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Research Training Group GRK 2833 "East Asian Futures"

Preliminary Results & Proposal Workshop

June 1–3, 2026

Workshop Programme

Monday, June 1, 2026

09:30 Opening Message

Prof. Dr. Kornelia FREITAG (Vice Rector for Academic Affairs, Ruhr University Bochum)

09:40 Words of Introduction

Prof. Dr. Sebastian BERSICK (Faculty of East Asian Studies, Ruhr University Bochum)

Panel 1 (Chair: Prof. Dr. Hannes MOSLER)

09:50 Minkyun PARK, M.A.

Fracturing the National Self: Preliminary Findings on Competing Narratives around the 1965 Normalization in South Korea
(Comments by Prof. Hyung-Gu LYNN, PhD, University of British Columbia)

10:30 Eetu LAUSTELA, M.A.

Depictions of the Future in North Korea's 'Socialist Civilization' Discourse: A Qualitative Content Analysis (Comments by Prof. Hyung-Gu LYNN)

11:10 Coffee Break

Panel 2 (Chair: Prof. Hoduk HWANG, PhD, Sungkyunkwan University, Seoul)

11:25 Elisabeth RACHSTEIN, M.A.

Legitimation and the Resilience of Authoritarian Rule: A Comparative Study of Russia and North Korea (Comments by Prof. Hyung-Gu LYNN)

12:05 Igor SEVENARD, M.Sc.

Authorized Ambiguity: The Domestic Production of China's Community of Common Destiny (CCD) (Comments by Prof. Brantly WOMACK, PhD, University of Virginia)

12:45 Lunch Break

Panel 3 (Chair: Prof. Aaron William MOORE, PhD, University of Edinburgh)

14:00 Pao-wen HUANG, M.A.

GATT and Tariff Policy Choices: Debating Taiwan's Economic Future in the Postwar Era (Comments by Prof. Lin-Chun WU, PhD, National Taiwan Normal University)

14:40 Buyun GONG, M.A.

Translating Managerial Thinking in Republican China, 1911–1927: The Self, the Social, and the Future (Comments by Prof. Lin-Chun WU)

15:20 Coffee Break

Panel 4 (Chair: Prof. em. Flemming CHRISTIANSEN, PhD, University of Duisburg-Essen)

15:35 Anna-Maria RAU, M.A.

Future Conceptions within Discussions on Modern Music in Republican China (1912–1949) (Comments by Prof. Brantly WOMACK)

16:15 Mingfeng WU, M.A.

Beyond the Ruins of War: Buddhism and the Future of Civilization (Comments by Prof. Lin-Chun WU)

16:55 Concluding Discussion of the First Day

18:00 Dinner (Q-West)

Tuesday, June 2, 2026

09:30 Words of Introduction

Prof. Dr. Christine MOLL-MURATA, Faculty of East Asian Studies, Ruhr University Bochum
Prof. Dr. Markus TAUBE, Institute of East Asian Studies, University of Duisburg-Essen

Panel 5 (Chair: Prof. Dr. Marion EGGERT)

09:40 Seoyeon HAN, M.A.

Beyond Eurocentric Modernity: Religious Temporalities and Future Imaginations in Late Nineteenth- and Early Twentieth-Century Korea (Comments by Prof. Hyung-Gu LYNN)

10:20 Aman VERMA, M.A.

Future after Empire: Korean Intellectuals and Postcolonial Temporality in the "Liberation Space", 1945–1950 (Comments by Prof. Hyung-Gu LYNN)

11:00 Coffee Break

Panel 6 (Chair: Prof. Dr. Nele NOESSELT)

11:15 Liliia PEICHEVA, M.A.

Taking Sides or Staying Neutral: Making Sense of China's Neutrality in International Conflicts (Comments by Prof. Brantly WOMACK)

11:55 Martyna SZOJA, M.A.

The People's Republic of China's Weapons of Mass Destruction Non-Proliferation Policy: Analysis and Future Directions (Comments by Prof. Brantly WOMACK)

12:35 Lunch Break

13:40 Guided Tours of the Chinese Garden

Panel 7 (Chair: Prof. Dr. Markus TAUBE)

15:10 Poster Show

16:10 Coffee Break

16:25 2026 Outreach Event Review

17:30 Dinner (Q-West)

19:30 Presentation of Publication Plans for Application for the Second Funding Phase (MB Building, 3rd Floor, Room 3/126)

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

Panel 8 (Chair: Prof. Dr. Sören URBANSKY)

09:00 Hirotaka KOBAYASHI, M.A.

Utopia – Dystopia. Beneficent and Adverse Visions of the Future in Late Qing and Early Republican China (ca. 1885–1915) (Comments by Prof. Lin-Chun WU)

09:40 Lea WALLRAFF, M.A.

History as a Resource for the Future: Translation of Agricultural Knowledge and Reception of Antiquities in Late Qing China (Comments by Prof. Lin-Chun WU)

10:20 Coffee Break

Panel 9 (Chair: Prof. Richard J. COOK, PhD, Nankai University, Tianjin)

10:35 Xiaoyu XIONG, M.Sc.

Teaching for the Future: Governing Teacher Autonomy in Post-Reform China (Comments by Prof. Brantly WOMACK)

11:15 Konrad BÖHM, M.A.

Propagating Chinese Visions of Order: Investigation into the Dissemination of Chinese IR Theories (Comments by Prof. Brantly WOMACK)

Panel 10 (Chair: Prof. Dr. Christian SCHWERMANN)

11:55 Arne Moritz MEYER, M.A.

China as a new Global Space Power: A Role Analysis in the Context of Global Leadership Competition in the Area of Outer Space (Comments by Prof. Brantly WOMACK)

12:35 Lunch Break

13:30 Concluding Discussion

14:15 Meeting of the Advisory Board (MB Building, 3rd Floor, Room 3/126)

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