

**Graduate Course for UN and Foreign Affairs  
Kwansei Gakuin University  
Zoom Open Seminar**

**Wednesday, 9 December 2020**

**15:10-16:40 Japan Time**

**“The Primacy of Politics in UN Peace Operations”**

**Prof. Dr. Sukehiro Hasegawa**

Former Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and  
Distinguished Professor of the Kyoto University of the Arts

The lecture will be conducted in English and open to the public.

The High Level Independent Panel on Peace Operations (HIPPO) convened by former Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon concluded in 2015 that lasting peace is achieved not through military and technical engagements, but through political solutions. Political solutions should always guide the design and deployment of United Nations peace operations. When the momentum behind peace falters, the United Nations, and particularly Member States, must help to mobilize renewed political efforts to keep peace processes on track. This lecture by Professor Hasegawa will explain the process of political and diplomatic negotiations that have taken place in UN peace operations, with particular reference to UN peacekeeping and peacebuilding operations carried out by the United Nations in Timor-Leste.

Professor Takahiro SHINYO will introduce Professor Sukehiro Hasegawa who will then make a power point presentation for about 30 minutes in English. The students will be given the opportunity first to comment and ask questions, followed by other participants.

15:10 Introduction by Professor Takahiro SHINYO

15:15 Lecture by Professor Sukehiro Hasegawa

15:45 Remarks by Ambassador Ildio Ximenes da Costa of Timor-Leste

15:55 Open discussion with the students and participants

16:40 End of the seminar

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