This is the second meeting of the Tokyo Peacebuilding Forum following its inauguration in 2018. It is organized by the Global Peacebuilding Association of Japan (GPAJ) in cooperation with the ACUNS Tokyo Liaison Office.

The purpose of the Tokyo Peacebuilding Forum is to enable the members of GPAJ and interested scholars and practitioners of UN peace operations as well as development and humanitarian assistance activities to engage in dialogue concerning the relevance of theories, concepts, policies and practices. This year, the overall theme of the meeting is “Peacebuilding and Global Governance in a Turbulent Age.” The participants will have opportunities to present and comment on papers that are relevant to peacebuilding and global governance. The meeting will consist of a plenary session in the morning and several group discussion sessions in the afternoon. The subject matters for discussion are indicated in the program outline below.

The Tokyo Peacebuilding Forum is open to participation by interested persons from not only Japan but also other countries to enable free exchange of divergent views and perspectives. For this purpose, the plenary session in the morning and some of the thematic group discussion sessions in the afternoon will be held in English. Summary records of the proceeding will be kept by the secretariat and posted on the website of the Global Peacebuilding Association of Japan (GPAJ) (http://www.gpaj.org/) as well as the Tokyo Liaison Office of the Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS)(http://www.acuns.tokyo/).
Provisional Program

Saturday, November 2, 2019

9:00   Registration

9:30   Opening session
       Video Message from Special Adviser and former President of Timor-Leste
       José RAMOS-HORTA
       Sukehiro HASEGAWA, President, Global Peacebuilding Association of Japan

9:45   Plenary session
       Keynote speeches
       “The Prospect for Peacebuilding and Global Governance: German and French
       Perspectives”
       H.E. Ms. Ina LEPEL, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Embassy of the
       Federal Republic of Germany
       H.E. Mr. Laurent PIC, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of France

10:30  Comments
       Mr. Yasushi AKASHI, Former Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Special Adviser
       to the GPAJ
       Professor Takahiro SHINYO, Former Deputy Permanent Representative of Japan to the United
       Nations and Ambassador to Germany

11:00  Q & A: Discussion with the participants

12:00  Lunch
José Manuel RAMOS-HORTA


Ina LEPEL


Laurent PIC

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Laurent Pic of France Laurent PIC is a diplomat who currently serves as ambassador to Japan. He was born in Paris and graduated from Sciences Po and INALCO. As a diplomat, he has held postings at the permanent missions of France to the UN and the EU and has served as an adviser to Pierre Moscovici and Jean-Marc Ayrault. He was ambassador to the Netherlands from 2014–16 and was appointed ambassador to Japan in June 2017. He is a knight of the National Order of Merit,and of the Légion d'honneur.
Yasushi AKASHI

After graduating from the University of Tokyo, Mr. Akashi completed his Master's degree at the University of Virginia. He joined the United Nations Secretariat in 1957. He served as Under Secretary-General for Public Information, Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Cambodia and later for the Former Yugoslavia. He was Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs until the end of 1997. Currently, he serves as the Chairman of the International House of Japan, Representative of the Government of Japan on Peacebuilding, Rehabilitation, and Reconstruction in Sri Lanka, President of the Japanese Organization for International Cooperation in Family Planning (JOICFP) and Councilor of the Kyoto International Conference Center Foundation.

Takahiro SHINYO

Professor SHINYO graduated from the School of Law, Osaka University in 1972. He studied at University of Göttingen in Germany. After joining the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, his first post overseas was at the Embassy of Japan in Switzerland. He subsequently held several diplomatic posts before he became Deputy Director-General of the European Affairs Bureau and Director-General of the Global Issues Department. In 2006, he became Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations in New York. Then, from 2008 to February 2012, he served as the Japanese Ambassador to Germany. He is currently Professor and Dean of the Integrated Center for UN and Foreign Affairs Studies of Kwansei Gakuin University.

