



## **ACUNS Tokyo Liaison Office Seminar on International Leadership**

**Organizers:** Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS) Tokyo Liaison Office  
Graduate Program on Human Security (HSP), the University of Tokyo  
International Christian University (ICU)

**Theme:**

**International Leadership in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Themes, Contexts, and Critiques**

**Date and Time:** 7 November 2020, 15:00-18:00 (Japan Time)

**Venue:** On-line [Zoom]

**Prior Registration by 6 November Required at:** <https://bit.ly/34mXP0J>

**Rationale:**

There are currently two major processes at play within the international system, especially as a result of the ‘New Cold War’ between China and the US, and the major disruption to international relations caused by COVID-19 and climate change.

On the one hand, there are observations about the lack of leadership at the international level, be that in addressing long-term issues such as climate change or the unprecedented challenges, including the economic challenges, posited by the current global health crisis. In these observations, the lack of leadership is often targeted at global governance in general and international organizations (UN, WHO) in particular.

On the other hand, it is yet to be known what leadership at the international level entails. Is it part of the transferable skills that depend on the person’s abilities, or a gift certain people are born with? Does the type of leadership depend on the context in which we live? Or is it dependent on the goal? In short, while there seems to be a shared quest for more international leadership, there is no agreement on which form such leadership should take. In this seminar, discussions are focused on two main questions:

1. What is the international leadership needed in the contemporary world?
2. Are there any specific leadership models that cater for specific needs?

The panels are formed alongside these two questions.

## Proposed Schedule

15:00 – 15:10      Opening

Welcome and administrative arrangements

Remarks: Prof. Sukehiro Hasegawa, Head, ACUNS Tokyo Liaison Office

Prof. Shoichiro Iwakiri, President, International Christian University

Prof. Mitsugi Endo, Head, Graduate Program on Human Security, the University of Tokyo

15:10 – 16:30

Panel 1: INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Moderator: Prof. Herman Salton, International Christian University (ICU)

Panelists:

1. Prof. Varuni Ganepola, Monash University, Australia

‘Why leadership matters: Exploring Psychological Aspects of Leadership’

2. Prof. Sukehiro Hasegawa, Special Advisor, Kyoto University of The Arts

‘Critique of Kantian Leadership for the Contemporary World’

3. Prof. Sangita Rayamaji, Pokhara University, Nepal

‘Gender, Differences and Leadership: An Individual Assessment’

16:30-16:35 Break

16:35-17:55

Panel 2: LEADERSHIP IN SELECTED AREA

Moderator: Dr. Ai Kihara-Hunt, The University of Tokyo

Panelists:

1. Prof. Kate Gilmore, Fellow, Harvard University; former Deputy High-Commissioner for Human Rights, UN Office of the High-Commissioner for Human Rights

‘Leading the International Community with Global Values’

2. Prof. Lise Howard

‘Leadership in Peacekeeping’

3. Prof. Suze Wilson, Massey University, New Zealand

'Lessons from New Zealand's leadership of the pandemic'

17:55-18:00 Closing

Prof. Lise Howard, ACUNS Chair

### List of Participants



Lise Morjé Howard is President of ACUNS. Professor of Government at Georgetown University, Howard earned her M.A. and Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of California, Berkeley, and her A.B. in Soviet Studies from Barnard College, Columbia University. A dual national of the U.S. and France. Fluent in French and Russian, she previously served as founding director of the Master of Arts Program in Conflict Resolution at Georgetown; Assistant Professor of Government at Wesleyan University; and Acting Director of UN Affairs for the New York City Commission for the United Nations. Howard is an award-winning scholar, and has published articles on UN peacekeeping, the UN Security Council, civil war termination, and American foreign policy in the top journals in her field, including *International Organization*, *International Security*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Foreign Affairs*, and *Global Governance*.



Ai Kihara-Hunt is a member of the Board of Directors of ACUNS (2018–2021). Associate Professor at the Graduate Program on Human Security and Deputy Director of the Research Center for Sustainable Peace, at the University of Tokyo. She serves as Deputy Representative of ACUNS Tokyo Liaison Office, and Board Member of Global Peacebuilding Association of Japan (GPAJ). Her main area of research is UN Peace Operations, in particular the UN Police, accountability and human rights. She has PhD from the University of Essex with her research on individual criminal accountability of UN police personnel. She worked in Nepal, East Timor/Timor-Leste, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and Japan with the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (UN-OHCHR). Her publications include *Holding Unpol to Account: Individual Criminal Accountability of United Nations Police Personnel*, Martinus Nijhoff (2017).



