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**PROGRAM**

for the international conference  
**Independent Directors in Japan and Other Major Asian Jurisdictions**

from Thursday, July 17 to Friday, July 18, 2014  
at the JDZB, Saargemuender Str. 2, 14195 Berlin

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**Thursday, July 17**

9.00 h            *Registration*

9.30 h            **Welcome Addresses**  
Friederike BOSSE (JDZB)  
Harald BAUM (MPI)  
Jan GROTHEER (DJJV)

**General Introduction and Comparative Overview**  
Chair: Souichirou KOZUKA (Gakushuin University, Tokyo)

9.45 h            **Theoretical Framework: The Role of Independent Directors**  
Georg RINGE (Copenhagen Business School)

10.30 h           *Discussion*

11.00 h           *Coffee break*

11.30 h           **The Comparative Context: Independent Directors in the EU, USA and the  
Asia/Pacific Region**  
Harald BAUM (MPI)

12.15 h           *Discussion*

13.00 h           *Lunch*

14.00 h           **Corporate Governance Structure and Reforms in the Asian Region (Part I) –  
China, Japan and Korea**  
Kon Sik KIM (Seoul National University)  
Presentation paper co-authored with Dan W. PUCHNIAK (National University  
of Singapore)

14.30 h           **Corporate Governance Structure and Reforms in the Asian Region (Part II) –  
Hong Kong, India, Singapore, Australia**  
Luke NOTTAGE (University of Sydney)  
Dan W. PUCHNIAK (National University of Singapore)

15.00 h           *Discussion*

**Focus Japan**

Chair: Dan W. PUCHNIAK (National University of Singapore)

- 15.15 h **Empirical Study of Independent Directors in Japan**  
Souichirou KOZUKA (Gakushuin University, Tokyo)  
Presentation paper co-authored with Manabu MATSUNAKA (University of Nagoya)
- 16.15 h *Coffee Break*
- 16.45 h **Reform of Company Law in Japan and Independent Directors: A Judicial and Political Analysis**  
Gen GOTO (University of Tokyo)
- 17.30 h **Case Studies**  
Bruce ARONSON (Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo)
- 18.15 – 18.45 h Discussion
- 19.00 h *Buffet Reception*

**Friday, July 18****Country Reports and Analyses I**

Chair: Luke NOTTAGE (University of Sydney)

- 9.00 h **Korea**  
Kyung-Hoon CHUN (Seoul National University)
- 9.40 h Discussion
- 10.00 h **Taiwan**  
Ying-Hsin TSAI (National Taiwan University)  
(Paper co-authored by Hsin-Ti CHANG, National Taipei University, and Yu-Hsin LIN, National Chengchi University)
- 10.40 h Discussion
- 11.00 h *Coffee Break*
- 11.30 h **PR China**  
Xin TANG (Tsinghua University)
- 12.10 h Discussion
- 12.30 h *Lunch*

**Country Reports and Analyses II**

Chair: Harald BAUM (MPI)

- 13.30 h **Hongkong**  
Vivienne BATH (University of Sydney)
- 14.10 h Discussion
- 14.30 h **India**  
Vikramaditya (Vic) KHANNA (University of Michigan)

- Presentation paper co-authored with Umakanth VAROTTIL (National University of Singapore)
- 15.10 h Discussion
- 15.30 h **Singapore**  
Dan W. PUCHNIAK (National University of Singapore)
- 16.10 h Discussion
- 16.30 h *Coffee Break*
- 17.00 h **Australia**  
Luke NOTTAGE (University of Sydney)  
Presentation paper co-authored with Fady AOUN (University of Sydney)
- 17.40 h Discussion

18 – 19.00 h **Concluding Panel Discussion**  
Chair: Moritz BÄLZ (University of Frankfurt)

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