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Online Discussion Meeting

28 August

8:00 p.m.-9:45 p.m. (Tokyo Time)

Afghanistan at a crossroad: Whither will it go?

Discussion Seminar

- 8:00 Introduction of the seminar process by Ms. Arbenita Sopaj, External Relations Officer, GPAJ and KPC
- 8:05 Opening remarks by Mr. Yasushi Akashi, Special Advisor of GPAJ (proposed)
- 8:10 Presentations of Perspectives (10 minutes each)
- YAMAMOTO Tadamichi, Former Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Afghanistan (confirmed)
- SHAIDA MOHAMMAD ABDALI, Ambassador of Afghanistan to Japan, (confirmed)
- 8:30 Discussion moderated by Mr. Sukehiro Hasegawa
- 9:30 Announcement for the next event.
- 9:40 End of the Online Discussion Meeting

To attend the meeting, please send an email message to the organizer: Ms. Arbenita Sopaj
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Speakers

AKASHI Yasushi



Mr. Akashi graduated from the University of Tokyo in 1954. As a Fulbright Scholar, he studied at the University of Virginia and later at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. He joined the United Nations Secretariat in 1957 and held numerous positions in the UN. After serving as Ambassador at the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations, he was appointed as UN Under-Secretary-General for Public Information and later for Disarmament Affairs, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Cambodia and then for the Former Yugoslavia, and then Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs until the end of 1997. He is currently Chairman of the Kyoto International Conference Center and Vice-President of the United Nations Association of Japan.



YAMAMOTO Tadamichi



Japanese diplomat and international civil servant. His career assignment includes Director of First North America Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Minister at Japanese Embassies in the Republic of Korea and the United States, Director General of Public Diplomacy, Ambassador of Japan to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and Hungary. From June 2016 to March 2020, he served as the Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and Head of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA).

Shaida Mohammad ABDALI



Dr. Shaida Mohammad Abdali is the Ambassador of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to Japan. Previously, he served as the Ambassador of Afghanistan to the Republic of India (2012 – 2018). He formerly served as the Deputy National Security Advisor and Special Assistant to the former President of Afghanistan, H.E. Hamid Karzai. Ambassador Abdali provided the President with policy and oversight advice on national security issues.

He administered the National Security Council meetings and chaired the Deputies Committee Meetings of the National Security Council, which facilitated strategic coordination and communication among Afghan and international stakeholders to help address Afghanistan's security and development needs. Moreover, Ambassador Abdali served as one of the key negotiators of the Enduring Strategic Partnership Agreement between Afghanistan and the United States.

Under the leadership of President Hamid Karzai, Ambassador Abdali took part in the early political movement to free Afghanistan from global terrorism, backed from outside. In 2001, President Karzai appointed him as his Personal Secretary. This and other assignments since 2001 have earned him a sound understanding of the domestic and foreign policies of the Afghan government. He previously worked with a number of international humanitarian relief organizations in and outside Afghanistan.

Ambassador Abdali has represented Afghanistan in major international conferences to discuss Afghan affairs and regional security issues. He is the author of the book titled “Afghanistan, Pakistan and India: A Paradigm Shift.” His other works include articles published by Washington Times; Foreign Policy; Foreign Affairs; The Diplomat; Diplomatic Courier; The Hindu; The Indian Express; and the research paper titled “Weak Governance and Instability In Afghanistan: The Way Forward” published by Delhi Policy Group (DPG). He has B.A. degrees in Political Sciences and Natural Sciences, an M.A. in Strategic Security Studies from the National Defense University of the United States, and a PhD on Afghanistan's engagement with India and Pakistan: A study of political stability and economic cooperation, 2001 - 2014, which he pursued at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU).

Ambassador Abdali was awarded the High State Medal of Wazir Mohammed Akbar Khan in 2014 by President Karzai for his tireless and dedicated services as Deputy National Security Adviser (2009-2012), Special Assistant to the President (2001-2008), as well as for his hard efforts to further promote and expand Indo-Afghan relations as Ambassador of Afghanistan to India (2012-2018). The other awards Ambassador Abdali has received includes a certificate of appreciation by the Afghan Senate and parliament for his devoted public services as Afghan Ambassador to India



in 2014; a medal for his contribution in the convening of the Constitutional Loya Jirga (Grand Assembly) in 2004; an Afghan Presidential Certificate of Appreciation in 2005 and the Achievement and Excellence Award in 2007.

