Workshop on

Secularities in Japan

18–20 July 2018, Leipzig University
Humanities Centre for Advanced Studies (Kolleg-Forschergruppe, KFG)
„Multiple Secularities – Beyond the West, Beyond Modernities“
Nikolaistraße 8-10, Room 5.55 (5th Floor)

Convenors: Christoph Kleine, Katja Triplett, Ugo Dessì

Wednesday, 18 July 2018

10 – 11 a.m.

Welcome and Introduction
Christoph Kleine (Director, KFG “Multiple Secularities“)

11 – 1 p.m. Paper Presentations

Myths in Kojiki and Nihon Shoki.
Elucidating the origins of religious and political secularities
Robert F. Wittkamp (Kansai University)

Critical Junctures in Japanese History and the Path Dependency of Secularities
Christoph Kleine (Director, KFG “Multiple Secularities“)

1 – 2:30 p.m. Lunch Break

2:30 – 4:30 p.m. Paper Presentations

Religion and Medicine in Translation: Instances from Pre-modern Japan
Katja Triplett (KFG “Multiple Secularities“)

Religious Mentalities Remaining in the Joruri Tales of Early Modern Japan
Kawata Koh (Kyoto Gakuen University)

4:30 – 5 p.m. Coffee Break

5 p.m. – 6 p.m Paper Presentation

Secularization Beyond the Shadow of God? Reflections from True Pure Land Buddhism
Galen Amstutz (Institute of Buddhist Studies, Berkeley)
Thursday, 19 July 2018

10 a.m. – 12 Paper Presentations

“Even Three-Year-Old Children Know that the Source of Enlightenment is not Religion but Science”: Modern Japanese Buddhism between ‘Religion’ and ‘Science,’ 1860s–1890s
Hans Martin Krämer (Heidelberg University)

The redefinition of secularity in Meiji Japan and the role of Neo-Confucian tradition
Andreea Barbu (University of Bucharest)

12 – 1:30 p.m. Lunch Break

1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Paper Presentations

Nihon shūkyō to sezoku ka: Some preliminary observations on the Japanese debate
Ugo Dessi (Cardiff University/Leipzig University)

“Customary Practices” as Non-Religious and Secular: Parsing the Debate Surrounding the Proposed Revisions to Articles 20 and 89
Mark Mullins (The University of Auckland)

3:30 – 4 p.m. Coffee Break

4 p.m. – 6 p.m. Paper Presentations

“Religious Secularities” in Recent Japanese Youth Culture
Satoko Fujiwara (University of Tokyo)

World Heritage, Secularisation, and the “Public Sacred” in East Asia
Aike P. Rots (University of Oslo)

Friday, 20 July 2018

10 a.m. – 12

Concluding Discussion

12 – 1:30 p.m. Lunch