Sukehiro HASEGAWA

Dr. Sukehiro Hasegawa is President of the Global Peacebuilding Association of Japan; Director for Academic Exchange of the UN Association of Japan; and Director of the Tokyo Office of the Academic Council on the UN System (ACUNS). Hasegawa served the United Nations for 37 years from 1969 to 2006 and held senior positions in UNDP and UN peacekeeping and peacebuilding missions. He was Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations for Timor-Leste from 2004 to 2006, and Professor of Global Politics, Faculty of Law, Hosei University and Visiting Professor of United Nations University from 2007-2013.
13:00-15:00  Thematic Sessions I

Session 1: “Peacebuilding and Media” (Language: Japanese)

Coordinator/Moderator:
Takaaki MIZUNO

Professor Takaaki Mizuno, born in 1958, is currently professor at Kanda University of International Studies. Mr. Mizuno joined a well-known daily newspaper, the Asahi Shimbun, and served as its bureau chief in Hanoi, Vietnam from 1992~1994 and its correspondent in Washington D.C. during the Clinton years. After spending time as a visiting scholar at the East-West Center in Honolulu, and at the Chinese Institute of Contemporary International Relations in Beijing in 2003, he became New York bureau chief to cover the UN before becoming a member of the editorial board of the paper in 2007. He graduated from the University of Tokyo, and later gained M.A. from the Paul Nitze School of Advanced International Relations of the Johns Hopkins University.

Presenters:
Koji IGARASHI

Professor in Media & Journalism, Otsuma Women’s University, Tokyo. Co-Chair, Association of Japanese Journalists Working In Dangerous Areas. TV commentator on world politics. From 1979 to 2012, he was a staff writer for The Asahi Shimbun, Japanese daily paper, stationing in Osaka, Tokyo, London, Nairobi, Washington D.C. and NYC. When he served the Asahi as Deputy Managing Editor & Executive Manager of the Asahi Shimbun Institute of Journalism, he started his academic career by teaching at universities such as Tokyo, Waseda and Tokyo University of Foreign Studies. Author of various articles and theses mainly on world politics and journalism.
Makoto IGARASHI

Staff Writer of the Asahi Shimbun, a well-known Japanese daily newspaper. He studied modern politics of Myanmar at Graduate School of Hitotsubashi University in Tokyo. He also studied Burmese Language at Yangon University of Foreign Languages in 1998-2000. After coming back from Myanmar, he started his carrier as a journalist joining the Asahi Shimbun in 2002. He was dispatched by the Asahi as a foreign correspondent to Islamabad, New Delhi and Yangon in 2010-2017. After coming back to Tokyo, he became Deputy Editor of Foreign News Section mainly responsible for the news of the Southeast and South Asia region. He received MA degree in International Studies and Diplomacy form School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London in 2008.

Discussant:

Ai KIHARA-HUNT

Ms. Ai Kihara-Hunt is currently Associate Professor, Graduate Program on Human Security, the University of Tokyo, since January 2017. She also serves as Deputy Director, Research Center for Sustainable Peace at her university. She was member of the UN Police Doctrinal Development Group, Department of Peacekeeping Operations of the United Nations in 2016. She has obtained a PhD from the University of Essex with her research on individual criminal accountability of UN police personnel, under the supervision by Prof. Françoise Hampson.

Satoru KUROSAWA

Rapporteur:  
Mio SATO

Ms. Mio Sato has been working with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) Tokyo since October 2016. She has worked in IOM offices in Kenya, Belgium, Indonesia, Iraq (based in Jordan) and Afghanistan since 2001. Prior to joining IOM, she worked with the Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles and the Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA). She also worked at the Japan Platform (JPF) Secretariat in 2005 and she took a position of Programme Advisor at the PKO secretariat of the Cabinet Office, Government of Japan in 2011. She graduated from International Christian University (B.A in Liberal Arts, 1992) in Tokyo, Japan and did post-graduate studies at Graduate School of Public Administration, International Christian University (M.A in Public Affairs, 1997).

