

**INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC CONFERENCE “CIVIL SOCIETY IN EAST ASIAN COUNTRIES: CONTRIBUTIONS TO DEMOCRACY, PEACE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT”**

October 26-27, 2017

Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas, Lithuania

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**CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

**October 26, Thursday**

*VMU Small Hall, Daukanto st. 28*

- 9:00-9:30 Registration
- 9:30-9:45 Opening and welcoming speeches
- Section I: Japan**
- 9:45-10:30 Keynote speech by Koichi Hasegawa (Tohoku University), *Japan's Political Activism before and after the Fukushima Disaster*
- 10:30-10:45 Coffee break
- 10:45-12:00 Jan Niggemeier (Freie Universität Berlin), *The other labour movement: Grassroots-level labour groups as field challengers in Japanese labour activism*
- Bruce Grover (University of Heidelberg), *The Fragility and Resilience of Japanese Civil Society During the Global Crisis of the 1930/40s: Perceptions of State and Society Through the Thought and Action of Social Education Reformers Suehiro Izutarō, Tsuchida Kyōson, and Murobuse Kōshin*
- Tobias Weiss (University of Zurich), *Japan's nuclear village: Change and continuity in interest group politics after 3.11*
- 12:00-13:30 Lunch break
- Section II: Korea**
- 13:30-14:15 Keynote speech by Sunhyuk Kim (Korea University), *Civil Society in South Korea: Contributions to Democracy and Future Challenges*

- 14:15-15:00 Yuree Kim (Vytautas Magnus University), *The Role of South Korean Civil Society in North-South Korea Relations*  
Sungju Park-Kang (University of Turku), *Civil Society as a Driving Force: The Truth and Reconciliation Commission in South Korea*
- 15:00-15:15 Coffee break
- Section III: Taiwan**
- 15:15-16:00 Keynote speech by Li-Hsuan Cheng (National Cheng Chi University), *The dual roles of social capital in emerging democracies: a reflection from the Taiwanese experience*
- 16:00-17:15 Lara Momesso (University of Portsmouth), *The other home: a view from the inside of mainland spouses' civil society organisations in Taiwan*  
Nora Fee Kroeger (London School of Economics and Political Science), *Stakeholder perspectives on the impact of Taiwan's second wave of media democratization*  
Chun-Yi Lee (University of Nottingham), *Learning from Taiwan's Lesson? The Comparison of Changes and Continuity of Labour Policies and Grass-Root Labour Organisations in Taiwan and China*
- 17:15-17:30 Coffee break
- 17:30-18:00 Vincent Metten (International Campaign for Tibet), *Repression and resilience in Tibet*

### **October 27, Friday**

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#### **Section IV: China**

- 9:30-10:15 Keynote speech by Julie Gilson (University of Birmingham), *What are we fighting for? Civil Society and Sustainable Development in East Asia*
- 10:15-11:45 Hao-Tzu Ho (Durham University), *A Bottom-up Agricultural Renaissance: Food Growing and Community Building in Post-colonial Hong Kong*  
Runya Qiaoan (Masaryk University), *Harmony at Play: A Successful Case of Environmental NGOs' Policy Advocacy in China*  
Kai Liu (Utrecht University), *Civil Society's Contribution to Enhance Labour Rights In China: A Comparison With European Union Model*
- 11:45-12:00 Closing of the conference
- 12:00-13:30 Lunch break
- 13:30~ Free guided tour around Kaunas.