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**New York Dialogue  
of  
East Asian Scholars with Senior Officials of UN Organizations  
18-20 March 2020  
New York**

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**Organized by  
Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS)  
Tokyo Liaison Office for East Asia**

**Program Arrangements**

This New York Dialogue is a public diplomacy event of Civil Society organizations of the East Asian countries. It follows the Geneva Dialogue of East Asian Scholars with Senior Officials of UN and International Organizations held in Geneva in 2018 and 2019. This event is organized by the Academic Council of the UN System (ACUNS) for East Asian Countries in cooperation with the Department of Global Communications and other Departments of the United Nations as well as the UN Associations of China, Japan and Republic of Korea.

**Schedule of Proposed Meetings  
(subject to confirmation and adjustment)**

**Wednesday, 18 March 2020**

Arrivals of Chinese, Japanese, Korean and Mongolian Scholars and Experts

16:00 Guided tour of the United Nations (Optional)

18:00 Pre-Dialogue Get-Together

**Thursday 19 March 2020**

8:30 Assemble at the public entrance of the United Nations Headquarters at 45<sup>th</sup> Street and First Avenue

10:00 Opening Session: Under-Secretary-General Fabrizio Hochschild DRUMMOND, Special Adviser on the Preparations for Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of the United Nations and Mr. Math Noortmann, Executive Director, Academic Council on the UN System (ACUNS) (confirmed)

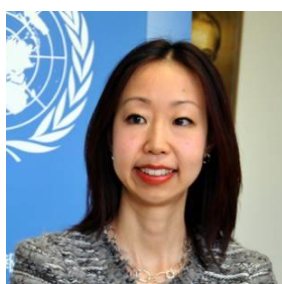
Venue: Room S-2729 UN Secretariat Building



10:45 Meeting with Ms. Ayaka SUZUKI, Director of the Strategic Planning and Monitoring Unit, the Executive Office of the Secretary-General (confirmed)

Commentator: Professor Yasuhiro UEKI, Professor, Sophia University, Tokyo

Venue: Room S-2729 UN Secretariat Building



11:15 Under-Secretary-General Rosemary A. DiCarlo for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs and her senior staff, Mari YAMASHITA, Director for Asia and the Pacific

12:45 Move to the Japanese Mission to the United Nations

13:15 Working Lunch hosted by Ambassador Toshiya HOSHINO, Deputy Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations (confirmed)



14:30 Move back to UN Headquarters

15:00 Meeting with Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs Izumi NAKAMITSU (confirmed)

Moderator: Professor Kyu-dok Hong, Former Deputy Minister for Defense Reform at the Ministry of National Defense, Republic of Korea and Professor, Sookmyung Women's University, Seoul

Commentator: Ambassador Tadanori INOMATA, former member of ACABQ, JIU



16:30 Under-Secretary-General Jean-Pierre Lacroix for Peace Operations, and his senior staff

19:00 Informal Dinner

### **Friday 20 March 2020**

09:00 Assemble at the public entrance of the United Nations Headquarters

11:00 Assistant Secretary-General Maria-Francesca Spatolisano as Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) (confirmed)



12:00 Under-Secretary-General Atul KHARE, Department for Operational Support  
(confirmed)



13:15 Lunch at UN cafeteria

15:00 Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, Mr. Ramesh Rajasingham and UNICEF Senior Official

16:30 Move to DC 1 building across the First Avenue

17:00 Assistant Secretary-General Robert Piper, United Nations Development Coordination Office and/or Michelle Gyles-McDonnough, Director, Sustainable Development Unit (SDU), Executive Office of the Secretary-General (EOSG) (confirmed)



19:00 Dinner hosted by Ambassador CHO Hyun, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations (confirmed)

Commentator: Changrok SOH, President of the Korean Academic Council on the United Nations System (KACUNS) and Member of Human Rights Council Advisory Committee of the United Nations



**Saturday 21 March 2020**

Departure of the participants

## List of Participating Scholars and Practitioners

### JAPAN

(alphabetical order)

#### Tadanori INOMATA



Ambassador Tadanori INOMATA is an Advisor for Global Relations and Visiting Professor at the Nagasaki University, and a Lecturer at the UN-IAS, Tokyo. 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 UN System and Member of the ACABQ of the United Nations.

He also worked for the secretariats of IEA/OECD and UNCTAD. Ambassador Inomata is a member of the Academic Council on the UN System (ACUNS).

