

Workshop on  
**Secularities in Japan**

18–20 July 2018, Leipzig University  
Humanities Centre for Advanced Studies (Kolleg-Forscherguppe, KFG)  
„Multiple Secularities – Beyond the West, Beyond Modernities“  
Nikolaistraße 8-10, Room 5.55 (5<sup>th</sup> 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 sezokuka*: Some preliminary observations on the Japanese debate**

Ugo Dessì (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*