

A Retreat from Globalism?  
Anglo-Japanese Cooperation in an Era of Nationalism



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Draft Agenda



Day One: Monday 18 September

**09:45-10:15** Registration

**10:15-10:30** Opening remarks

*Yohei Sasakawa*, Chairman, The Nippon Foundation

*Robin Niblett*, Director, Chatham House

**10:30-11:45** Keynote speeches | **Stress-testing democracy**

To what extent does the populist surge, authoritarian politics and anti-elitism threaten conventional politics? What can and should be done to maintain mainstream, democratic politics?

*Akihiko Tanaka*, President, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), Japan

*Speaker TBC*

Chair: *Akiko Yamanaka*, Special Ambassador for World Tsunami Awareness Day, Japan

**11:45-12:45** Lunch

Niall Malcolm Room

**12:45-14:15** Session One | **Globalization: The Search for Survival**

How can the UK and Japan cooperate to avoid a return to protectionism and provide sustainable economic growth? What role might fiscal policy and infrastructure spending play in fostering economic recovery?

*Sir Michael Rake*, Chairman, BT Group

*Randall Jones*, Head, Japan/Korea Desk, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

*Yasutoshi Nishimura*, Member, House of Representatives, Japan

Chair: *Gillian Tett*, US Managing Editor, *Financial Times*

**14:15-14:35** **Coffee break**

**14:35-16:05** Session Two | **Regionalism and its limits: The future of Europe and the Asia-Pacific**

What are the structural, ideological and institutional obstacles to, and opportunities for, reinvigorated Asian and European communities? Does the renewed focus on national interest mark the end of effective regionalism in Europe and Asia?

*Chan Heng Chee*, Chairman, Lee Kuan Yew Centre for Innovative Cities, Singapore University of Technology and Design; Ambassador of Singapore to the United States (1996-2012)

*Yorizumi Watanabe*, Professor, Faculty of Policy Management, Graduate School of Media and Governance, Keio University

*Speaker TBC*

Chair: *Julie Gilson*, Reader in Asian Studies, Department of Political Science and International Studies, University of Birmingham

**16:05-16:25** **Coffee break**

**16:25-18:00** Session Three | **Foreign policy and domestic politics: The populist wave and the impact of public opinion in both Asia and the West**

What impact will the new populism have on politics in Japan and the UK, both in shaping domestic politics and the foreign policy options of both governments?

*Kiichi Fujiwara*, Professor of International Politics, University of Tokyo

*Barbara Lippert*, Director of Research; Member, Executive Board, German Institute for International and Security Affairs

*Speaker TBC*

Chair: *John Nilsson-Wright*, Senior Research Fellow, Asia Programme, Chatham House

**18:00-18:45** **Drinks reception**  
Niall Malcolm Room

## Day Two: Tuesday 19 September

### **09:30-10:00 Registration**

### **10:00-10:30 Welcoming remarks and recap Day One**

*John Nilsson-Wright*, Senior Research Fellow, Asia Programme, Chatham House

### **10:30-12:00 Session Four | China as an Economic Actor: Opportunity or Challenge?**

How sustainable is Chinese economic growth? What are the risks of a new US-China trade conflict and how might such a conflict affect the Japanese and UK economies?

*Nicholas R. Lardy*, Anthony M. Solomon Senior Fellow, Peterson Institute for International Economics

*Jia Qingguo*, Professor and Dean, Department of Diplomacy, School of International Studies, Peking University

*Masato Kitera*, Ambassador of Japan to China (2012-16)

Chair: *Isabel Hilton* OBE, CEO and Editor, chinadialogue

### **12:00-13:00 Lunch**

Niall Malcolm Room

### **13:00-14:30 Concluding Session | The UK-Japan Alliance and relations with the US**

What has been the nature of UK-Japan bilateral relations from the Anglo-Japanese Alliance to the present? How have the UK and Japan developed their relations with the US and Europe through this period? What is the future for these bilateral alliances in the era of President Trump?

*Michael Pillsbury*, Advisor, US Department of Defense

*Rosemary Foot*, Professor and Senior Research Fellow in International Relations, Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford

*Akihiko Tanaka*, President, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), Japan

*Koji Tsuruoka*, Ambassador of Japan to the United Kingdom

Chair: *Robin Niblett*, Director, Chatham House

### **14:30-14:45 Closing Remarks**

*Robin Niblett*, Director, Chatham House