Thematic session 2  (Language Japanese and English)  
“Peacebuilding and Global Governance: Theory and Practice”

Coordinator/Moderator:  
Naoko KUMAGAI

Ms. Naoko Kumagai is associate professor at the International University of Japan, where she teaches international politics, international organization, and conflict resolution. She earned a Ph.D. in political science at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York. She has been working on the issue of comfort women from the perspectives of politics and morality. In her current research on reconciliation, she compares the Asian Women’s Fund, the Japanese government-initiated moral atonement project for former comfort women, and the German Fund of Remembrance, Responsibility, and Future, for moral compensation for East European slave and forced laborers under the Nazi era. She published a book, Ianfu Mondai (The Issue of Comfort Women), in 2014.
Presenters:

Koji SAKANE

Mr. SAKANE is Senior Director for Peacebuilding and Reconstruction at Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) (April 2017 - ). He has over 25 years of professional career on development cooperation at JICA. His previous assignments included Deputy Chief Secretary at Office of the President (2014-2017), Director for Planning and ASEAN Coordination at Southeast Asia and the Pacific Department (2011-2014), Director for Cambodia (2010-2011). He has field experiences at Indonesia (2006-2010) and Cambodia (1994-1996). He served as a diplomat at Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations (New York) (2001-2003). He obtained a MA in Conflict Resolution at Bradford University and a BA in Political Science at Waseda University.

Kasumi ISHIZUKA

Mr. Katsumi Ishizuka is professor in the Department of International Business Management at Kyoei University, Japan. He got a PhD at Keele University, England, in 2000. His research interests include UN peacekeeping operations and peacebuilding. He wrote several books including The History of Peacebuilding in East Timor (New Delhi: Cambridge University Press India, 2010).

Vanessa ABOU KHALIL

Vanessa Abou Khalil holds a Master’s degree in Political Science (2016-2018) from Kobe University and a Bachelor in French and Lebanese Law (2010-2015) at the Saint Joseph University in Lebanon. She is currently pursuing her Ph.D. in Political Science at Kobe University. Vanessa has worked in Lebanon in many different capacities including the Bar Admission at the Beirut Bar Association, Lahoud Law Office and a general internship at the Lebanese Council of State. She is a contributing writer of the Japan Times (Opinion piece) among other international initiatives.
Discussants:

Dong LIANG

Assistant Professor and Research Fellow, Institute of Asian Studies, China Foreign Affairs University, Beijing, PR China. Dr. Dong received his Ph.D from Peking University on International Politics. He was an academic guest to ETH Zurich and the University of Zurich in 2015 in Switzerland. His main academic interests include Global Governance, the Interaction between Politics and Science, Climate Change Negotiations. He teaches international organizations and global governance in China Foreign Affairs University and the University of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. Dr. Dong has published 2 books and more than 30 articles in major journals in areas like international relations, environment management and public health domestically and abroad. He is also a scientific editor for the Chinese Journal of Population, Resources and Environment.

Ken INOUE

Mr. Ken Inoue is Senior Advisor on Democratic Governance of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). He served various the UN Peacekeeping operations as Director of Democratic Governance Support Unit of UNMIT (Timor-Leste), Municipal Administrator of UNMIK (Kosovo), Regional Humanitarian Affairs Officer of UNOSOM II (Somalia), and Deputy Provincial Director of UNTAC (Cambodia). He also worked with Asian Productivity Organization in Tokyo, UN Volunteers in Geneva and Bonn, UN Cambodian Humanitarian Assistance Programme in Bangkok, UNDP in Trinidad & Tobago and World Bank in Washington DC. He is also Member of UNITAR Advisory Board on PKO Training Programme and Supporting Member of Amnesty International Japan. He graduated from Waseda University (Political Science) and IDS, Sussex University (Development Studies).
Rapporteur:  
Elizabeth GAMARRA  
TEDx speaker, Fulbright Scholar at IE University and current World Rotary Peace Fellow at ICU holds a double Masters degree in the field of mental health and peace studies. She’s a trustee of the International Pax Natura Board publishing in the Journal for International Social Work as well as the Journal for Social Development Issues on refugee issues. For the last 6 years, she has worked with Amnesty International as an Activist Coordinator in the area of mobilizing human right efforts in Utah, Chicago and St. Louis. She has also been a research fellow at Oxford Human Rights Consortium working on human right initiatives in London (England), Thessaloniki (Greece), and Cusco (Perú) deepening connections between policy and local NGO practices.

