

## Multiple Futures – Africa, China, Europe

International Workshop at the University of Freiburg, 16-17 January 2015

Venue: Haus zur lieben Hand, Löwenstraße 16

Please note: Guests are welcome and kindly asked to register with Jennifer Stapornwongkul (jennifer.stapornwongkul@sinologie.uni-freiburg.de).

### Thursday, 15 January

**19:00 Get together** (venue: Primo Market, Bernhardstraße 6)

### Friday, 16 January

**08:45 Pickup at the hotel**

**9:00 – 12:30 Welcome and Panel I: Introduction: Futures in Africa, China and Europe**

*Thinking about futures in Africa – some general remarks*

Gregor Dobler (University of Freiburg, Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology)

10:00 – 10:30 Coffee break

*China's future – strategic plans and their internal and external challenges*

Nicola Spakowski (University of Freiburg, Institute for China Studies)

*Between self-organization and prevention. The management of future in contemporary European discourse*

Ulrich Bröckling (University of Freiburg, Institute for Sociology)

**12:30 – 14:00 Lunch**

**14:00 – 16:00 Panel II: Demography**

Chair: Doris Fischer

*Demography in Africa*

Gregor Dobler (University of Freiburg, Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology)

*China's demographic future: the double burden of aging and masculinization*

Isabelle Attané (Institut National d'Etudes Démographiques, Paris)



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*Talking about demography in 20<sup>th</sup> century Europe: Negotiating the social order*

Thomas Etzemüller (University of Oldenburg, Department of History)

**16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break**

**16:30 – 18:30 Panel III: Growth and Its Critics**

Chair: Alex Demirovic

*Juxtapositions of the future: Growth-speak and its shadow sides in Africa*

Amanda Hammar (Copenhagen University, Institute for African Studies)

*Greening growth, green growth or rather no growth?*

Doris Fischer (University of Würzburg, Department of Chinese Studies)

*Multiple futures or one future? The capitalist growth imperative*

Christoph Deutschmann (University of Tübingen, Institute for Sociology)

**19:00 Dinner** (venue: Kleiner Meyerhof, Rathausgasse 27)

## **Saturday, 17 January**

**09:00 – 11:00 Panel IV: The Future of Cities**

Chair: Thomas Etzemüller

*“Virtual” urban futures: the interconnected politics of city strategies in Africa, Asia and Europe*

Jennifer Robinson (University College London, Department of Geography)

*China’s urban future: challenges and opportunities*

SHEN Wei (Lancaster University, Management School, and ESSCA School of Management, Angers, France)

*Biopolitics in the European city: state intervention and the urban renaissance*

Susanne Heeg (Goethe University Frankfurt, Institute of Human Geography)

**11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break**



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**11:30 – 13:30 Panel V: The Future of the State**

Chair: Amanda Hammar

*The Future of the state in Africa: or why one size won't fit all*

Paul Nugent (Edinburgh University, Centre for African Studies)

*Digitalization instead of democracy: how information technologies shape the future of the Chinese state*

Christian Göbel (University of Vienna, Department of East Asian Studies, Sinology)

*Multiple crises, future and transformation*

Alex Demirovic (Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, Berlin)

**13:30 – 14:00 Lunch**

**14:00 – 15:00 Final Discussion**



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