

Der Schwerpunkt der wissenschaftlichen Arbeit von Frau Mariko Igimi-Yasutake, Associate Professorin an der juristischen Fakultät der Universität Kyushu liegt im klassischen römischen Recht, vor allem im Bereich des Vertragsrechts. Das japanische Bürgerliche Gesetzbuch entstand 1898 unter dem Einfluss französischen und deutschen Rechts.

Die beiden genannten Rechtsordnungen hatten ihrerseits wobei das römische Recht übernommen. Dies ist unter anderem auf dem Gebiet des Schuldrechts nachweisbar. Frau Igimi-Yasutake erforscht also mit dem klassischen römischen Recht auch den historischen Hintergrund ihres eigenen Rechtssystems. Gleichzeitig beschäftigt sie sich aber mit dem römischen Recht im Rom des 1. bis 3. Jh. als solchem. Sie versucht stets bei der Analyse des corpus iuris civilis, die Texte immer im geschichtlichen Kontext der Gesellschaft des antiken Roms zu verstehen. Derzeit untersucht sie die rechtliche und außerrechtliche Bedeutung sowohl von Konsensualverträgen als auch sonstiger Vereinbarungen im römischen Recht.



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The cooperation between the Ludwig-Maximilians-University/Munich and the Kyushu-University/Fukuoka has started in 1984, based on a twenty-year term cooperation agreement that has been extended in 2004 for another twenty years.

The implementation of the cooperation has been taking place through an intensive exchange between the Faculty of Law of the Kyushu-University and the Center of Japanese Studies of the Munich-University from 1984 through 2004 involving the Faculty of Law of the Munich-University. The Faculty of Law of the Kyushu-University has been granting lectures on Japanese Law (History of Law, International Law, Private Law, Public and Constitutional and Conflict Law) as well as courses of Legal Japanese. From the side of the Munich-University several professors of Law took over lecturing-assignments on History of Law, Private Law, Conflict Law and Criminal Law. The cooperation taking place mainly in the area of Law, recently the Faculty of Law of the Munich-University has been appointed as the operative partner.

Along with the lecturing activities scientific cooperation has been carried through in terms of mutual consultations on both legal language and substantive legal issues. One of the results is the edition of the translation of D. Medicus, Bürgerliches Recht, into Japanese (doitsu minpō (jō), 1996). The cooperation will go on under the general issue „Reception of Law and frictions“. It will be concerned with problems of mutual legal transfer between Japan and Germany, which in the future should comprise other countries of East Asia as China and South Korea.

The program has been sponsored so far only by Japan. It is a strong desire of the Munich-University to raise funds from Germany as well. The DAAD has been contacted and has shown interest in the program.

Both Universities esteem the program to be very helpful for both countries and – in the extended form – for a multilateral understanding between Germany and East Asia in terms of legal issues.

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Wilhelmsgymnasium Munich (secondary grammar school) 1953-1962  
Faculty of Law, University of Munich 1962-1967  
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Visiting Professor at the University of Kyoto/Japan (1983- 85). Lecturing commitments at the Kansai University of Osaka (1984-85), University of Hiroshima (1985), Kyushu University, Fukuoka/Japan (1984; 1991; 1996). Visiting Professor at the Meiji University/Tokyo (1998). Senior Teaching Fellow at the Centre for the Advanced Study of European and Comparative Law, University of Oxford (1999). Visiting Professor at the Seikei University/Tokyo (2000). Lectures on German Private Law for Hungarian Postgraduates at the Reformed Theological Academy of Pápa/Hungary (2002). Lectures on Humanities at the Venice International University/Italy (2003). Visiting Professor at the Meiji University/Tokyo (2004). Lectures on Private Law and History of Law at the Kyushu University/Fukuoka (2004). Lectures on German Private Law for Hungarian Postgraduates at the Reformed Theological Academy of Pápa/Hungary (2005)

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