Thematic session 3: “Possibility for Constitutional Reform of the United Nations Charter” (Language: English)

Coordinator/Moderator:  
Takahiro SHINYO (Please see above for summary notes of his personal history.)

Presenter:  
S.M. SHAREI

Dr. Shahr-Yar Mahmoud Sharei, whose specialization is public international law and the UN Charter, is the founding Executive Director of the Center for United Nations Constitutional Research (CUNCR). Under the stewardship of Dr. Sharei, CUNCR has embarked on research and seminar programs focusing on Global Governance Laboratory. Programs have commenced on “Climate Justice Governance” series, UN and Security Council reform, by upholding the “San Francisco Promise” and the rediscovery of the legality and potentials of Article 109 UN Charter review conference. The latter was also the title of a workgroup funded by Global Challenges Foundation of Sweden on UN Charter review. Further, CUNCR has initiated “How to Assemble Parliamentary Assemblies” series on institutional capacity building and cooperation amongst regional parliamentary assemblies (IPIs), towards expanded competency and people’s participation in regional and global governance.
ZHANG Guihong

Professor ZHANG Guihong is Director of Center for United Nations Studies at Fudan University in Shanghai. He is also Vice President and Secretary General of Shanghai UN Research Association. His major areas of research include UN-related issues, Sino-U.S.-Indian relations, International Organizations, and Asia-Pacific security. He is the author of the book entitled Strong UN, Better World, and the editor-in-chief of “Fudan UN Studies Series”. Professor ZHANG was a visiting scholar at the Henry L. Stimson Centre (2002-2003), Monterey Institute of International Studies, University of Georgia (2008), and University of Washington (2010), USA, and ASIA Fellow at Jawaharlal Nehru University as well as Institute for Defense Studies and Analyses (2004-2005), India. He obtained a Ph.D from Fudan University in 2003.

Vesselin POPOVSKI

Dr. Veseselin Popovski is Professor and Vice Dean, Jindal Global Law School, O.P. Jindal Global University, Haryana, India. Previously, he was a Senior Academic Programme Officer in the Peace and Security section at the United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS). A former Bulgarian diplomat, he gained his PhD from Kings College, London.

Rapporteur:
Amishi AGRAWAL

Ms. Amishi Agrawal is an international student at the University of Tokyo, Japan. Currently a sophomore, she is pursuing an undergraduate degree with a major in East Asian studies. She is most passionate about science-policy interfaces such as environmental studies and bioethics, and finds Economics, Law and Policy as the most effective tools to approach them. Also an avid reader and writer, she is exploring effective research and public communication strategies alongside and through college for now. She has experience in designing and managing student-led projects for waste management, LGBTQIA+ rights and gender equality. As a hobby she volunteers with Sofar Sounds - a global music events organisation.
Thematic session 3: “UN System’s Public Policy and Governance for Peace Building Activities”
(Language: Japanese)
Coordinator/Moderator:
Setsuko YAMAZAKI

Ms. Setsuko Yamazaki is a specially appointed professor at the Graduate School of Advanced Integrated Studies in Human Survivability, Kyoto University. She has over three decades of development and management experience in the UN. Her prior career has included finance and budget, strategic planning and risk management, policy advice and program management, and transformation strategy, ensuring results-based management, transparency, and accountability. She held leadership and management positions in UNDP Offices in Cambodia, Vietnam, Lao PDR and China. At the UN Volunteers Programme HQ in Bonn, she promoted volunteer programmes as Chief, Asia/Pacific/Europe/CIS Region. She started her career at the Bureau for Finance & Administration, UNDP HQ in New York, following an assignment in the Philippines. She joined the UN with prior experience in international banking.

