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**Comparative Perspectives on Japanese
Migration Policy and Law**

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University of Fribourg, Switzerland

Workshop

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Friday, 15 December 2017
09:00 – 16:30 h

Saal Jaeggi
Building Miséricorde
Avenue de l'Europe 20
1700 Fribourg, Switzerland

Japan, Israel and Switzerland are characterized by a relatively restrictive asylum and migration policy. However, migration and asylum are realities that the legal systems of all three countries have to deal with. Furthermore, migration of labor force is (and will be) necessary considering the ever shrinking domestic labor force and ageing population of Japan and Switzerland. The invited experts to the workshop, academics and practitioners from Japan, Israel and Switzerland, will present their research and insights with regard to migration, asylum, human rights and integration.

The workshop is organized to critically analyze and compare the Japanese, Israeli and Swiss legislation, applicable to the immigration and integration of foreigners who have moved for various reasons, and to the protection of the human rights of these migrants (procedurally and substantially).

- 09:00 Registration and Coffee
- 09:30 **Word of Welcome**
Prof. Sarah Progin Theuerkauf, University of Fribourg, nccr – on the move
Prof. Alberto Achermann, University of Bern, nccr – on the move
- 09:45 **The Role of Human Rights in Japanese Migration Law**
Prof. Murakami, Osaka School of International Public Policy, Osaka, Japan
- 10:15 **The Role of Human Rights in Israel's Migration Law**
Prof. Avinoam Cohen, Tel Aviv University
- 10:45 Discussion (Cohen and Murakami) followed by Open Floor
- 11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:15 **The Japanese Asylum System and the Refugee Convention in Japan**
Prof. Ando, Osaka School of International Public Policy, Osaka, Japan
- 11:45 Discussion (Dr. Benedikt Pirker, University of Fribourg) followed by Open Floor
- 12:15 Lunch Break
- 13:30 **Citizenship for Inclusion of Refugees in Japan**
Prof. Kawamura, Osaka School of International Public Policy, Osaka, Japan
- 14:00 **Benchmarking to Improve Migrant Integration Policy-Making in Urban Contexts: The Intercultural Cities INDEX**
Oliver Freeman, Intercultural Governance Consultant
- 14:30 Discussion (Freeman and Kawamura) followed by Open Floor
- 14:45 Coffee Break
- 16:20 **Recent ECtHR Case Law on Decisions of Swiss Migration Authorities**
Barbara von Rütte, University of Bern, nccr – on the move
- 15:30 Discussion (Dr. Margarite Zoetewij, University of Fribourg, nccr – on the move) followed by Open Floor
- 16:00 Concluding Remarks
- 19:00 Dinner at "Gemelli's", Grand-Places 10, 1700 Fribourg**