
EU-JAPAN AGREEMENTS – WHAT NOW?

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In July 2018, the EU and Japan, officially signed their recently concluded Free Trade/Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA), and a so-called Strategic Partnership Agreement (SPA), which envisions institutionalizing EU-Japan cooperation in the economic as well as political and security spheres. On the economic side this signals the readiness of both Japan and the EU to advance free trade at a time when the US President Donald Trump is promoting a protectionist policy of “America first”. At the same time, it is becoming increasingly clear that China has emerged as a global power without socializing fully into the existing liberal international order – and in fact, poses challenges to it, because of its state-led economy and authoritarian political system. In this environment can the EPA serve as a new model for both fair and free trade and - once the investment protection rules are finalized – investment? Can the EPA promote bilateral cooperation to reinforce the legitimacy of global economic governance institutions? How can the two sides reinforce mutual cooperation and engage other, like-minded countries to defend and ideally deepen the present rules-based liberal order that is suffering from a crisis of legitimacy?

On the political side, how and to what extent will the SPA facilitate increased EU-Japan cooperation in the broader field of comprehensive security, or development cooperation? Will it increase the frequency and intensity of EU-Japan non-combat security cooperation in Asia, Africa and elsewhere? How can and will EU and Japan cooperate more closely in the military and security fields?

Today’s conference, with the participation of policy-makers from both the EU and Japan, will try to pinpoint in which areas more cooperation would be beneficial, and how to cooperate in these areas. Is the SPA potentially the ‘big bang’ of EU-Japan cooperation, or instead merely the institutionalizing of already ongoing bilateral cooperation? Do Japan and the EU believe there is strategic significance in increasing cooperation in light of the present illiberal trends occurring globally? Do they have the political will, resources and instruments to really intensify cooperation?

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09:30	Registration of participants
10:00	Welcome Remarks
	Marie Söderberg, European Japan Advanced Research Network (EJARN) & Yoshie Bohr-Yamazaki, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS)
10:15	Keynote Speeches
	Patricia Flor, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the European Union to Japan
10:30	Yoichi Otabe, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Japan to the International Organizations in Geneva
10:45	Coffee Break
Session 1 EU-Japan Strategic Partnership Agreement - Potential areas of cooperation	
11:15	<i>Mutual Promotion of Regional Security Multilateralism</i> Paul Midford, Norwegian University of Science and Technology
11:30	<i>What the EU consider as likely areas of cooperation</i> Ana Isabel Sanchez Ruiz, Delegation of the European Union to Japan
11:45	<i>Could EU and Japan cooperate on assisting North Korean development?</i> Junya Nishino, Department of Political Science, Keio University
12:00	<i>EU-Japan co-operation on Cyber Security</i> Wilhelm Vosse, International Christian University
12:15 (Q & A Session)	Moderator: Yoshihide Soeya, Keio University
	Discussants: Tsuneo Watanabe, Sasakawa Peace Foundation Michito Tsuruoka, Keio University

13:00	Lunch Buffett for all
Session 2 Strategic Cooperation in Global Economic Governance	
14:15	<i>Managing the crisis of authority in global economic governance: The risk of trade wars and connectivity conflicts</i> Maaïke Okano Heijmans, Clingendael Institute
14:30	<i>Advancing EU-Japan interests in an Asian trade architecture</i> Takaaki Asano, Sumitomo Cooperation Global Research
14:45	<i>What difference does the EPA make to EU-Japan Economic Cooperation</i> Marjut Hannonen, Delegation of the European Union to Japan
15:00 (Q & A Session)	Moderator: Axel Berkofsky, University of Pavia
	Discussant: Yorizumi Watanabe, Keio University
15:45	Coffee Break
Session 3 EU-Japan teaming up in international Politics is it for Real?	
16:20	<u>Round Table</u> Speakers: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hitoshi Tanaka, Institute for International Strategy 2. Axel Berkofsky, University of Pavia 3. Chiyuki Aoi, Graduate School of Public policy, The University of Tokyo 4. John Nilsson Wright, Cambridge University, Chatham House 5. Brad Glosserman, Deputy Director, Center for Rule Making Strategies, Tama University
	Moderator: Marie Söderberg, European Institute of Japanese Studies, Stockholm School of Economics
(Q & A Session)	
17:50	Closing Remarks: John Nilsson Wright, Cambridge University and Chatham House
18:10 – 20:00	Networking Reception – Dinner Buffett for all