Presenters:
Kotaro KATSUKI

Mr. Kotaro Katsuki is currently Director of the Secretariat of International Peace Cooperation Headquarters, Cabinet Office of Japan, where he is responsible for planning and implementation of personnel contribution based on the International Peace Cooperation Act (PKO Act). Mr. Katsuki joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1994. Before commencing his current position, he held various appointments including First Secretary at the Embassy of Japan in the United States, Counsellor at the Embassy of Japan in the People’s Republic of China, and most recently was Director of Global Issues Cooperation Division where he was responsible for the overall coordination of implementing the Japanese Government’s activities related to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) both domestically and internationally. He holds a BA in Law from the University of Tokyo and an MA in Regional Studies East Asia from Harvard University. He has lectured at various universities including, for four-and-a-half years, as a part time lecturer at the Faculty of Law at Chuo University.

Koji SAKANE
Tadanori INOMATA

Professor Tadanori INOMATA, Strategic Advisor of Nagasaki University’s Center for International Collaborative Research and Visiting Professor of the Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability. During his public service from 1966 to 2015, he served as Ambassador of Japan to Costa Rica, Consul-General at Montreal, Professor of transnational relations at Kobe University, Japan as well as Independent Inspector of the Joint Inspection Unit of the United Nations System and Member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) of the United Nations. He also worked for the secretariats of IEA/OECD and UNCTAD.

Discussants:

Ippeita NISHIDA

Mr. Ippeita Nishida is a Senior Research Fellow of the International Peace and Security Department at the Sasakawa Peace Foundation (SPF). He works on Japan’s foreign aid and security cooperation policies, and publishes such reports as “Rethinking Japan’s Foreign Aid: Widening the Scope of Assistance from a Security Perspective” (2014). He also serves as a panel member of the “Development Project Accountability Committee” at MOFA as well as lectures at Aoyama Gakuin University and the Hosei University. A graduate of LSE (MSc. in Development Studies), his prior experiences include a field/capital administrator of MSF-F in South Sudan (2004-5) and Liberia (2006) and being a civil advisor at the PKO Secretariat of the Cabinet Office of Japan.

Fujiko AMANO

Ms. Fujiko Amano is currently a Director and Managing Counsel of Nihon Rimini Street KK (Lawyer licensed in the State of New York) with 19 years of legal experience. She serves as Chief for Conference Proceedings, Secretariat of the Global Peacebuilding Association of Japan. She was an HPC Peacebuilding Program Associate in 2009, and she served as a UNV Legal Officer at the Regional Office for Central Asia of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in 2010-2011. She was also a Senior Deputy Director (Negotiator) for Economic Partnership Agreement at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan in 2011-2014. She graduated from Bryn Mawr College (BA in Political Science), London School of Economics (Msc. in Government) and Oxford University (MA
Rapporteur: Fujiko AMANO

Thematic session 5: “The Role of Emerging Powers in UN Peacebuilding: Challenges and Opportunities for the 21st Century” (Language: English)

Coordinator/Moderator:
Herman SALTON

Dr. Herman Salton is currently Associate Professor of International Relations at the International Christian University (ICU) in Tokyo, Japan, and specializing in international organizations, global ethics, international law, and the United Nations. He was educated at the Universities of Trento (Italy), Auckland (New Zealand), Wales (UK), and Oxford (UK), and holds two doctoral degrees, one in international law and the other in international relations. He was a visiting scholar at Sciences-Po Paris and TUJ Tokyo; an officer at the Icelandic Human Rights Centre in Reykjavik, Iceland; and briefly an Associate in the Under-Secretary-General’s Office at UN Headquarters in New York, USA. He has served as a Senior Adviser to the Center for Advanced Studies in South Asia (CASS) in Kathmandu, Nepal, and as Treasurer of the International Studies Association’s Asia-Pacific Section (ISA-AP). He is fluent in English, Italian, French and Spanish.

