korea
16.30 - 17.30	Final Session: Wrap Up and Prospect
Moderator:	Prof. GENDA Yuji, The University of Tokyo
Panellists:	KUDO Kei, Director General, NPO Sodateage-Net Sofie GEISEL, Project leader of “Success Factor: Family”, German Chamber of Commerce and Industry Prof. HUI Weng Tat, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, Singapore
17.30 - 17.40	Closing Remarks
	TAGUCHI Eiji, Executive Vice President, The Japan Foundation

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