

Main area of research ,Climate Change, Environment and Energy in East Asia' at EcoS

The chair of 'East Asian Economy and Society' has since October 2010 installed 'Climate Change, Environment and Energy in East Asia' as a key topic within our program. Given the need for intense research on global warming countermeasures, environmental degradation and energy politics in East Asia, we support contributions that imply a social science approach in one of these fields. In detail, we encourage research on the region's climate change and environmental governance and states' capability to solve environmental issues. We are particularly interested in the role of civil society, businesses and academia in shaping climate change and environmental politics in the region.

We aim at implementing this research focus on multiple levels of our program: We promote master and PhD theses as well as other research projects on one of these issues. Furthermore, we plan to intensify inter-disciplinary collaboration with domestic and international institutions and researchers from regional studies, political science, geography and meteorology. We intend to invite guest lecturers, hold workshops on various aspects of climate change in East Asia and produce related publications. Moreover, we encourage our staff and students to apply for externally funded research projects with the above mentioned focus. In order to disseminate our research findings, we will offer classes and seminars on environmental politics and governance in East Asia as part of our study program.

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