Presenters:
Ai KIHARA-HUNT (Please see above summary notes for her personal history.)
and
Raymond ANDAYA

Mr. Raymond Andaya is currently a research student and Japanese Government MEXT scholar at the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, The University of Tokyo. He was briefly a lecturer at the International Studies Department of De La Salle University in Manila, the Philippines. He received double Masters in International Public Policy and Asian Studies from the Osaka School of International Public Policy and De La Salle University, respectively. His research interests are in the field of peace and conflict studies, mediation, human rights, and accountability in non-international conflicts.
Mayumi YAMADA
Dr. Mayumi Yamada is Assistant Professor, researching/teaching Governance, Peacekeeping Operations, and Humanitarian-Development (in English) at Ritsumeikan University (Kyoto, Japan). Prior to joining academia, she had served as Peace Building Officer of United Nations Mission (UNMISS) in Republic of South Sudan. During the December Crisis in 2013, she was appointed as a life-saving staff member, directly managing one of the biggest Protection of Civilians sites and supporting humanitarian-development assistance. Before joining UNMISS, she had served for UNDP Country Offices (Kazakhstan, Maldives, Lao PDR and Solomon Islands), and the UN Centre for Regional Development (Disaster Management Planning). She holds a PhD in Sustainable Development from Imperial College (London, UK). She also taught a number of courses and seminars in both English and Spanish at the United Nations-mandated University for Peace, Costa Rica (2015-2018).

Arbenita SOPAJ
Mrs. Arbenita Sopaj is a researcher at Kobe University, Japan. (2019-Present). Her previous assignments include a variety of chairing conferences organized by the UN and EU student organizations. She has completed double degrees of Bachelor focused on European Studies and English Studies in Kosovo (2012-2016) by continuing further her Master studies in Poland and Japan specialized for Central and Eastern Countries and Political Science (2016-2018). She has been awarded with various scholarships such as Erasmus+, EU-Japan Multidisciplinary Master Studies, etc.

Discussants:
ZHANG Guihong (Please see above summary note for his personal history.)
LI Fujian
Dr. LI Fujian is a Research Fellow of the Institute of Asian Studies at China Foreign Affairs University. Fujian obtained his first degree in Business Administration from Shandong University (China) as well as a M.Sc. in International Business from the University of Birmingham (UK), and PhD in Political Science and International Relations from the University of Western Australia. Fujian has been a Visiting Fellow with the Future Directions International since 2012 and an Adjunct Research Fellow with the Center for Oceanian Studies at Sun Yat-sen University since 2013. Fujian’s research interests are centered on China’s regional
relations and Sino-Australian relations.

Rapporteur:
GUAN Hui Jin
Mr. Jin Guan Hui is currently a PhD candidate of China Foreign Affairs University. Form September this year, he has been studying at the University of Tokyo. He is most interested in International Peacebuilding and Japanese foreign policy. Now he is putting his attention on a program which focus on the cooperation between different countries in international peacebuilding.

Thematic session 6: “Culture of Peace” (Language: English)
Moderator:
Yuji SUZUKI
Professor Yuji Suzuki is currently Director-General, National Federation of UNESCO Associations in Japan. In 1969, he graduated from the University of Tokyo (Politics, Faculty of Law) and obtained a Master’s degree from the same university. In 1973 through 1975, he was a lecturer at Faculty of Social and Political Science at University of Indonesia, Faculty of Politics at Monash University in 1976, and later taught as a professor at Faculty of Arts and Sciences at University of Malaya from 1977 to 1980 respectively. In 1981 through 1983, he was a lecturer at Kanagawa University and adjunct lecturer for International Relations, College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Tokyo and had been a professor of Hosei University from 1983 to 2015. In 1988 through 1990, he was a visiting professor at School of Advanced International Studies of Johns Hopkins University in the United States and University College of Oxford University from 2005 to 2015.

