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## DFG Office Japan & Hiroshima University Co-organize "The Impact of the Humanities and Social Sciences"

DFG (Deutshe Forschungsgemeinschaft) Office Japan and Hiroshima University is co-organizing an open symposium event under the theme of "The Impact of the Humanities and Social Sciences".

In this symposium, there will be a keynote lecture discussing "The Impact of the Humanities and Social Sciences" followed by the panel discussions. In the latter, discussions will be made on topics including "how research outcomes of the Humanities/Social Sciences are relevant to society" as well as "social/academic impact of the research outcomes."

In recent years, the social impacts and benefits concerning academic research of the Humanities and Social Sciences have come under scrutiny with their roles and functions being questioned. Through this symposium, we would like to take this opportunity to deepen our thoughts on how to appeal the value of the Humanities and Social Sciences as well as how to value research outcomes in the Humanities and Social Sciences. I am expecting your active participations to the symposium on that day.

[Date] Wed., 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017 Time: 9:45~11:45 (Entrance Opens at 9:20)

[Venue] 1) Reception Hall, 2nd Floor of Faculty Club, Higashi-Hiroshima

2) Campus Meeting Room 4-1, 4th Floor of Innovative Research Center, Higashi-Senda CampusN.B.: At Higashi-Senda site, the Symposium will be broadcast via video streaming.

[Participation recommended for] The event is suitable for those faculty members who are interested in Humanities & Social Sciences (general public can also register and participate in the event)

[Language] English and Japanese (only at Higashi Hiroshima site, simultaneous translation services using headsets will be available)

[Capacity] About 60 seats (Higashi Hiroshima venue: about 50seats, Higashi-Senda venue: about 10 seats)

[Registration/Details of the Event] Through the following link: <u>http://www.dfg.de/jp/aktuelles/berichte/2017/171115\_hss-satellite/index.html</u>

## [Program]

9:20 Doors Open

9:45 Symposium Starts, Opening Greetings

9:55 Keynote Speech "Truth – Impact – Power"

Speaker: Prof. Peter Strohschneider DFG President

10:25 Panel Discussion Panelists:

Chair: Prof. Julika Griem DFG Vice President,

Prof. Peter Strohschneider DFG President.

Yohsuke Yamamoto, Academic Office, Executive and Vice President

Professor Yoshinori Eto, Graduate School of Letters

Professor Kazuhiro Kusahara, Graduate School of Education

11:35 Summary

11:45 Close

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