Internationally, he has been honoured with the CCI Technology Education Excellence Award in 2014 for initiating and promoting education ties between India and Afghanistan; the Honorary Texan Award in the United States of America; the World Green Diplomacy Award in New Delhi in 2013; a Gold Medal for fostering diplomatic relations between Afghanistan and India by Amity University; and a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Lions International Club. In 2015 Mr. Abdali received an Outstanding Achievement Award as the Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to India from National Defense University, US. His picture has been mounted in the International Hall of Fame.

Prior to his appointment to Japan, Ambassador Abdali ran as Presidential Candidate in 2019 elections in Afghanistan. Ambassador Abdali ran as presidential candidate in 2019 elections.

Participants in Discussion Session

SHINYO Takahiro



President of Japan Association for United Nations Studies. Dean, Integrated Center for UN and Foreign Affairs Studies at Kwansei 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 Kwansei 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”.



NOGUCHI Motoo



Attorney (Special Counsel) at IWATAGODO. Former Ambassador for International Judicial Cooperation (2018-20); Prosecutor, Supreme Public Prosecutors Office (2014-20); Chair of Board of Directors, Trust Fund for Victims, International Criminal Court (The Hague, 2012-18); UN International Judge, Cambodia Khmer Rouge Trials (Phnom Penh, 2006-12); Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Asian Development Bank (Manila, 2000-04). Born in 1961 in Tokyo. 1983 LLB, The University of Tokyo. Prosecutor, Ministry of Justice (1985-2020). Visiting Scholar, University of Washington Law School (1992-93); Fellow, Schell Center for International Human Rights, Yale Law School (2006-07); Visiting Professor, University of Tokyo, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (2009-16).

HOSHINO Toshiya



Professor, Osaka School of International Public Policy, Osaka University, Japan. Until July 2020 for three years, Dr. Hoshino served as an Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations in New York in charge of socio-economic and budgetary affairs. His previous positions have included: Vice-President (Global Engagement) of Osaka University; Minister-Counsellor in charge of political affairs at the Permanent Mission of Japan to the UN; Senior Research Fellow at the Japan Institute of International Affairs; Guest Scholar at Columbia University; Visiting Fellow, Princeton University; and Special Assistant (Political Affairs) at the Embassy of Japan to the United States. He graduated from Sophia University, Japan, completed a Master's at the University of Tokyo, and received his PhD from Osaka University.

YANAGISAWA Kae



Former Ambassador to the Republic of Malawi (2016-2019). Before serving as diplomat, she worked for Japan International Cooperation Agency over 30 years and assumed numerous posts including Vice President, Director of East and Central Asia and the Caucasus Department, Director of the Secretariat of Japan Disaster Relief Team, Executive Advisor to the African Department, and Resident Representative in Uzbekistan. She also served as Senior Advisor to the UN Office for South-South Cooperation. Currently she is a board member of the Africa Society of Japan. She graduated from the Tokyo University of Foreign Studies and gained MA from the School of Advanced International Studies of the Johns Hopkins University.



TAKIZAWA Saburo



Professor Emeritus at Toyo Eiwa University. Graduate from Saitama University in 1972. Ph.D from Tokyo Metropolitan University. He joined the Ministry of Justice in Japan and an MBA from the Graduate School of Business at the University of California Berkeley. He is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) of America. In 1981, he joined the United Nations Office in Geneva, and then worked for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA). He held prominent positions such as Director of Program Coordination the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and Controller and Director at the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), headquarters in Geneva. UNCHR Representative in

Japan from January 2007 to August 2008. Since April 2009 he has been in his present post as a professor at Toyo Eiwa Jogakuin University. He also has taught at the University of Tokyo since October 2009.

SHINODA Hideaki



Professor, Graduate School of Global Studies, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies (2013 ~ present). <Peace and Conflict Studies in English language; Department of Global Studies in Japanese language> in charge of “Seminar on Peacebuilding I & II” (Ph.D.) (whole year); “Peacebuilding I & II” (MA) (whole year); Seminars for Peacebuilding and Problem-Solving (BA) (whole year); “Conflict Resolution” (BA); “International Relations” (BA). Director and Main Lecturer/Facilitator, Hiroshima Peacebuilders Center (HPC) for the Program for Human Resource Development for Peacebuilding, commissioned by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (2007

~ present). <Course Coordinator / Facilitator for Primary Course, Mid-Career Course, and various other professional training courses in English language>.

Veselin POPOVSKI



Professor and Vice Dean, Jindal Global Law School, Executive Director of the Centre for the Study of United Nations, O.P. Jindal Global University, India. 2004-2014 Senior Academic Officer, UNU, Tokyo.

