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Governance Challenges for Family Businesses in Japan and Germany

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Although family firms makes up more than 95% of all businesses in Germany and Japan, only about one in six family-run firms survives to the third generation. One reason for failure is often a lack in proper monitoring and supervision. It therefore comes with little surprise that Corporate Governance – as a topic concerned with monitoring and supervision – is increasingly discussed also with respect to family businesses. However, the discussion has only recently gained momentum and it is surprising that in Japan little literature or scholarly discussion exist so far on “Family Business Governance”. The aim of the talk is to discuss the issue of Corporate Governance in family businesses and – whenever possible – to compare the German and Japanese situation and to draw some lessons from the German approach to “Family Business Governance”.

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