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Present

Dr. Franz Baumann and Professor Taikan OKI

“COP 26: It Implications for the Future”

Tuesday, 16 November 2021

- 8:00 p.m. Opening remarks and Introduction of the Keynote Speaker
Ms. Arbenita Gopaj, Kobe University
- 8:05 p.m. Keynote presentation
Dr. Franz Baumann
Vice President of ACUNS and Visiting Research Professor at New York
University
- 8:30 p.m. Panel of commentators
Dr. Taikan OKI, former Senior Vice Rector of the United Nations
University
Dr. S.M. Sharei, Director, Center for United Nations Constitutional
Research (to be confirmed)
- 8:45 p.m. Discussion with the participants moderated by Professor Sukehiro Hasegawa,
Director of the ACUNS Tokyo Liaison Office
- 9:25 p.m. Concluding remarks
- 9:30 p.m. End of the Seminar

Franz BAUMANN



Franz Baumann is a Visiting Research Professor at New York University. He started his career at the European Parliament in Luxembourg before transferring to the European Commission in Brussels, joining Siemens in Munich and, in 1980, the United Nations, where he served in four cities on three continents in a variety of functions. His last assignment was Special Adviser on Environment and Peace Operations with the rank of Assistant Secretary-General. Franz is a Senior Fellow and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Hertie School in Berlin, a member of the Board of Advisers of the Centre for United Nations Studies at the University of Buckingham (England, United Kingdom) and of the Editorial Board of *Environment: Science and Policy for Sustainable Development*. His Ph.D. in Political Science (African Studies) was obtained from Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada.

Taikan OKI



Prof. Taikan Oki is a Special Advisor to the President, and a Professor at Graduate School of Engineering, The University of Tokyo. His previous academic positions include Associate Professor with the Institute of Industrial Science, The University of Tokyo and Associate Professor with the Research Institute for Humanity and Nature, and also the Senior Vice-Rector, United Nations University, Japan, and an Assistant Secretary-General, United Nations. His areas of expertise are global hydrology and the sustainability of world water resources including the virtual water trade and water footprint. AGU Fellow in its Hydrology Section (2014). He became a full member of the Club of Rome and the Science Council of Japan since October 2020 and received 2021 International Hydrology Prize (Dooge medal) Winner.

S.M. SHAREI



Dr. Shahr-Yar Mahmoud Sharei, an international lawyer specialized in the UN Charter, is the founding Executive Director and President of the Center for United Nations Constitutional Research (CUNCR). Dr. Sharei, CUNCR has embarked on research and dialog focusing on global governance. Research and seminar programs include series on “Climate Justice, Democracy and Governance” which have fostered regular result-oriented interaction with academics, politicians, practitioners, and particularly the youth.