#### Hiromi FUJISHIGE



Dr. Fujishige is an Associate Professor at the Department of International Politics, Aoyama Gakuin University in Tokyo. She is a specialist in the field of peacekeeping/peacebuilding. She earned a Ph.D. in Political Studies from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London. Her recent publications are as follows: *Constructing a More Active Role: The Norm-Shift and the Rise of Activism in Japan's Security Policy*, Tokyo: Naigai Publisher, 2017; "A New Horizon for Japan's 'Armed Peacebuilders'?" in Y.

Tatsumi and P. Kennedy eds. *Peacebuilding and Japan: Views from Next Generation*, Washington DC: Stimson Center, 2017. She is currently preparing to publish an English-written book on Japan's peacekeeping policy.

#### Miwa HIRONO



Dr Miwa Hirono is an Associate Professor at the College of International Relations at Ritsumeikan University. From 2018 to 2019 she was a Fulbright Fellow at the Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation at Harvard Kennedy School. Her current research focuses on China's peacekeeping, humanitarian and development assistance, and conflict mediation. Her publication

includes *China's Evolving Approach to Peacekeeping* (London: Routledge 2012) and *Cultures*

of Humanitarianism: Perspectives from the Asia-Pacific (Australian National University 2012). She has taught at the Australian National University, where she was awarded a PhD in International Relations, the University of Cambridge, and the University of Nottingham.

### **Kazuhide KURODA**



Kazuhide Kuroda is development consultant and is visiting professor at Doshisha University and part-time lecturer at Yamanashi University in Japan. He worked at the World Bank specializing on post conflict reconstruction and conflict prevention in fragile states. Prior to the Bank, he worked at United Nations coordinating international humanitarian assistance in disaster-struck and in conflict-affected countries. He has a Bachelor of Science and Master of Business Administration degrees from University of Waterloo and McGill University in Canada and has also studied in France and in the Netherlands.

### **Michiko KURODA**



Prof. Michiko Kuroda, Visiting Professor at the International Relations and Diplomacy Program (IRDP), Mercy College, New York, USA. She has worked at the United Nations for 30 years in Geneva, New York and Timor-Leste and held senior UN positions in human rights, peacekeeping, research and program evaluation, as well as conflict management and capacity development. Professional certifications include mediation, and executive conflict coaching in the U.S. She holds an MA in international relations. Her publications include *Early Warning and Conflict Resolution* (co-editor), McMillan & St. Martin's Press, London & New York, 1992. She also studied at the Catholic University of Louvain, Graduate Institute of International Studies, Georgetown University and Tsukuba University.

### **Takaaki MIZUNO**



Professor Takaaki Mizuno is currently professor at Kanda University of International Studies. Mr. Mizuno joined the well-known daily newspaper, *Asahi Shimbun*, and served as its bureau chief in Hanoi, Vietnam and D.C from 1992~1994 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, he became the New York bureau chief. He graduated from the University of Tokyo, and later gained



his M.A. from the Paul Nitze School of Advanced International Relations at Johns Hopkins University. Professor Mizuno is also a member of the Academic Council on the UN System (ACUNS).

#### **Hideaki SHINODA**



Professor Shinoda began teaching at the Graduate School of Global Studies, at the Tokyo University of Foreign Studies in 2013. He is also the Director of the Hiroshima Peacebuilders Center to implement the Global Program for Human Resource Development commissioned by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. He received his Ph.D. in International Relations from London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), University of London, in 1998. He had been engaged in refugee relief activities through NGOs and participated in the U.N Transitional Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC). He has been awarded Osaragi Jiro Rondan Award, Suntory Academic Award, Yomiuri Yoshino Sakuzo Award, etc.

#### **Keiichi TANABE**



Associate Professor at the Department of International Studies, Tokai University. Previously, he has served as a Civil Affairs Officer at the United Nations Mission In South Sudan from 2013 to 2014; Development Coordination Officer of the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan from 2010 to 2013; Donor Relations Officer of the UN World Food Program in Rome from 2006 to 2007; Head of sub-office of WFP in Myanmar from 2005-2006; Emergency Operation Coordinator & Reporting Officer for Indian Ocean Tsunami affected area of WFP in Myanmar from 2004 to 2005. He obtained his M.A from the School of International and Public Affairs of Columbia University.

#### **Yasuhiro UEKI**



Dr. Yasuhiro Ueki is a Professor of Global Studies and a member of the Institute of International Relations and of the Institute for Human Security at Sophia University in Tokyo. Dr. Ueki worked in the United Nations for nearly 30 years, mostly in the Department of Public Information and the Office of the Spokesperson for the Secretary-General. He also served in Namibia, South Africa, East Timor, Iraq, Indonesia, Zimbabwe and Pakistan in various capacities. Dr. Ueki received his Ph.D. in International Relations from Columbia

University. He is the author of “The United Nations – Its Role and Functions” (2018), among others.

