

International Conference

Strengthening the
cooperation in an
uncertain international
order

—— Japan and the
European Union
as strategic partners

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Since the End of World War II, Japan and Europe have significantly contributed to the defense and the development of an international order based on shared universal fundamental values such as freedom, democracy, human rights and rule of law. This stable security environment has underpinned peace and prosperity in the world. At the same time, Japan and the European Union have developed a closer commercial cooperation since the early 1950s.

Nevertheless, since the turn of the 21st century, this post-Cold War order has been undermined by diverse threats such as international terrorism, violent extremism and more generally by unilateral attempts to change the balance of power by using protectionism, force or coercion.

Facing various common challenges such as climate change, the rise of protectionist trends and severe security threats, Japan and the EU must at the same time take on a greater responsibility than before while strengthening their collaboration in different fields. Despite geographical distance and cultural difference, they belong to the same Community of Fate and should find together solid responses to the crisis of multilateralism.

Despite different strategies sharing the same goals (peace, stability and prosperity), a better and closer sustainable and comprehensive connectivity between Europe and Asia is one of these key challenges of the next decades. Goal of this international conference is to deal with the issue of strengthening the cooperation between Japan and the European Union:

- ♦ How is it possible to develop a privileged partnership in order to maintain a stable and prosper international order?
- ♦ Which fields of cooperation should be in priority developed in order to connect more closer Europe and Asia?
- ♦ To what extent is it possible to have common positions within the context of an uncertain and complex international situation?
- ♦ How can we build a new inter-regionalism for the 21st century?



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Programme

TUESDAY 14 JANUARY - 13.30 -18.45

13.30-13.45: Address of welcome

Prof. Michel Deneken (President of the University of Strasbourg)

Prof. Gabriel Eckert (Director of Sciences Po Strasbourg)

13.45-14.15: Introduction

Prof. Emmanuel Droit (Sciences Po Strasbourg) :
The relationships between the EU and Japan in an uncertain international order

14.15-16.30: 1st Panel: First Review of the Japan-EU Free Trade Agreement

Panelists:

Prof. Yorizumi Watanabe, Professor of international Relations at Keio University

Prof. Abdelkhaleq Berramdane, Professor of European Law at Tours University (tbc)

Dr. Peter Hefe, Director Team Asia and Pacific of the Konrad-Adenauer Stiftung, Berlin

16.30-18.45: 2nd Panel: Contributing to a sustainable connectivity between Europe and Asia

Panelists:

Prof. Masahiro Kawai, Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Tokyo University

Dr. William Becker, Joint Research Center, Ispra

Dr. Karoline Postel-Vinay, Research Professor at Sciences Po Paris



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WEDNESDAY 15 JANUARY - 9.30 -16.00

**9.30-12.00 3rd Panel: Partners for Global
Cybersecurity**

Panelists:

Prof. Yasuaki Hashimoto, Director National Institute
for Defense Studies, Tokyo

Prof. Jens Grossklags, Professor, Chair of Cyber Trust
at the Department of Informatics, TU Munich

Dr. Slim Alatalu, Head of EU Cybernet, Tallin

**13.30-16.00: 4rd Panel: A shared commitment in
global environmental issues**

Panelists:

Prof. Yukari Takamura, Professor of The University of
Tokyo, Institute for Future Initiatives, Tokyo

Dr. Lisanne Groen, Research fellow at Open University
of the Netherlands, Heerlen

Dr. Sebastien Treyer, Executive Director of the IDDRI,
Paris

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