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Global Peacebuilding Association of Japan (GPAJ)

**Online ZOOM Meeting**

In association with  
Kyoto Peacebuilding Center (KPC) and  
Academic Council on the UN System Tokyo Office (ACUNS-Tokyo)

Wednesday, July 7, 2021  
20:00-21:30 hours (Japan Time) and 12:00-13:30 hours (Kosovo)

“The Diplomacy of Small States”

HE Mr. Sabri Kiçmari  
Director General of the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Diaspora (MFAD) of  
the Republic of Kosovo, Former Ambassador to Austria, Australia and non-resident to New Zealand.

19:50 ZOOM link established

20:00 Opening remarks by Swiss Ambassador (any possibility)

20:05 Introduction of the guest speaker and discussants by Ms. Arbenita Sopaj, External Liaison Officer of  
GPAJ

20:10 Keynote Speech and Presentation (30 minutes)

“The Diplomacy of Small States” Case of Kosovo

HE Mr. Sabri Kiçmari- Director General of the Diplomatic Academy of MFAD of Kosovo

20:40 Panel Discussants

Mr. Takahiro Shinyo, Former Ambassador of Japan to the United Nations and Germany and  
President of the Japan Association of United Nations Study (JAUNS)

Mr. Satoru Kurosawa, Resident Representative of JICA Balkan Office in Belgrade (2009~2012)

Mr. Veselin Popovski, Professor & Vice Dean and Executive Director, Centre for the Study of  
United Nations at the Jindal Global University in India

21:0 Discussion moderated by GPAJ President Dr. Sukehiro Hasegawa

21:25 Announcement for the next event

21:30 End of the Seminar

To attend the meeting, please send an email message to the organizer, Ms. Arbenita Sopaj at  
[arbenitasopaj@gmail.com](mailto:arbenitasopaj@gmail.com) by July 4, 2021

*Purpose of the Conference*

Presently we are witnessing that emerging countries are being inevitable. Nevertheless, they attain the price for the drawbacks as small states and immunity they retain as independent countries. Therefore this event will examine the diplomacy of small states taking as a prime example Kosovo where the guest speaker along with the members of the association will be exchanging their views. The seminar would serve as an informative event for challenges that small states continue to face in diplomacy.



## Ambassador Sabri Kiçmari



Director General of the Diplomatic Academy of MOFA, Kosovo. Dr. Kiçmari completed his Ph.D. at the Institute for Political Science and Sociology - Philosophy Faculty of Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelm University in Germany (2004 – 2007). In 2008 he was appointed as Charge d'Affaires of the Republic of Kosovo in Austria and a year later he became as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary in Austria. Since then, Mr. Kiçmari for over 13 years has served as ambassador in Austria and Australia covering also countries in the Pacific such as New Zealand and Vanuatu.

Apart from diplomatic carrier, Mr. Kiçmari was a professor at University of Prishtina 2018- 2021. In 2021 he was appointed as a Director General of Diplomatic Academy, MOFA. Dr. Kiçmari is author of many books on “Balance- Political Philosophy of Amitai Etzioni” Publisher “Koçi”, Tirana 2004, “Introduction into Diplomacy” University of Bonn 2013, *Diplomatic Victory*”, Epoka e Re, Prishtina 2017. Chapters on books: “*Analysis of topicality of Immanuel Kant’s idea on ‘Perpetual Peace’ after a historical distance of two centuries*”, in: “*Debate with the Philosopher*”, Compilation from International Conference “Kant’s philosophy 200 year after”, University of Prishtina, Prishtina 2005, “*The System of Balance of Power and the Rank of Diplomatic Representatives as Diplomatic Success of the Congress of Vienna*”, in: Vienna Congress and the Balkans: 200 Years Later, Institute for Political and International Studies, Shkup (Macedonia) 2015 etc. Dr. Kiçmari has lectured in various universities such as: *Das Verfahren in der Anerkennungsfrage der Republik Kosovo vor dem IGH und seine möglichen Auswirkungen*“, University of Vienna, Faculty of Law, Section for International Law and International Relations in 2010. „*Kosovas Weg in die EU*“, Zentrum für Südosteuropastudien, University of Graz, Austria in 2013. „*The Kosovar Experience - Building a New Independent State*”, The Australian Institute of International Affairs, Brisbane, Australia in 2014.

Dr. Kiçmari in 2011 has been awarded with the “Flame of Peace” from the Association for the Promotion of Peace in Vienna, Austria, in 2011 he was handed over with the Medal for Humanitarian Merits of the Albert Schweitzer Society in Vienna, Austria. Last but not least in July 2013 he was awarded with the Golden Medale of the Austrian Kameradschaftsbund in Vienna, Austria. 2017, 29 September: Best Paper Award presented in the 3rd International Conference for Philosophy, Politics and Economy in Bangkok, Thailand.



## Ambassador Takahiro Shinyo



President of Japan Association for United Nations Studies. Dean, Integrated Center for UN and Foreign Affairs Studies at Kwansai Gakuin University. Dr. Shinyo studied law at Osaka University and joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs immediately after his graduation in 1972 and had served for 40 years as diplomat. In 1973 he enrolled at the University of Göttingen in Germany and studied international law for two years. He served at the Japanese Embassies in Switzerland, China and Germany. In the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, he served as Head of Disarmament Division and Director of UN Policy Division.

