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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Munich University, Ph.D. in Political Science, Faculty of Social Sciences, February 1997,
summa cum laude.

Dissertation title: Political Corruption in Japan. Causes, Consequences, and Reform
[Politische Korruption in Japan. Ursachen, Hintergründe und Reformversuche]

Munich University, M.A. in Japanese Studies, Political Science, and Law, Faculty of Arts
and Culture, February 1991

M.A. Thesis on Japanese Family Law [Entwicklungen des Verhältnisses der Ehegatten
zueinander im japanischen Familienrecht nach 1945].

EXPERIENCE IN RESEARCH AND TEACHING

Director, Center for Area Studies, Berlin Free University (since July 2009)

Dean, Department of History and Cultural Studies, Berlin Free University (2009-2011)

Associate Dean, Department of History and Cultural Studies, Berlin Free University (since
April 2007, Acting Dean May-June 2007)

Professor (Chair) of Japanese Politics and Political Economy, Institute of East Asian
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Assistant Professor, Department of Government, Hamilton College (2003-2004)

Advanced Research Fellow, Program on US Japan Relations, Harvard University (2002-
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Deputy Director, German Institute for Japanese Studies (DIJ), Tokyo (2001 - 2002).

Head of the Social Science Section, DIJ, Tokyo (1999-2002).

Research Fellow, DIJ, Tokyo (1997-2002).

Lecturer (*hijōkin kōshi*), Institute of Social Science, University of Tokyo (2000-2002).

Lecturer, Institute of Political Science, Münster University, Germany (1999-2003).

Assistant Professor, Institute of East Asian Studies (Japanese Studies), Munich University (1993-1997).

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LIST OF PUBLICATIONS, 1998-2011

Books

Japans "Strukturreform" - was jetzt getan werden muß [Structural reform in Japan - what needs to be done now]. Translation from Japanese into German of Sawa, Takamitsu: Nihon no kōzō kaikaku. Munich: iudicium, co-translator (with Hiroomi Fukuzawa), 2010.

Essays in Honor of Irmela Hijiya-Kirschner. On the Occasion of her 60th Birthday. Munich: iudicium, co-editor (with Judit Arokay and Hilaria Gössmann), 2008.

"Managing the MedUSA: comparing the political economy of US-Japan, US-German, and US-UK relations." Special issue of the journal *Pacific Review*, Vol 20, No. 3, September 2007, co-editor with Ellis Krauss and Christopher Hughes.

Politik in Japan. System, Reformprozesse und Außenpolitik im internationalen Vergleich [Governing Japan. Political System, Reform Processes and International Relations in International Comparison], Frankfurt/Main: Campus (co-edited with Christiane Frantz and Mark Thompson), 2006.

Facing Asia – Japan's Role in the Political and Economic Dynamism of Regional Cooperation. Munich: iudicium, co-editor (with Jochen Legewie), 2000.

Politische Korruption in Japan. Ursachen, Hintergründe und Reformversuche [Political Corruption in Japan: Causes, Consequences, and Reform]. Hamburg: Institute of Asian Affairs, 1998.

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

"Politik" (with Nadine Burgschweiger and Julian Plenefisch), in: Günther Haasch (Hg.): *Japan - Land und Leute. Geographie und Geschichte, Politik und Wirtschaft, Kultur und Gesellschaft.* Berlin: Berliner Wissenschaftsverlag 2011, pp. 133-170.

"Eine Amerikanisierung Japans? Der Einfluss der Besatzungsmacht Amerika (1945-1952)." *Kritische Berichte*, Vol. 38, No. 2, 2010, pp. 5-13.

"Shifting Incentives for Political Leadership," in: Marie Söderberg and Patricia Nelson (eds.): *Japan's Politics and Economy. Perspectives on Change.* London, New York: Routledge 2010, pp. 71-85.

"Pushing the Limit: Understanding Political Corruption in Japan," in: Judit Arokay, Verena Blechinger-Talcott and Hilaria Gössmann (eds): *Essays in Honor of Irmela Hijiya-Kirschner on the Occasion of her 60th Birthday.* Munich: iudicium 2008, pp. 443-466.

"Managing the MedUSA: comparing the political economy of US-Japan, US-German, and US-UK relations (with Ellis Krauss and Christopher Hughes)." *Pacific Review*, Vol 20, No. 3, 2007, pp. 257-271.

Corporate Social Responsibility - Perspectives on Japan and Germany. *JDZB-Echo* 78, March 2007, pp. 1-2 (also in German and Japanese).

