

Urban Transformation & Countryside Revitalization: Assessing the Chances & Challenges

This event celebrates the start of the Jean Monnet grants at KGU. With our partners from Germany (TU Dortmund), we kick off research on **rural and metropolitan development** by analyzing recent trends regarding urban shrinkage, regional industry development and countryside revitalization from an international perspective.

This event, held in English, is open to the interested public. Free Admission.

Date & Time: 27 November 2019 3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

**Venue: Kwansei Gakuin University Library Hall
(Nishinomiya Uegahara Campus)**

Schedule

- 3:30 p.m. Welcome and Introduction**
- 3:40 p.m. Presentation 1:**
“Urban shrinkage in comparative perspective”
Prof. Dr. Thorsten Wiechmann, Dean, School of Spatial Planning, TU Dortmund University
- 4:10 p.m. Presentation 2:**
”Renewable Energies - a Chance for New Regional Industry Development? The Case of the ‘Living Lab Energy-Avant-garde Anhalt ”
Prof. Dr. Holger Bungsche, School of International Studies, KGU
- 4:40 p.m. Breaktime**
- 4:50 p.m. Presentation 3:**
“Revitalisation of the Tamba Sasayama region”
Dr. Anna Schrade, Institute for Industrial Research, KGU

- 5:15 p.m. Presentation 4:**
“Transformation of Polycentric Metropolitan Areas – A Future Project by the Research Training Group”
Dr. Letizia Imbres, Research Fellow, School of Spatial Planning, TU Dortmund University
- 5:40 p.m. Q&A & Panel Discussion:**
“How to make urban and rural areas more future-proof?”
Prof. Dr. Thorsten Wiechmann
Dr. Letizia Imbres
Prof. Dr. Holger Bungsche
Dr. Anna Schrade
- 6:30 p.m. Closing**

