

# 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 in recent Taiwanese films. Topical movies and documentaries from and about Taiwan and the wider East Asian region will be followed by an open discussion. All films are subtitled in English and screened on Wednesday evenings, 6 pm, at Campus Westend, seminar house, SH 1.105, free of charge, for GU students and GU staff only.

### How are you, Gongliao? (2004) protests against Japanese nuclear power plant construction in Taiwan



January 13, 2016, 6 pm  
Campus Westend, SH 1.105 (seminar house)

Designed in the United States and made in Japan, a nuclear power plant is being built in Gongliao, a township at the northeastern tip of Taiwan. The fishermen who live there were never consulted and suddenly found their rights to fishing being taken away, along with the livelihood they have held for generations. In over ten years of struggle, babies have been born and people have died. Some youngsters who participated in the protests have even been imprisoned. In the name of economic development, the environment and the safety of local residents are often sacrificed in pursuit of maximizing profit. While injustice and unrecoverable harm caused to the people have become norms under the expansion of capitalist modernity, the people of Gongliao still choose to struggle against it. (Ministry of Culture, R.O.C. (Taiwan))

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