- “Japanese Governance in Comparison” [Regieren in Japan im Vergleich], in: Blechinger-Talcott, Verena, Frantz, Christiane, Thompson, Mark (eds.) *Governing Japan. Political System, Reform Processes and International Relations in International Comparison* [“Politik in Japan. System, Reformprozesse und Außenpolitik im internationalen Vergleich”], Frankfurt/Main: Campus 2006, pp. 29-43
- “Campaign Finance in Japan.” (with Hasebe Yasuo). In: Grant, Thomas D. (ed.): *Lobbying, Government Relations, and Campaign Finance Worldwide: Navigating the Laws, Regulations, and Practices of National Regimes*. Dobbs Ferry, NY: Oceana 2005, pp. 297-317
- “Political Parties.” In: Spector, Bertram (ed.): *Fighting Corruption in Developing Countries. Strategies and Analysis*. Bloomfield, CT: Kumarian Press 2005, pp. 27-41
- “Japanese Politicians and the Internet. Election Campaigning in the Digital Age,” [Japans Politiker im Internet. Waehlerwerbung im digitalen Zeitalter], in Goessmann, Hilaria, and Franz Waldenberger (eds.): *Medien in Japan. Motor und Triebkraft des Wandels?* [Media in Japan – Driving Forces for Change?], Hamburg: Institute of Asian Affairs 2003, pp. 128-152.
- “The Organization of Private Firms and Public Administration” (with Daniel Dirks). In: Kreiner, Josef, Ulrich Moehwald, and Hans Dieter Oelschlaeger (eds.): *Modern Japanese Society. Handbook of Oriental Studies*, Section Five. Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2004, pp. 305-350
- “Japan’s Democracy between Bureaucratic Dominance and Political Leadership” [Der lange Weg zur Emanzipation der Politik? Japans Demokratie zwischen Bürokratiedominanz und dem Führungsanspruch der Politik], in Kevenhörster, Paul, and Dietrich Thränhardt (eds.): *Demokratische Ordnungen nach den Erfahrungen von Totalitarismus und Diktatur. Eine international vergleichende Bilanz* [Democratic Order after the Experience of Totalitarianism and Dictatorship. A Comparative Study]. Münster, Hamburg, London: LIT 2003, pp. 101-124
- “Corruption Terms in the World Press: How Languages Differ”(with Holger Moroff). In: Heidenheimer, Arnold and Michael Johnston (eds.): *Political Corruption. Concepts and Contexts*. New Brunswick: Transaction Publishers 2001, pp. 885-905.
- “Political Finance in Non-Western Democracies: Japan and Israel” (with Karl-Heinz Nassmacher). In: Nassmacher, Karl-Heinz (ed.): *Foundations for Democracy. Approaches to Comparative Political Finance*. Baden-Baden: Nomos 2001, pp. 155–180.
- “Between Bilateralism and Regionalism: Business and the State in Japan’s Relations with Asia.” In: Edström, Bert (ed.): *Interdependence in the Asia Pacific*. Stockholm: Swedish Institute of International Affairs 2001, pp. 71–96.
- “Politische Reformen in Japan – Auswirkungen und Perspektiven” [Political Reform in Japan – Effects and Implications]. In: Bosse, Friederike and Patrick Koellner (eds.): *Reformen in Japan*. Hamburg: Institute of Asian Affairs 2001, pp. 89–110.
- “Cleaning up Politics and Revitalizing Democracy? A European View of the New System of Political Finance in Japan.” In: *European Review* 8, 4, October 2000, pp. 533–551.
- “Flirting with Regionalism: Japan’s Foreign Policy Elites and the East Asian Economic Caucus.” In: Blechinger, Verena and Jochen Legewie (eds.): *Facing Asia – Japan’s Role in the Political and Economic Dynamism of Regional Cooperation*. Munich: iudicium 2000, pp. 57–86.

