



Special Lecture

Shifting Risk: A New Public Policy Mechanism in Japan?

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In recent years, public (economic) policy in Japan has become more difficult, for instance through the effects of the economic malaise, different voting behaviour and the demise of the "iron triangle" of LDP-politicians, senior bureaucracy and big business. The lecture will discuss this challenge and novel policy-making mechanisms to overcome it (quasi-independent organs, decentralisation, etc.). One important aspect that we will concentrate on is shifting livelihood risks from the state to the individuals and comparable "risk shifts". Why is this a meaningful strategy for politicians? How does it happen ("risk cycle")? We will consider various policy arenas where the concept may be helpful to be better understand what is going on in Japan - and elsewhere.