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# ABSTRACT

The research embodied in this dissertation has been designed as a pragmatic enquiry with the primary aim to explore the human security, identity and other concerns of German expatriates (or, expats)—that is, citizens—in China’s Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and varying locales in Thailand, and to evaluate to governance implications arising about them—as especially pertaining to the German government. It is rooted in such scholarly claims arguing that migration research so far has mostly focused on the notion of the national interest in order to approach the theme (and its respective aspects) rather than on an equal concern for the well being of such individuals, and that therefore the state becomes more of a negative actor for the people it actually should protect.

Although primarily based in the Political Science and International Relations disciplines, it also draws on a variety of other schools in the Humanities in order to pursue and analyse extant and newly generated data, such as Cultural Anthropology, Sociology, History, Geography and Law. However, it was primarily through the application of quantitative and, especially, qualitative methods in the field that it could be determined that the German expat population under question has a wide range of broadly based “security” concerns. These included such basic issues as those related to the communication of official government information and the protection of freedom from bodily harm, but they also extended to rather qualified concerns pertaining to the provision of pensions and health insurance, political participation and external voting, schooling and access to education, taxation, and repatriation.

While it could be demonstrated that the values behind some German legislative regulations are at odds with these concerns and demand a greater inclusion of the respective issues into German “domestic” policies, it is argued that such revisions are not very likely to occur in the near future because of the prevailing dominance of the state-centric perspective in the German official and public consciousnesses. Moreover, it is concluded that the intended reconfiguration of state governance structures in Germany according to *postnational* standards can only be achieved through the constant promotion of more human-oriented approaches through pedagogy, information and politics. And it is here that the educative missions of universities and schools particularly apply.

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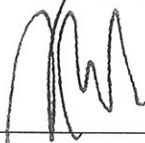
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# LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ADLK	<i>Auslandsdienstlehrkraft</i> , or (German) Foreign Service Teachers
AUD	Australian Dollar
BAMF	<i>Bundesministerium für Migration und Flüchtlinge</i> , or (German) Federal Ministry for Migration and Refugees
BDI	<i>Bundesverband der Deutschen Industrie</i> , or (German) Federal Association of the German Industry
BfJ	<i>Bundesamt für Justiz</i> , or (German) Federal Office for Justice
BMAS	<i>Bundesministerium für Arbeit und Soziales</i> , (German) Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs
BMF	<i>Bundesministerium der Finanzen</i> , or (German) Federal Ministry of Finance
BMWi	<i>Bundesministerium für Wirtschaft und Technologie</i> , or (German) Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology
BPA	<i>Bundespresseamt</i> , or (German) Federal Press Office
CDU	<i>Christlich Demokratische Union</i> , or Christian Democratic Union (German party)
DE-[no.]-E	Expert interview in Germany
DE-[no.]-P	Participant/individual interview in Germany
DHV	<i>Deutscher Hilfsverein Thailand</i> , or German Help
[Migration] DRC	Development Research Centre on Migration, Globalisation and Poverty (at the University of Sussex)
DSSB	<i>Deutschsprachige Schule Bangkok</i> , or German-speaking School Bangkok
DTA	Double Taxation Agreement



DVKA	<i>Deutsche Verbindungsstelle Krankenversicherung-Ausland</i> , or Connecting Unit Health Insurance-Foreign Countries
DVPW	<i>Deutsche Vereinigung für Politische Wissenschaft</i> , or German Association for Political Science
EGDSHK	<i>Evangelische Gemeinde deutscher Sprache in Hongkong</i> , or German-speaking Protestant Congregation in Hong Kong
EIMSS	European Internal Movers' Social Survey
ELEFAND	<i>Elektronische Erfassung Auslandsdeuter</i> , or Electronic Registra- tion of Germans Abroad
EStG	<i>Einkommenssteuergesetz</i> , or (German) Income Tax Law
EU	European Union
EUR	Euro
EWR	<i>Europäischer Wirtschaftsraum</i> , or European Economic Zone
Expat	Expatriate
FA	<i>Finanzamt</i> , or (German) Tax Office
FFO	<i>Auswärtiges Amt</i> , or (German) Federal Foreign Office
FRG	Federal Republic of Germany
GEHK	German expatriates in Hong Kong
GETH	German expatriates in Thailand
GFG	German Federal Government
GRGE	German repatriates in Germany
GSIS	German Swiss International School Hong Kong
GSOEP	German socio-economic panel
HK-[no.]-E	Expert interview in Hong Kong

HKD	Hong Kong Dollar
HK-[no.]-P	Participant/individual interview in Hong Kong
HKSAR	Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
IB	International Baccalaureate (Diploma)
IDEA	International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance
PRC	People's Republic of China
Repat	Repatriate
SPSS	Statistical Package for the Social Sciences
TH-[no.]-E	Expert interview in Thailand
TH-[no.]-P	Participant/individual interview in Thailand
TransState	Transformation of the State (research project)
UN	United Nations
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNWTO	United Nations World Tourism Organization
US	United States
VCI	<i>Verband der Chemischen Industrie</i> , or (German) Association of the Chemical Industry
VDA	<i>Verein für Deutsche Kulturbeziehungen im Ausland</i> , or Association for German Cultural Relations Abroad
VDBIO	<i>Verband deutscher Bediensteter bei internationalen Organisationen</i> , or Association of German international civil servants
ZfA	<i>Zentralstelle für Auslandsschulwesen</i> , or (German) Central Unit for the Abroad School System

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