Mayumi YAMADA



Dr. Mayumi Yamada is an Assistant Professor, researching/teaching South Sudanese refugees (Ethiopia & Uganda), Humanitarian-Development, and UNPKO at Ritsumeikan University. She served as Peace Building Officer of U.N. Mission in Republic of South Sudan (UNMISS). During the December Crisis in 2013, she was appointed as a life-saving staff member, managing the biggest Protection of Civilians sites. She also served for UNDP Offices (Kazakhstan, Maldives, Lao PDR and Solomon Islands) and the UNCRD (Disaster). She holds a PhD in Sustainable Development from Imperial College London. She taught courses in both English and Spanish at the United Nations-mandated University for Peace, Costa Rica (2015-2018).

## **KOREA, REPUBLIC OF**

**Kyudok HONG**



Dr. Hong has been teaching at the Sookmyung Women’s University for 27 years. He served as Deputy Minister for Defense Reform, Ministry of National Defense from 2009-2013. He was also a member of ASEAN Regional Forum's Experts/Eminent Persons, and became the co-chair of the CSCAP-Korea. Additionally, he served as the President of Korean Academic Council to the U.N System and is still serving as President of International Policy Studies Korea. He organized the 1<sup>st</sup> Regional SSG Forum in Seoul in 2019. As the member of Seoul Forum for International Affairs and advisor to MOFA, MND, JCS, ROK Air Force, KIDA, and Chey Institute for Advanced Studies, he participated in various bilateral meetings and strategic dialogues.

**Changrok SOH**



Changrok SOH is currently President of the Korean Academic Council on the United Nations System (KACUNS), Member of Human Rights Council Advisory Committee of the United Nations, Professor, Graduate School of International Studies, Korea University, Ph. D. in International Relations, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, 1992, M.A. in Law and Diplomacy, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, 1987, B.A. in Political Science, Seoul National University, 1984



### **Kwan Haeng CHO**



Dr. Kwan Haeng CHO is an associate professor at the Republic of Korea Air Force Academy, where he has taught air-power strategy and military studies since 2014. He retired from Air Force with Lieutenant Colonel before joining faculty at the academy. His research interests include peace keeping operation, airpower, and OPCON Transfer and Its Impact on the role of UNC. He also serves as the Chief Librarian of the Air Force Academy and he would like to visit the Dag Hammarskjöld Library and learn more about its data management system. Dr. CHO received his Ph.D. from the Korean National Defense University.

### **Soknan Han Jung**



Ms. Jung served in a number of high-profile senior positions in the United Nations, including as Resident Coordinator of the UN System in Romania; Director, UNDP Central & South-Eastern Europe Division; Director, Gender and Diversity. During her assignments in UNDP HQ & programme countries she oversaw exceedingly complex programmes such as supporting the successful EU accession of the Eastern European candidate countries. Governments have publicly recognized Ms. Jung's leadership & strategic contributions to their national development efforts with honours and awards. Her academic background includes: MBA, Stern Graduate School of Business/NY University; Executive Leadership Programme, London School of Economics; BA, Hunter College, New York.

## **CHINA**

The following Chinese persons have expressed their readiness to participate in the New York Dialogue if they could obtain from US Embassy their entry visas to the United States.

1. WANG Ying, Deputy Director-General, United Nations Association of China
2. ZHANG Guihong, Professor and Director, Center for United Nations Studies, Fudan University
3. ZHANG Haibin, Professor and Associate Dean, School of International Studies, Peking University
4. SHI Anbin, Professor and Associate Dean, School of Journalism and Communication, Tsinghua University

5. HE Yin, Associate Professor, China Peacekeeping Police Training Centre, China People's Police University
6. GUO Yanjun, Associate Professor and Director, the Institute of Asian Studies, China Foreign Affairs University
7. SHENG Hongsheng, Professor, Shanghai University of Political Science and Law
8. SUN Jingying, Assistant Research Fellow, Institute of World Economics and Politics, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
9. YOU Baishun, Program Officer, United Nations Association of China
10. Xinru JIN (now studying in the USA)



Xinru Jin is an LLM candidate at the University of Southern California Gould School of Law. She is a graduate from Shanghai University of Political Science and Law. She has participated as counsel for the prosecution and counsel for the government for two years and the International Criminal Court Moot Court Competition in China. In 2019, she took part in the 12th Red Cross International Humanitarian Law Moot Court Competition as assistant coach. She was also a legal intern in the Public Prosecution Department of The People's Procuratorate of Shanghai and the Criminal Justice Department of Beijing Dentons Law Firm. After graduation, Xinru plans to pursue a PhD in Public International Law.

