

## ASC-Conference December 1-2 2017 (University of Cologne, Institute for East Asian Studies)

Location: Neuer Senatssaal, Main Building University of Cologne, Albertus-Magnus-Platz  
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*December 1*

13.00-13.15

Welcome by Felix Wemheuer

### **Part I: Dynamics of governance in China (chair: Katja Levy)**

13.15-14.00

Keynote speech and discussion

Vivienne Shue (Oxford University): Party, Nation State, Empire: Morphologies of Rule in China, and Beyond, presented by Anna L. Ahlers (University of Oslo)

Break (10 minutes)

14.10-15.40

Panel Discussion

Gunter Schubert & Sascha Zhivkov (University of Tübingen): Governance in Times of Economic Rebalancing under Conditions of 'Top-level Design': The Fujian Pilot Free Trade Zone

*Comment: Sabrina Habich (FU Berlin)*

Shen Yongdong & Anna L. Ahlers (University of Oslo): Fabricating Blue Skies over China: *Campaign-Style* Implementation of Air Pollution Control

*Comment: Andreas Oberheitmann (FOM Hochschule für Ökonomie und Management)*

Chen Xuelian (China Center for Comparative Politics and Economics, Beijing): From Brave Soldiers to Loyal and Competent Cadres: Institutional Changes on Cadre Evaluation and Management in Contemporary China

*Comment: Sabrina Habich (FU Berlin)*

15.50-16.20

Coffee Break

16.20-17.40

**Part II: Population Policy and the Chinese Family (chair: Felix Wemheuer)**

Björn Alpermann (University of Würzburg): Population Planning after the End of the One-Child Policy: New Challenges to Political Steering in China

*Comment: Christina Maags (SOAS)*

Baozhen Luo (Western Washington University): The “New Normal”, the Care Economy, and Public/Private Patriarchy: Implications to China’s Development of Its Fertility Policy and Long-Term Care System

*Comment: Jessica Pflüger (Ruhr University Bochum)*

Birgit Herrmann (University of Würzburg): Making a responsible choice – Voluntary childlessness in contemporary urban China

*Comment: Bettina Gransow (FU Berlin)*

19.00

Conference Dinner (Weißbräu Am Weidenbach 24, 50676 Köln)

*December 2*

9.00-10.30

**Part III: Chinese Politics (chair: Gunter Schubert)**

Christian Göbel (University of Vienna) & Xuelian Chen (CCTB): Electronic petitions and government propaganda in China’s civilising project

*Comment: Wang Yan (China Center for Comparative Politics and Economics, Beijing)*

Emina Popovic (FU Berlin): The impact of China’s advocacy groups on the policy making and its determinants

*Comment: Carsten Holz (Hong Kong University of Science & Technology)*

H. Christoph Steinhardt (The Chinese University of Hong Kong): Environmental Public Interest Campaigns: Sketching Out a New Type in China’s Contentious Politics

*Comment: Eva Sternfeld (FU Berlin)*

10.30-11.00

Coffee Break

11.00-12.40

**Part IV: A Novel Welfare State in the Making? Social Security under Xi Jinping (chair: Luo Baozhen)**

Tobias ten Brink (Jacobs University Bremen) & Tao Liu (University Duisburg-Essen):

Institutional Dynamics of Social Security in China: The Interplay of National and International Factors

*Comment: Shih-Jiunn SHI (National Taiwan University)*

Armin Müller (Göttingen University): You cannot fire the village doctor! Digitalization, pharmaceutical policy and the struggle to formalize grassroots health governance in rural China  
*Comment: Christian Göbel (University of Vienna)*

Mark Frazier (New School for Social Research, New York): Urbanization and Social Policy: Prospects for Social Citizenship in China  
*Comment: Shih-Jiunn SHI (National Taiwan University)*

Neil Munro (University of Glasgow): Popular Demand for Income Equality and State Welfare Provision in China and Russia: A Qualitative First Approach  
*Comment: Björn Alpermann (University of Würzburg)*

12.40-14.00 Lunch Break

14.00-15.30

**Part V: Economy (chair: Tobias ten Brink)**

Maximilian Dullo & Doris Fischer (University of Würzburg): It's the user community stupid!  
 How Chinese tech firms are challenging user data collection practices  
*Comment: Sarah Eaton (University of Göttingen)*

Marcus Conlé (University of Duisburg/Essen): Entry, Exit and Corporate Growth in China's Biopharmaceutical Industry: An Analysis of CFDA Data  
*Comment: Andreas Oberheitmann (FOM Hochschule für Ökonomie und Management)*

Carsten A. HOLZ (Hong Kong University of Science & Technology): The Process of Economic Development in West Sichuan, China  
*Comment: Doris Fischer (University of Würzburg)*

15.30-16.00 Coffee Break

16.00-17.30 ASC Membership Meeting (trip to City Center for foreign guests)

18.30 Dinner (optional)