Hasegawa is ACUNS Liaison Officer in Tokyo since 2015 and was member of the ACUNS Board of Directors from 2012-2014. He is currently President, Global Peacebuilding Association of Japan (GPAJ), Chair of the Council of the Hiroshima Peacebuilders Center (HPC), and Executive Director for Academic Exchange, United Nations Association of Japan (UNA-Japan). Former Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Timor-Leste (2004-2006), he was also head of peacekeeping and peacebuilding missions, UNMISSET, UNOTIL and UNMIT from May 2004 to September 2006. Hasegawa holds a Ph.D. in international relations from Washington University in St. Louis, USA. His publications include "Post-Conflict Leadership: Key to Building Sustainable Peace and Development" in *UN Chronicle*, and *Peacebuilding and National Ownership in Timor-Leste*, UN University Press and Routledge (2013 and 2020).



Varuni Ganepola has been teaching psychology and researching for 23 years in the UK, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, and Australia. She has a PhD from the University of Wales (Swansea) and a BA (Hons) from Monash University (Australia). She is currently teaching at Monash College, Monash University in Australia. Her research interests include conflict and coping with displacement and refugeehood; distress, vulnerability, and resilience; and understanding lives of former child soldiers. Recently, she has undertaken research on domestic violence, suicide, and Muslim women's empowerment in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, and Pakistan. Her recent publications include the co-edited book "*Changing Nature of Forced Migration: Vulnerabilities and Responsibilities in South and Southeast Asia*" (2016).



Sangita Rayamajhi teaches Gender and Sexuality/South Asian Studies to MPhil students, at the Institute of Advanced Communication, Education and Research (IACER). She is the Director of Center for Advanced Studies in South Asia (CASSA) and South Asian Foundation for Academic Research (SAFAR). She is the first woman in Nepal to get her PhD in English Literature. For more than two decades she taught at Tribhuvan University in Kathmandu, Nepal. She was the founding faculty and Vice Provost for International Faculty Exchanges and Programs at the Asian University for Women, Bangladesh 2009-2015. She acquired her Post Doc. "Cultural Memories as Reflected in Dramaturgy: Nepali and American Women's Experiences" from Pomona College of the Claremont Colleges, Claremont, CA., USA. She is the recipient of National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Fellowship, Fulbright Scholarship and Scholar Rescue Fund Fellowship (SRF). She has several books to her name, *Can a Woman Rebel? Who is the Daughter of Nepal? All Mothers are Working Mothers* (a play) and a co-authored book *Women's Roles in Asia* (Women's Roles through History), ABC CLIO, Greenwood, 2013. Her most recent book, *Women and Violence around the World*, (co-author and co-editor) is for the same publisher, Nov. 30, 2019.



Herman Salton is a tenured Associate Professor of International Relations in the Department of Politics and International Studies. Educated at the Universities of Trento (Italy), Auckland (New Zealand), Oxford (UK) and Aberystwyth (UK), he holds two doctoral degrees, one in International Law and the other in International Relations. Prior to joining ICU, he was an Associate Professor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics (PPE) at the Asian University for Women (AUW), a liberal arts college that promotes gender equality and draws students from Asia and the Middle East. He was also a researcher at Sciences-Po in Paris and at Temple University Japan (TUIJ) in

Tokyo; an officer at the Icelandic Human Rights Centre in Reykjavik, Iceland; and an Associate with the UN Under-Secretary-General's Office in New York City. He teaches and publishes in the areas of international politics, international law, global institutions (especially the UN) and human rights. He has written a number of academic articles and three single-authored monographs, most recently 'Dangerous Diplomacy', which was published by Oxford University Press in 2017. He is also the Secretary/Treasurer of the International Studies Association, Asia-Pacific.



Kate Gilmore is a Fellow with the Harvard Kennedy School Carr Centre for Human Rights Policy and Chair of the Board of Trustees for International Planned Parenthood Federation. She was the UN Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights, and previously, Deputy Executive Director for Programmes with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). She was also National Director of Amnesty International Australia, and then Executive Deputy Secretary General of Amnesty International. She began her career as a social worker and government policy officer in Australia, helping establish the country's first Centre Against Sexual Assault. She was granted honorary appointments to provincial and national public policy and law reform processes including Australia's first National Committee on Violence Against Women.



Dr. Suze Wilson is a senior lecturer at Massey University, Auckland, New Zealand, where she researches leadership and also teaches about leadership, teamwork and other people-related topics as part of Massey's Executive MBA and MBA programmes. She has written two books about leadership, co-edited a third and also published work in academic journals such as *Organization*, the *Journal of Business Ethics*, *Leadership*, *Management Learning* and *Culture and Organization*. Her research explores how leadership is discursively constructed or practiced, with emphasis given to issues of power, ethics, context, gender, identity and the expectations held of both leaders and followers. Suze also has an extensive practitioner background, including in senior roles such as GM of HR at NZ Post and Deputy Commissioner, People Capability, at the State Services Commission.