



Call for papers

SASE – Network Q: Asian Capitalisms

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In discussions among economists, sociologists and political scientists on the diversity of capitalism, Asian capitalisms have remained on the side lines for many years. Theories and concepts of comparative and international political economy have only recently been applied in systematic ways to Asia and the specific institutional configurations of its key economies. At the same time, the rapid transformation of Asia's older and newer capitalisms (including those developing from planned economies, China in particular) are posing new theoretical challenges. Existing literature on Asia's rise has emphasized the role of the developmental state as a coordinator of economic development, but often has neglected the creation of new inequalities and segmentations under state-led models of socio-economic development. Studies of global production networks and value chains have amply demonstrated the importance of business networks and activist local states, but have largely omitted questions of social upgrading. Literature on work and labor relations has produced important insights into the formation of new workforces under rapid economic development and their social, racial, and ethnic segmentations, but links to the broader political economy of emerging capitalisms often remain weak.

On this background, our network promotes conceptual perspectives that cross established borders between economics, political sciences, and sociology. We hope to present integrated approaches to the transformations of contemporary capitalisms in Asia and explore the links between the changes of capitalism at global, national and local levels on the one hand and technological, social, and political transformation on the other. Our focus will be on recent developments in the wake of the global financial and economic crisis 2008-09. The guiding question is whether, how, and to which extent strategic change has emerged in the models and practices of socio-economic regulation of Asian Capitalisms, that might enable socially and ecologically sustainable pathways of development instead of further sharpening inequality

The network will focus on five areas: (a) De- or Re-industrialisation? (b) Innovation, Human Resource Management and Knowledge Creation, (c) Beyond Market or State? (d) The future of Asian Capitalisms and global implications of Asia's Resurgence, and (e) Welfare, Inequalities, and Institutional Change. The submission of panels is welcome. The basic idea of this first area network within SASE is to make Asia a central field of investigation for theories of institutional change and the diversity of capitalism. In doing so, we expect to promote a fruitful dialogue between specialists on Asia on the one hand, and specialists on comparative capitalism on the other.

How to apply: www.sase.org (Please note that you do not have to be a member to submit a proposal. However, you do need to create a login). Deadline for applications: January 26th 2015 for abstracts, June 1st for completed papers. For further information, please contact Boy Lüthje at luethje@soz.uni-frankfurt.de

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