UK-Japan Global Seminar 2016

Challenge and Uncertainty in a Volatile World: Japan-UK Responses

The Nippon Zaidan Building, 1-2-2 Akasaka, Minato-ku, Tokyo 107-8404, Japan

Draft Agenda

Day One: Wednesday 12 October

10:15-11:00 Opening remarks
Yohei Sasakawa, Chairman, The Nippon Foundation
Robin Niblett CMG, Director, Chatham House
David Ellis, Minister, British Embassy Tokyo

11:00-11:45 Keynote speech
Baroness Ashton, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (2009-14); Vice President, European Commission (2010-14)

Chair: Akiko Yamanaka, Special Ambassador for the World Tsunami Awareness Day, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan

11:45-12:45 Lunch

12:45-14:15 Session One | Brexit: Implications for Europe and the EU

How will Brexit affect the UK, Europe and the EU? Is the EU still a viable and functioning institution? Are there lessons to be learned for regional integration in Asia? What are the key risks and opportunities arising from closer economic ties between China and EU member states?

Takatoshi Ito, Professor, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University; Associate Director of Research, Center on Japanese Economy and Business, Columbia Business School
Anatole Kaletsky, Chief Economist and Co-Chair, Gavekal Dragonomics
Kate Gibbons, Finance and Capital Markets Partner, Clifford Chance

Chair: Baroness Ashton, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (2009-14); Vice President, European Commission (2010-14)
14:35-16:05 Session Two | The United States and Trade Liberalization in Europe and Asia: Economic and Political Consequences

To what extent is trade liberalisation (TPP and TTIP) strengthening US relationships with key partners in Europe and Asia? What are the political and economic benefits of TPP and TTIP in their respective regions?

Matthew P. Goodman, William E. Simon Chair in Political Economy and Senior Adviser for Asian Economics, Center for Strategic and International Studies

Yasuchika Hasegawa, Chairman, Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited

Robin Niblett CMG, Director, Chatham House

Chair: Glen S. Fukushima, Senior Fellow, Center for American Progress

16:05-16:25 Coffee break

16:25-18:00 Session Three | Challenges to Asia’s Regional Order

How is the rise of China affecting the structure of the international order in the East Asian region? What are the risks of conflict in the East or South China Seas and what mechanisms might be used to reduce these risks?

Shin Kawashima, Professor of International Relations, University of Tokyo

Kerry Lynn S. Nankivell, Professor, Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies

Yu Tiejun, Associate Professor, School of International Studies, Peking University

Chair: Rupert Wingfield-Hayes, Tokyo Correspondent, BBC

18:00-18:45 Drinks reception

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Day Two: Thursday 13 October

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

John Nilsson-Wright, Head, Asia Programme, Chatham House

10:30-12:00   Session Four | National Identity, Political Change and the Vitality of the Nation-State

How are political populism and identity politics undermining or enhancing the nation-state in both Europe and Asia, with specific reference to the UK and Japan? What are the forces pushing this trend forwards and how are they contributing to regional tensions?

Carol Gluck, George Samson Professor of History, Department of History, Columbia University
Tomohiko Taniguchi, Special Adviser to the Cabinet of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe; Professor, Graduate School of System Design and Management, Keio University
James Murphy, Leader of the Scottish Labour Party (2014-15)
Ken Endo, Professor of International Politics, Department of Politics, School of Law, Hokkaido University

Chair: Ambassador Yoshiji Nogami, President and Director-General, Japan Institute of International Affairs; Japanese Ambassador to the UK (2004-08)

12:00-13:00   Lunch

13:00-14:30   Concluding Session | Anticipating Regional and Global Challenges: Forecasting in a Volatile World

Looking forward over the next five years, what are the likely priority challenges to stability both globally and regionally (with particular reference to Europe and East Asia)? How best, and in what areas, might the UK and Japan work cooperatively to address some or all of these challenges?

Takashi Shiraishi, President, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies; President, Institute of Developing Economies – JETRO
Gideon Rachman, Chief Foreign Affairs Columnist, Financial Times
Stephen D. Krasner, Graham H. Stuart Professor of International Relations; Senior Fellow, Hoover Institution; Senior Fellow, Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies, Stanford University

Chair: Sir David Warren, Associate Fellow, Asia Programme, Chatham House

14:30-14:45   Closing Remarks

Robin Niblett CMG, Director, Chatham House