
EU-JAPAN PARTNERSHIP AND THE CRISIS OF LIBERALISM

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| Venue | Conrad Hotel “Hamarikyu Conference Room” |
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In June 2017, the EU and Japan, have agreed in principle to a bilateral Free Trade/Economic Partnership Agreement, and a so-called Strategic Partnership Agreement (SPA), which envisions institutionalizing EU-Japan cooperation in a number of fields in the political and security spheres. Deepening cooperation in the areas of security and development are fundamental issues of this agreement. Although negotiations for this agreement were launched in 2013, there are as yet very few details publicly available on the actual contents and priorities of the agreement. Consequently, it has yet to emerge how and to what extent the SPA will lead to increased EU-Japan cooperation in the broader field of comprehensive security or more mutual cooperation to protect the present rule based liberal order.

Today’s conference will explore the possibly now potential EU and Japan cooperation after the adoption of the above-mentioned SPA. With the participation of policymakers from both the EU and Japan, the conference will seek to shed light on the question on how and in what way the EU-Japan SPA could or indeed will increase the frequency and intensity of EU-Japan non-military security cooperation in Asia, Africa and elsewhere. What is the actual added value and more importantly are EU/European and Japanese policymakers really equipped with the mandate, instruments and political authority to adopt and conduct the (potentially) increased EU-Japan non-military security as envisioned in the SPA.

Today we will seek to assess how and to what extent the already ongoing bilateral EU-Japan cooperation could expand and intensify. Is the SPA potentially the ‘big bang’ of EU-Japan cooperation or rather and instead the institutionalizing of already ongoing bilateral cooperation? Do Japan and the EU see the strategic importance of increasing cooperation under the present changes taking place at the global world order? Do they have the political will, resources and instruments to really intensify cooperation?

Programme

Thursday, 2nd November 2017

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| | <i>Venue: Conrad Hotel</i> |
| 09:30 | Registration of participants |
| 10:00 | Welcome Remarks |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thomas AWE, Resident Representative for Japan, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS), Tokyo Office |
| 10:15 | Keynote Speeches |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Viorel ISTICIOAIA-BUDURA, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the European Union to Japan |
| 10:30 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Masashi NAKAGOME, Deputy Assistant Minister, European Affairs Bureau |
| 10:45 | <i>Coffee Break</i> |
| Session 1 The Nexus of Security and Development-EU and Japan Getting Things Done? | |
| 11:00 | <p><u><i>EU-Japan Security Cooperation under the Strategic Partnership Agreement (SPA)</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Axel Berkofsky, University of Pavia |
| 11:20 | <p><u><i>Japan as a Niche EU Security and Development Partner for International Liberalism Proliferation</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garren MULLOY, Associate Professor, Faculty of International Relations, Daito Bunka University. |
| 11:40 | <p><u><i>Would EU-Japan partnership ease Japan's Regional security Cooperation Dilema?</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Fellow Tsuneo Watanabe, Sasakawa Peace Foundation |
| 12:00 | <p><u><i>The implications of the Strategic Partnership Agreement for EU-Japan Relations</i></u></p> <p>Francesco Fini, Deputy Head of the EU the EU Delegation in Tokyo</p> |
| 12:20 | Moderator: |
| (Q & A Session) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Midford, Norwegian University for Science and Technology <p>Discussants: Wilhelm Vosse, ICU Tokyo , Chiyuki Aoi, Graduate School of Public policy, The University of Tokyo</p> |
| 13:00 | <p>Lunch for all</p> <p><i>Venue: Hamarikyū Conference Room</i></p> |
| Session 2 Strategic Cooperation in Global Governance, Trade, and Finance | |
| 14:30 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u><i>EU-Japan economic cooperation under the EPA</i></u> <p>Marjut Hannonen, Delegation of the European Union to Japan</p> |
| 14:50 | <u><i>Title: 'Advancing EU-Japan interests in a China-centred Asian trade architecture</i></u> |

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| | Martin Schultz, Fujitsu Research Institute |
| 15:10 | <u>Moderator:</u> Axel Berkofsky, University of Pavia |
| (Q & A Session) | |
| | Discussant:Hajime Takata, Chief Economist Mizuho Research Institute (TBC) |
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| 15:30 | Coffee Break |
| Session 3 Public-Private Cooperation and Tackling Climate Issues | |
| 16:00 | <u><i>SDGs and changing patterns of development cooperation –prospects for EU-Japan Cooperation</i></u> |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marie Soderberg, European Institute of Japanese Studies, Stockholm School of Economics |
| 16:20 | <u><i>Renewable Energy: What Europe and Japan can Learn from Each Other</i></u> |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paul Midford, Norwegian University for Science and Technology |
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| 16:40 | <u>Moderator:</u> |
| (Q & A Session) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professor James D.J. Brown Discussants: Senior Vice-President Hiroshi Kato, Jica and Hiroshi Ota of Waseda University |
| 17:10 | Closing Remarks |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marie Söderberg |
| 17:45 | <i>(closing of conference day)</i> |
| 17:45 – 20:00 | Networking Reception – Dinner Bufett for all <i>Venue:</i> Twenty Eight in Conrad Hotel |