

Protecting *the Weak*

Entangled Processes of Framing, Mobilization and Institutionalization in East Asia

Film Screening Series: Protecting the Weak in China and Japan

In a series of film screenings at Frankfurt University, young international researchers and filmmakers will explore dimensions of "the weak" and their protection as depicted on the screen. Topical movies and documentaries from and about China and Japan are each followed by an open discussion. All films are subtitled in English and screened on Wednesday evenings, 18:00 at Campus Westend PEG 1.G 165 , free of charge, for GU students and GU staff only.



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Campus Westend, PEG 1. G165

This documentary is a self-financed investigation concerning the serious air pollution in China by Chai Jing, a former journalist at CCTV China. Combining Chai Jing's factory visits, interviews with Chinese government officials, university professors and environmental experts, this documentary not only criticized China's economic growth model and its overconsumption of coals, but also questioned the law enforcement and criticized the inability of China's Ministry of Environmental Protection responding to firms whose production standard was below the national standard. By visiting and talking to the officials from London and Los Angeles, Chai Jing also documented how these two cities have managed to fight against the air pollution few decades ago. Based on Chai Jing's own experiences, she advocates that all citizens in China have to voice themselves against the air pollution. Otherwise, China would lose this battle.

This documentary generated more than 100 million hits in China and it was banned by the Chinese government after 48 hours since its release.

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