

# **EAJIS Council Election 2017**

## **Candidates' Self-introductions and Statements**

### **Prof Dr Gabriele Vogt**

#### **Statement**

It is a great honor to have been nominated as a candidate for EAJIS Council Member in the upcoming election. I have been attending several EAJIS International Conferences in Europe, as well as both EAJIS International Conferences in Japan (2013 in Kyoto and 2016 in Kobe). On these occasions, I have gotten to know and to cherish the EAJIS as a vivid forum for scholarly and personal exchange between researchers from all across the European continent as well as from Japan and beyond. I also had the opportunity to serve as a “senior advisor” during one of the EAJIS PhD Workshops (2015 in Edinburgh), and was very much intrigued by the determination of the next generation of European Japan scholars to contribute to the advancement of the manifold fields within Japanese studies from their various perspectives.

If voted into the EAJIS Council, I would like to be directly engaged in the process of fostering these networks: between the European Japan scholars and their colleagues in Japan and elsewhere; also between the young Japan scholars and today’s teaching generation in the field. To this end, I believe we should (a) work toward an institutionalization of the EAJIS International Conferences in Japan, and (b) nurture the manifold programs and platforms directed at young scholars, which the EAJIS has long been supporting. I am confident that I will be able to make contributions to both fields using my international networks and my experience of mentoring junior scholars.

#### **Curriculum Vitae**

Gabriele Vogt is Professor of Japanese Politics and Society at the University of Hamburg. In recent years, she held visiting professorships at Waseda University and Chūō University in Tokyo and at Kyūshū University in Fukuoka. She is a member of the scientific advisory boards of the Berlin Institute for Population and Development (BI) and the German Association for Asian Studies (DGA). She also serves as a liaison officer to the German Academic Merit Foundation. In addition, she is an editorial board member and “Regional Champion Europe” to the Social Science Japan Journal (SSJJ).

From 2005 to 2009, she was a senior research fellow and deputy director (2007-08) at the German Institute for Japanese Studies (DIJ) in Tokyo, and a lecturer for political science (2006-09) at Sophia University in Tokyo. Previous appointments include postdoctoral positions at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY and at the University of the Ryūkyūs in Okinawa.

She obtained her PhD (2002) in Japanese Studies from the University of Hamburg with a thesis on the effects of Okinawa's local protest movement onto Japan's domestic politics and international relations in the late 1990s. The thesis was published as *Die Renaissance der Friedensbewegung in Okinawa* (2003, Iudicium). In 1998, she earned her MA degree in Japanese studies, political science and sociology from the University of Munich.

Her research interest lies with demographic change and international labor migration to Japan, trends of diversification within Japan's domestic labor market, environmental and peace activism in Kyūshū and Okinawa, and Japan-US security relations. Her research is based in concepts of multilevel governance, policy analysis, oral history, and social movement studies.

### **Selected Publications**

Recent publications include: *Population Aging and International Health-Caregiver Migration to Japan* (2017, forthcoming); *Japan in der Ära Abe – eine politikwissenschaftliche Analyse* (co-ed. w/ Steffen Heinrich, 2017, Iudicium); Multiculturalism and trust in Japan: educational policies and schooling practices. In: *Japan Forum*, 2017, 29/1:77-99; Foreign workers in Japan. In: Babb, James (ed.): *The SAGE Handbook of Modern Japanese Studies*. SAGE, 2015, 567-582; Setting out to imagine a new community: Okinawa's reversion to Japan. In: Hein, Ina and Isabelle Prochaska-Meyer (eds.): *40 Years Since Reversion. Negotiating the Okinawa Difference in Japan Today*. University of Vienna Press, 2015, 44-70.