

Call for Papers

16th Meeting of the German-Japanese Society for Social Sciences (GJSSS)

in Cooperation with the German Institute for Japanese Studies (DIJ)

Sustainable Societies

Format changed to online

Date: **Wednesday, March 2 to Friday, March 4, 2022**

Message from the organizers:

As entrance restrictions to Japan remain strict, we have decided to shift to an online format after all. We initially postponed the conference to March 2022 with the hope to be able to meet in person in Tokyo, but the situation simply remains unclear. We are very sorry about this but hope for your understanding. The deadline for submissions has been extended to October 31, 2021.

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The unidimensional focus on economic growth followed by most societies up until now has put undeniable strain on our planet and has generated severe risks to our lives and livelihoods. The imminent need for new approaches and solutions to economic, social and political organization becomes ever more tangible, as the COVID-19 pandemic reveals the fragility of our current system – especially in the way it aggravates the position of the most vulnerable between but also within societies. While posing an opportunity for cooperation, the global interlinkages of our economies and societies have become more complex than ever, creating enormous challenges in steering humankind towards a sustainable future. To give direction, the UN has instilled sustainable development goals (SDG) to help us tackle global challenges regarding climate change, extreme poverty, inequality, environmental degradation, and the preservation of peace and justice.

In the 16th meeting of the GJSSS, we want to discuss these topics by analyzing challenges and opportunities faced on this journey towards a sustainable future for all. To this end, we invite submissions that focus on specific problems or investigate possible solutions from a social-science point of view, both in global and local settings. While we encourage international comparisons, we also welcome submissions addressing a specific community or society – particularly, but not restricted to Japan or Germany.

➤ **Deadlines**

- **Submission of abstract (up to 350 words) by October 31, 2021.**
(Acceptance notification by November 30, 2021)
- **Please submit your abstracts to the following address:**
gjsss2021[at]outlook.jp

➤ **Conference publication**

We are considering a conference publication (based on rigorous review) for those who are interested. Please indicate whether you would want to participate in a shared publication in your abstract submission. The format will be decided based on interest and topicalities.

➤ **Registration opens November 30, 2021**

Registration is necessary for accepted speakers as well as for participants who do not present, but there will be no registration fee.

While we will communicate all updates on registration and program via email to accepted speakers and GJSSS-members, please also check our website: <https://gjsss.org/>

➤ **Conference Organizers**

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