In 1999 he became Deputy Director-General of European Affairs Bureau and coordinated policy and assistance for Former Yugoslavia, including Kosovo at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. After serving as Director-General of the Multilateral Cooperation Department he was appointed as Ambassador and DPR of the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations and finally Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany. He retired from the Ministry in 2012 and assumed the post of Vice-President International of Kwansai Gakuin University (2012-2018). Dr. Shinyo is the author of many books on UN and Foreign Policy in Japanese language. One of his books was translated in German and published under the title “Japans aussenpolitische Strategie in einer multipolaren Welt”, IUDICIUM Verlag, 2015. He speaks Japanese, English, German and Chinese(basic). Since 2013, Professor SHINYO is the Chairman of the Board of the NPO “Malaria No More Japan”.

## Mr. Satoru Kurosawa



After joining JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency) in 1980, Mr. Kurosawa has been engaged in humanitarian assistance and development cooperation for 32 years in various organizations, i.e. JICA, JBIC (Japan Bank for International Cooperation), UNDP, UNHCR and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. From 2009 to 2012, he served as the Resident Representative of JICA Balkan Office in Belgrade, where he was responsible for Japan's ODA to Serbia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Albania and Kosovo. From 2012 to 2020, he was professor at Kyoritsu Women's University. Currently he is teaching at Graduate School of Aoyama-Gakuin University and Kyohei University. From the above experience, he is particularly specialized in such

issues as peacebuilding of post-conflict countries; refugee issues; human security, etc.

## Dr. Vesselin Popovski



Dr. Vesselin Popovski is Professor & Vice Dean and Executive Director, Centre for the Study of United Nations at the Jindal Global University in India. From 2004 till 2014 he worked as Senior Academic Officer at the United Nations University in Tokyo. Prior to that was Senior Legal Expert for the EU project ‘Legal Protection of Individual Rights in Russia’ (2002-2004), Lecturer at the University of Exeter, UK (1999-2002), PhD student at King's College London (1996-1999), and Bulgarian diplomat (1988-1996) serving in Sofia, New York and London. Member of the Advisory Board of the ‘Journal of International Humanitarian Legal Studies’; and the Editorial Boards of Journal ‘International

Studies Review’ and ‘Sustainability Science’. Contributed to the International Commission on Intervention and State Sovereignty and its Report ‘Responsibility to Protect’ (2001), and the Princeton Project on Universal Jurisdiction, producing ‘The Princeton Principles of Universal Jurisdiction’ (2001).



## Dr. Sukehiro Hasegawa



Dr. Sukehiro Hasegawa has an extensive experience on the UN's work in different countries. His current affiliations are: President, Global Peacebuilding Association of Japan (GPAJ). Chair, Japan Commission on Global Governance. Executive Director for Academic Exchange, UN Association of Japan (UNA-Japan). Director, Academic Council on the United Nations (ACUNS), Tokyo Liaison Office Member of the Board of Directors, Earth Charter Japan Commission. Counsellor of the National Federation of UNESCO Associations of Japan. Chair, Council the Hiroshima Peacebuilders Center Human Resource Training Program. Professor, Department of Global Politics, Faculty of Law, Hosei University (2006-2013) Visiting Professor, United Nations University, Tokyo (2006-2013) Director, Japan Association for United Nations Studies (JAUNS) (2007-2016).

Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations for Timor-Leste (2004-2006). UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator for Timor-Leste, Rwanda, Samoa, Niue, Tokelau, Cook Islands (2006-2002, 1995-1996, 1985- 1987). UNDP Deputy Assistant Administrator for Asia and the Pacific (1996-1999). Director for Policy Planning (1994). Deputy Executive Coordinator, UN Volunteers Programme (1987- 1993). UNDP Deputy Resident Representative in Nepal, Indonesia (1979-80, 1981-84) He earned his Ph.D. in International Relations and Development, Washing University, St. Louis. MA in International Public Administration, ICU, Tokyo. BA in Political Science, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

## Ph.D. can. Arbenita Sopaj



Arbenita Sopaj is a Ph.D. candidate at Kobe University, Japan, and Teaching Assistant at Kolegji Dardania and Kobe University. She is researcher at RIPA (Research Institute for Indo- Pacific Affairs). Her experience involves projects focused on educational improvement, chair of various conferences focused on UN and EU work and decision-making process, business development manager, diplomatic intern, teaching assistant. She has completed double Bachelor on American Studies and European Studies. Double degree on master's focused on International Relations and Political Science. Recently she has joined Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS) Tokyo Liaison Office as an assistant. She is a regular GPAJ-member. She has participated on the book review entitled "Primordial Leadership" by Dr. Sukehiro Hasegawa where she compared "State Legitimacy between Timor-Leste and Kosovo after their independence.

Her latest contribution on Japan's Approach to Myanmar: Diplomatic Leadership or Business as Usual?  
<https://fpif.org/japans-approach-to-myanmar-diplomatic-leadership-or-business-as-usual/>