11. **Xiaoyan Gao** (now studying in Japan)



Xiaoyan Gao is a current student at the MCA Mitsumine Career Academy pursuing Japanese as a language. Her background is in the field of Agriculture. She graduated from Inner Mongolia Agricultural University in 2018 with a focus on grassland, and sustainability impact. She is interested in the field of peacbuilding, cultural competency research and China- japan BRI relations. She is also a volunteer for the ICU Peace Week in Tokyo.

### **MONGOLIA**

"The following Mongolian persons have expressed their readiness to participate in the New York Dialogue with the support of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) Foundation of Germany; however, Mongolian State Emergency Commission imposed a travel ban for all public officials (the definition applies to the Military as well as universities) until March 30 as a measure to prevent an outbreak of Covid-19 in Mongolia. Accordingly, they will be unable to participate."

1. Oyunsuren Damdinsuren The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES)h



Oyunsuren Damdinsuren is Senior Lecturer, School of International

Relations and Public Administration, National University of Mongolia

2. Col. Nergui Nyamjargal, General Staff of the Mongolian Armed Forces, Peace Support Operation and Military Cooperation Department Representative, Mongolian Armed Forces

### **ACUNS Headquarters**

#### **Math NOORTMANN**



Math Noortmann, Executive Director (2018-2023) of the Academic Council on the United Nations System, and Professor in Transnational Law and Non-State Actors, Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations, Coventry University (UK). He publishes on a variety of trans-disciplinary subjects including global governance, human security, transnational organizations, and conflict resolution. He has lectured in Europe, China, Singapore and Indonesia. In 2000, he initiated a series on Non-state Actors in International Law, Politics. He is also a member of the ILA Interest Group on the Teaching of International Law where he coordinated and managed several international projects and studies for governments and international governmental and non-governmental organizations.

### **Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS) Tokyo Office**

**Sukehiro HASEGAWA**, Convener and Director, ACUNS Tokyo Liaison Office for East Asia



Director for Academic Exchange of the UN Association of Japan; Director of the Tokyo Office of the Academic Council on the UN System (ACUNS); President of the Global Peacebuilding Association of Japan. Hasegawa served the United Nations for 37 years from 1969 to 2006. He was Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations for Timor-Leste from 2004 to 2006, Professor of Global Politics, Faculty of Law, Hosei University, from 2007-2013 and Visiting Professor of the United Nations University from 2007- 2013.

**Masafumi TANIMOTO**, Director of Administration



Mr. Masakuni Tanimoto is an Executive Director of World Federalist Movement of Japan as well as a Secretariat of Japanese Parliamentary Committee for the World federation. After launching a business when he was a university student, he stays in the current post. He currently also serves as the president of a consolidated subsidiary of a major public relations agency. 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 Government of Japan.

**Elizabeth GAMARRA**, External Liaison Officer



TEDx speaker, Fulbright Scholar at IE University and current Rotary Peace Fellow at ICU holds a double master's 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. She has worked with Amnesty International 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, Thessaloniki, and Cusco deepening connections between policy and local NGO practices.

**Simon PANCHAUD**, Reporting Officer



Mr. Simon Panchaud is a graduate student at the University of Geneva and an intern in the Office of the Director-General at the United Nations Office at Geneva. He was a member of the Secretariat of the Geneva Dialogue in 2019, in charge of coordination with International Organizations and co-reporter. He compiled the reports of the Geneva Dialogue held in 2018 and 2019. He is specialized in security studies and East Asian studies. He was an exchange student at the University of Tokyo between autumn 2017 and spring 2018. He worked before for the Secretariat of the Geneva State Parliament.

**Maja LIECHTI**, Assistant to the Director of the ACUNS Tokyo Office



Ms. Maja Liechti is currently studying at the University of Tokyo and is enrolled in the *Japan in East Asia and Global Leadership Program*. As member of Mediators Beyond Borders International, and as part of

the GLP program, she is conducting research on Mediation efforts between the U.S and Iran. In 2019, she was part of the organizational team for the Geneva Dialogue and has been active in the Zurich Model United Nations Competition and the Global Next Leaders Forum and working with Kurdish refugees in a refugee camp in Dunkirk. She can speak English, German, French and Polish and Japanese including beginner Mandarin.

