

Programme

**Social Economic Policies Asia (SOPAS)
2020-2022 Cycle
Inception Workshop and Programme Launch**

Date: 11 December 2019

Venue: The Capitol Hotel Tokyu
2-10-3, Nagata-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-0014

Access for guests using public transportation:

Direct access to the Subway (Tameike-sanno Station / Kokkai-gijidomae Station) at B2 Floor, with connection to four subway lines: Namboku Line, Chiyoda Line, Ginza Line (220m) and Marunouchi Line (435m)

Organizer: Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Japan Office (KAS)

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The Social Economic Policies Asia (SOPAS) is a regional forum that contributes to the debate and reform of economic and governance models in Asia. It brings together a network of policy makers, economists, political analysts and thought leaders across Asia-Pacific to discuss emerging issues, propose policy alternatives and share best practices.

For the 2020-2022 cycle, SOPAS will focus on three strategic areas: (1) advancing female leadership, (2) free trade consolidation, and (3) the future of work. The programme will primarily work with the following countries: (1) India, (2) Japan, (3) Singapore, (4) South Korea, (5) Taiwan, and (6) Viet Nam. Please see attached document for more information on SOPAS.

The series of workshops conducted over a day, aim to establish partnerships with key regional stakeholders and jointly identify and define the themes covered and possible areas for cooperation under SOPAS' three strategic areas. At the end of the workshops, a working framework for the program's 2020-2022 implementation will have been created and agreed upon.

10 December 2019, Tuesday

6:30 PM

Participants' Welcome Dinner

Keynote Speech

Peter Hefele

*Head, Team Asia and Pacific
Konrad Adenauer Stiftung*

1F, Magnolia Garden Room
The Ritz-Carlton, Tokyo
9 Chome-7-1 Akasaka, Minato City, Tokyo 107-6245

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11 December 2019, Wednesday

8:30 AM	Registration Meeting Room "Sakura Tachibana" 2F, The Capitol Hotel Tokyu
9:00 AM	Welcome Remarks and Keynote Rabea Brauer <i>Director, Regional Programme "Social Economic Policies" Asia Country Representative Japan Konrad Adenauer Stiftung</i>
9:15 AM	Keynote Speech 2020 Asian Economic Outlook: Challenges and Perspectives Dr. Yoichi Nemoto <i>Former Director ASEAN+3 Macroeconomic Research Office (AMRO)</i> <i>Professor, Asian Public Policy Program School of International Public Policy Hitotsubashi University</i>
9:45 AM	Thoughts on the Keynote Speech Peter Hefele <i>Head, Team Asia and Pacific Konrad Adenauer Stiftung</i>
9:55 AM	Q and A Session
10:10 AM	Introduction to the Regional Programme "Social Economic Policies" Asia (SOPAS) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Objectives of the program- Key themes- Possible role of key partners and implementation process Cristita Marie Perez <i>Senior Project Manager, Regional Programme "Social Economic Policies" Asia Konrad Adenauer Stiftung</i>
10:20 AM	Q and A Session
10:30 AM	Coffee Break

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Workshop 1

Women Leading

Advancing Female Leadership Roles in Rapidly Changing Japan

Speech

Vice President Yasuko Sasaki

Trustee

Vice President

The National University Corporation

Ochanomizu University

Dr. Rie Okamura

Project Lecturer, Institute for Global Leadership

Ochanomizu University

Dr. Naoko Oki

Project Lecturer, Institute for Global Leadership

Ochanomizu University

Facilitator:

Dr. Masako Ishii-Kuntz

Director, Institute for Gender Studies

Ochanomizu University

12:00 PM

Workshop Group Presentations

12:15 PM

Q and A Session

12:30 PM

Lunch

Restaurant:

Shunju Tameikesanno

Sanno Park 27F

2-11-1 Nagata-cho

Chiyoda-ku

14:00 PM

Workshop 2

Open, Close!

Political Economy Considerations for Asian FTAs Consolidation

Facilitator:

Dr. Masataka Fujita

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	<i>Secretary General</i> <i>ASEAN-Japan Centre</i>
15:00 PM	Workshop Group Presentations
15:15 PM	Q and A Session
15:30 PM	Coffee Break
15:45 PM	Workshop 3
	<i>The Other AI</i> <i>Automation, Innovation and the Future of Work</i>
	Facilitator:
	Dr. Eric Thomson Kerr <i>Senior Research Fellow</i> <i>Asia Research Institute</i> <i>National University of Singapore</i>
17:00 PM	Workshop Group Presentations
17:15 PM	Q and A Session
17:30 PM	Summary of the Outcomes of the Workshops/Workshop Synthesis
	Matthias Schäfer <i>Representative Shanghai Office</i> <i>Konrad Adenauer Stiftung</i>
	Conclusions and Next Steps
	Rabea Brauer and Cristita Marie Perez <i>Konrad Adenauer Stiftung</i>
17:45 – 20:00 PM	Partners' Get Together Networking Dinner Reception Ho'oh (West) Ballroom 1F, The Capitol Hotel Tokyu