1999-2004 Assistant Professor, Exeter University, UK. 1996-1999 Doctoral Candidate, King's College London. 1988-1996 Bulgarian Diplomat, serving in Sofia, New York and London



MIZUNO Takaaki



Takaaki Mizuno, born in 1958, is currently professor of Kanda University of International Studies. He joined daily the Asahi Shimbun, and based 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 was 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.

HIGASHI Daisaku



Dr. Daisaku Higashi is a professor in the Center for Global Education and Discovery at Sophia University in Tokyo. He worked for NHK, Japan Public TV station as a program director from 1993 to 2004 and produced a numerous TV documentaries, including “Rebuilding Iraq: Challenges of the United Nations” which received the silver medal from UN Correspondents Association in New York in 2004. He then completed his MA and Ph.D in the political science at the University of British Columbia in Canada. He consulted on Afghan policies with top government officials in both Japan and the United States; his policy recommendation to create a new reconciliation mechanism in Afghanistan was adopted by the

Japanese government on its Afghan strategy which was announced in November 2009. He then worked for United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) from December 2009 to December 2010 as a team leader for reconciliation and reintegration, stationing in Kabul, and supporting the Afghan government to set up a reconciliation mechanism, such as High Peace Council, international reconciliation trust fund, and Afghan Peace and Reintegration Program that were established in the end of 2010.

NARUI Gen



Leading Edge Inc. Founder/President 10 years, LPI-Japan, EDUCO, Silicon Studio Inc. Japan Electronics College Digital Equipment Corporation in the US (VP) and in Japan (board member) 25 years. Silicon Studio Japan VP 6 year, LPI-Japan Founder/Chairman 20 years, Adjunct Instructor at Gakushuin Univ. and Hosei Univ



KURODA Kazuhide

Visiting Professor and Lecturer. Doshisha University Graduate School of Global Studies, Yamanashi University Social Collaboration Organization: Visiting Professor. Tsukuba University Human Social Division, Regional Study Innovation Program: Part-time Lecturer.

The World Bank (1998-2015): Conflict Prevention and Reconstruction Unit; Fragile and Conflict-Affected States Unit; Africa Region Ethiopia/Sudan/South Sudan Unit; Environment and Natural Resource Global Practice: Senior Operations Officer, Washington. The United Nations (1982-1998): Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, Department of

Humanitarian Affairs: Acting Section Chief/Humanitarian Affairs, New York. Office of Disaster Relief Coordinator: Relief Coordination Officer, Geneva.

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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.

TANABE Kenichi



After working for KPMG Corporate Finance as Chief Consultant, joined United Nations World Food Program (WFP). In WFP Myanmar Office, assigned as Indian Ocean Tsunami Emergency Operations Coordinator and Reporting Officer and as Head of Sub-Office in Southern Shan State. Then, moved to Rome Headquarters as Donor Relations Officer. Thereafter, joined United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) as Development Coordination Officer, and United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) as Civil Affairs Officer. Currently, Associate Professor at the Department of International Studies, School of Humanities and Culture, Tokai University. Obtained Bachelor of Political Science from Waseda University in Japan,

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Dahlia SIMANGAN



Assistant Professor, Hiroshima University (Apr 2019-present); Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) Postdoctoral Research Fellow, United Nations University, Tokyo (Sep 2017-Mar 2019); PhD in International Relations, Australian National University; Visiting PhD Scholar, Advanced Consortium on Cooperation, Conflict and Complexity (AC4), Earth Institute, Columbia University; MA in International Relations, International University of Japan; BA in Sociology, University of the Philippines, Diliman. Research interest in peace and conflict studies includes topics on post-conflict peacebuilding and international peace and security in the Anthropocene.

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Assistant Administrator, College of International Relations, Ritsumeikan University. Doctoral Programme Coordinator and Assistant Professor United Nations Mandated University for Peace, Costa Rica (August 2015–August 2018), Research Fellow, Global Collaboration Centre (GLOCOL), Osaka University, Japan (August 2014-July 2015), Recovery, Reintegration, Peace Building Officer, SRSG/RC Office United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) (April 2013–June 2014), Provincial Advisor, Solomon Islands, UNDP Fiji Multiple-Country Office (January 2009–January 2011), Facilitator, Community Learning Centres, UNESCO Nepal (November 2006–April 2007)



Elizabeth GAMARA



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Facilitators

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Secretary-General of the Global Peacebuilding Association of Japan (2018-), Executive Director of World Federalist Movement of Japan, Secretariat of Japanese Parliamentary Committee for the World federation.



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