- “Action and Reaction, Direct and Indirect Leadership: Re-evaluating Japan’s Role in Asian Regional Cooperation” (with Jochen Legewie). In: Blechinger, Verena and Jochen Legewie (eds.): *Facing Asia – Japan’s Role in the Political and Economic Dynamism of Regional Cooperation*. Munich: iudicium 2000, pp. 297–324.
- “Auf dem Weg zu „sauberer Politik“ und transparenten Strukturen? Korruption und Selbstreinigung in der japanischen Politik” [On the Way to Clean Politics and Transparency? Corruption and Reform in Japanese Politics]. In: Zentrum für Europa- und Nordamerika-Studien (ed.): *Politische Korruption. Jahrbuch für Europa- und Nordamerika-Studien* [Political Corruption. Yearbook of European and North American Studies] 3, 1999. Opladen: Leske und Budrich 2000, pp. 145–184.
- “Changes in the Handling of Corruption Scandals in Japan Since 1994.” In: *Asia Pacific Review* 6, 2 (November) 1999, pp. 42–64.
- “Zwischen Bilateralismus und Regionalismus: Die innenpolitische Debatte über eine neue politische Rolle Japans in Asien” [Torn between Bilateralism and Regionalism. Domestic Discourses on Japan’s Future Role in Asia]. In: *Japanstudien. Jahrbuch des Deutschen Instituts für Japanstudien* [Japan Studies. Yearbook of the German Institute for Japanese Studies] 10, 1998, pp. 71–106.
- “Politik und Familienbande. „Erbabgeordnete“ im japanischen Parlament” [Politics and Family Ties. Political Heirs in the Japanese Diet]. In: *Nachrichten der Gesellschaft für Natur- und Völkerkunde Ostasiens (NOAG)* [Journal of the German East Asian Society] 159-160, 1996, pp. 71–87.
- “Reformfieber (*gyōkaku fība*) oder Opportunismus? Zur Diskussion über die Verwaltungsreform in Japan” [Reform Fever? The Politics of Administrative Reform in Japan]. In: *Japanstudien. Jahrbuch des Deutschen Instituts für Japanstudien* [Japan Studies. Yearbook of the German Institute for Japanese Studies] 7, 1995, pp. 31–70.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS SINCE 2003

- Co-author: *Brief of Amici Curiae. International Experts in Support of Appellees/Cross-Appellants*. United States Supreme Court, Senator Mitch McConnell et al. (Appellants/Cross-Appellees) vs. Federal Election Commission (Appellees/Cross-Appellants). Case No. 02-1674 (re: Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002), August 2003.
- “Learning to Lead. Incentives and Disincentives for Leadership in Japanese Politics.” Washington, D.C.: *Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Asia Program, Special Report No. 117*, January 2004.
- “The Information Nexus. Understanding Japanese Political Corruption.” Program on U.S.-Japan Relations. Cambridge, MA: *Program on U.S.-Japan Relations Occasional Paper Series*, Harvard University, 2004.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Treasurer, European Association for Japanese Studies (EAJS) (since August 2011)
Editorial Advisory Board Member, *Japan Forum* (since 2011)
Council Member, European Association of Japanese Studies (EAJS) (2008-2011)

Board Member, Vereinigung für Sozialwissenschaftliche Japanforschung (VSJF)
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Series Co-Editor (with Thomas Heberer, Sebastian Heilmann, Patrick Köllner, Hanns Maull, Gunther Schubert and Günther Schucher), "East Asia in the 21st Century. Politics-Society-Security-Regional Integration," VS-Verlag für Sozialwissenschaften, Wiesbaden (since 2007)

Advisory Board Member, German Association of Asian Studies (DGA) (since 2007)

Editorial Advisory Board Member, Japan aktuell, GIGA Institute of Asian Affairs, Hamburg (2006-2008)

Editorial Board Member, *Pacific Affairs*, University of British Columbia (2004-2011)

Editorial Board Member, *Social Science Japan Journal*, University of Tokyo and Oxford University Press (2000-2002)

Liaison Officer (Vertrauensdozentin), Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (seit 2008)

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Visiting Professor (*tokunin kyōjū*), Institute of Social Science, University of Tokyo, August – November 2008.

Advanced Research Fellow, Program on U.S.-Japan Relations, Harvard University, 2002-2003

Tamaki Award for best German language social science article on Japan, 1999

Graduate Student Fellow, Philipp Franz von Siebold Foundation, German Institute for Japanese Studies (DIJ), Tokyo, 1995-96

Visiting Researcher, Institute for Economic Research, Chuo University, Tokyo, 1995-96

Intern, BMW Headquarters, International Affairs Division, Fall/Winter 1991/92

Study Abroad Fellow, Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation, 1989

Student Fellow, Konrad Adenauer Foundation, 1985-91

LANGUAGES

German: native

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French: reading ability

MEMBERSHIPS

German Political Science Association (Deutsche Vereinigung für Politikwissenschaft, DVPW)

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