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SDAC Guest Lecture Series

Taiwan as a Hot Spot in the Geopolitics of the Anthropocene

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Via Zoom

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This lecture will posit that the man-made ecological epoch called the Anthropocene is necessarily a matter of geopolitics. It will then show how Taiwan is located both on the front line of the defense of democracy and climate (and biodiversity) emergency. The case of Taiwan highlights how traditional geopolitics (national sovereignties and military warfare) and the new approach to geopolitics focusing on ecological concerns are entangled with one another. The question is thus: how to address the two sides efficiently, how to maintain vulnerable national sovereignties without giving up on the front of ecology?

This event will be held online via zoom. Please contact Prof. Dr. Viola Thimm to register (viola.thimm@fau.de).

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