Presenters:
Tomokiyo TANAKA
Secretary-General of Japan Religious Committee for World Federation, Councilor of the Association of Shinto Shrines, and Vice chief priest of Iwashimizu-Hachimangu shrine and Kyoto Visiting Professor, Kyoto University of Art and Sciences KOMIZO Yasuyoshi, Former Ambassador and Chairperson, Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation
Yasuyoshi KOMIZO

Mr. KOMIZO Yasuyoshi is freelance Communicator for Peace. Until July 2019, he was Chairperson of Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation and Secretary General of Mayors for Peace. He was also a member of the Group of Eminent Persons for Substantive Advancement of Nuclear Disarmament. His earlier functions include Special Assistant to Mohamed ElBaradei, Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) (Received Distinguished Service Award from IAEA in 2002), Ambassador of Japan to the International Organizations in Vienna and Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the State of Kuwait.

YANG Yue

Dr. YANG Yue is Deputy Director & Associate Professor, Institute of Asian Studies, China Foreign Affairs University, and Member of Chinese Association of Asia-Pacific Studies. She received her Ph.D in International Relations from Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. She was a Fulbright Scholar at Georgetown University in the U.S. from 2006 to 2008. Her research focuses on American politics and foreign policy, China-ASEAN relations, and East Asia Regional Cooperation. She has published and translated books and a series of papers on the political process of American social movements, American electoral politics, American foreign policy towards China and DPRK, and China-ASEAN relations. The most recent published article is “‘America First’ and its Impact on the US-ROK Alliance” and most recent edited book is The Belt and Road Initiative: ASEAN Countries’ Perspectives. As a member of NACT China (Network of ASEAN-China Think-tanks), Dr. Yue Yang has also been actively engaging in Track II diplomacies.
Discussants:

Sven SAALER

Dr. Sven Saaler is Professor of Modern Japanese History at Sophia University and Representative of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) in Tokyo. After earning a Ph.D. in Japanese Studies and history from Bonn University, he was Lecturer at Marburg University (1999-2000), Head of the Humanities Section of the German Institute for Japanese Studies (DIJ) (2000-2004) and Associate Professor at The University of Tokyo (2004-2008). His research was published in English, German and Japanese and has been translated into Korean, Chinese, French and Turkish. He also is an editor of The Asia-Pacific Journal/Japan Focus and a member of the Advisory Board of the National Institutes for the Humanities (NIHU).

Rapporteur:

Maja LIECHTI

Ms. Maja Liechti is a Swiss national currently studying at the University of Tokyo in the “Japan in East Asia” program and the Global Education for Innovation and Leadership (GLP-GEfIL) program on peacebuilding and global governance. She has been active in Zurich Model United Nations (ZUMUN) and the Global Next Leaders Forum (GNFL) and served as a facilitator in the discussion of the Syrian war and Gender Inequality in Japan. She has worked with Kurdish refugees in a refugee camp in Dunkirk. She is fluent in English, German, French and Polish and has intermediate level understanding of Japanese.
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Masakuni TANIMOTO

Mr. Masakuni Tanimoto is a Executive Director of World Federalist Movement of Japan as well as a Secretariat of Japanese Parliamentary Committee for the World federation. He has obtained a degree (Social Sciences) from National Institution for Academic Degrees after learning at multiple universities. Launching a business when he was a university student, he stays in the current post after serving as a president of a consolidated subsidiary of a major public relations agency and the like. Through his career building, he has been involved in enlightenment activities for disseminating UN philosophy, organization of meetings regarding UN reform and policy proposal to the Japanese government.