**Daiki INOUE, Photographer**



Daiki Inoue is an undergraduate student at Department of Global and Interdisciplinary Studies (GIS) at Hosei University in Tokyo, Japan. He has been studying International Relations with an emphasis on peace and conflict studies since 2017. His research is on the importance of existence of shared norms, human security and SDGs. Previously, he joined a course in International Cultural Studies in Nagano, Japan and presented a scholarly paper on international cooperation especially development aid

for necessitous areas in Africa.

**Yuki Watanabe**



Yuki Watanabe is an undergraduate student at the Department of Global Political Economy, School of Political Science and Economics at Waseda University in Tokyo. She is a member of World Federalist Movement. She is especially interested in international relations, disarmament, education, and SDGs.

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**Secretariat Personnel, Country Coordinators and Contact Persons**

**Organizing Committee of the New York Dialogue:**

**New York Headquarters**

Mr. Hillel LOEW, Special Assistant to the Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Preparations for the Commemoration of the Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of the United Nations

**United Nations Outreach Division, Department of Global Communications**

Ms. Lilli SCHINDLER, Chief, Group Programmes and Public Inquiries, Visitors Services Section, Outreach Division

Ms. Ana Maria Manero VALLES, Group Programmes and Public Inquiries, Visitors Service Section, Outreach Division

**Country Coordinators:**

China - WANG Ying, Deputy Director-General, United Nations Association of China (UNA-China)

Japan - Keiichi TANABE, Associate Professor, Tokai University

Republic of Korea - Heung Soon PARK, Vice President, UN Association of Republic of Korea (UNA-Korea)

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Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs (Mari YAMASHITA)

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Department of Economic and Social Affairs (Anna Alfonso)

Department of Disarmament Affairs (Jose RESTREPO)

Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) (Melanie Marie Lachica)

Office of USG for the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the UN (Hillel Loew)

**Associated Institutions of the East Asian Countries and Contact Persons:**

UN Association of China (UNA-China) - WANG Ying

China Academic Network for UN System (CANUNS) - WANG Ying

Japanese Association of UN Studies (JAUNS) - Mariko SHOJI/Keiichi TANABE

UN Association of Japan (UNA-Japan) (Sukehiro HASEGAWA)

Korean Academic Council on the UN System (KACUNS) – Kyudok HONG



UN Association of ROK (UNA-ROK) - Heung Soon PARK

Shanghai UN Research Association - ZHANG Guihong

Global Peacebuilding Association of Japan (GPAJ) - Masakuni TANIMOTO

### **Participants, Objective, Activities, Output, Outcome and Responsibilities of Participants**

#### **Participants from East Asian Countries:**

This event is participated by total of about 25 scholars and experts from China, Japan, Republic of Korea and Mongolia. A few students may be included as assistants in composing summary records, taking photos and making administrative arrangements.

#### **Objective of the New York Dialogue**

The objective is to enable the participants to engage in dialogue on the latest policies and practices of the UN organizations and the Governments of East Asian countries aimed at enhancing the cooperation among their countries and the UN organizations.

#### **Activities:**

1. Visit New York and engage in information sharing and exchange of views with senior officials of the United Nations (Executive Office of the Secretary-General, Departments of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs, Peace Operations, Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), Economic and Social Affairs, Operational Support, Office of USG for 75th Anniversary Events), UNDP and UNICEF;
2. Visit the Permanent Missions of China, Japan and Republic of Korea and learn about the policies and activities of their countries in the UN system.

#### **Output:**

1. Summary Report of the discussions taken place during dialogue meetings;
2. Upon return to their countries, the participants will inform their Governments, universities and research institutions the outcome of discussions held in New York and advise on any changes desired in the approaches taken by their Governments by publishing the report of the New York Dialogue carried out by the participants.

#### **Outcome:**

Both the Governments and the people of the East Asian countries are better informed of the

policies and practices of UN organizations headquartered in New York.

**Responsibilities of the Participants:**

1. The participants are expected to meet themselves the entire cost of their participation including the costs of travel and accommodation. They are also expected to obtain themselves the entry visas to the United States and arrange for their hotel accommodation.
2. The participants will be required to submit a summary of their comments and observations made during the dialogue to the Secretariat of ACUNS Tokyo Office.
3. Students are not included in the New York Dialogue which is meant for a group of scholars and experts. However, a few students may be allowed to participate in the event as assistants and writing summary records, taking photos, and undertaking other administrative works.