



EJARN Conference 2018

EU-Japan Future Partnership: Ready for the “Big Bang”?

Date: June 8-9, 2018
Venue: Stockholm School of Economics
Sveavägen 65, Stockholm



Conference Program

Day 1: June 8, Room 542, Stockholm School of Economics

11:00 – 12:00 Registration and Lunch Sandwich

12:00 – 12:15 Welcome Remarks

- Professor Marie Söderberg
Director, European Institute of Japanese Studies, Stockholm School of Economics and Chairperson, European Japan Advanced Research Network
- H.E. Mr. Jun Yamazaki, Ambassador, Embassy of Japan
- Dr. Lars Ågren, Senior Executive President of Stockholm School of Economics

12:15 – 13:15 Panel 1

Japanese diplomacy and Swedish Japanese diplomatic relations

Chairperson: Professor Linus Hagström, Swedish Defence University

- *“Taking Off from Point Zero: Swedish-Japanese Diplomatic Relations, 1945-2000”*
Dr. Bert Edström, Institute for Security and Development Policy
- *“Japanese Diplomacy in the 1990s”*
Professor Yoshihide Soyea, Keio University

13:15 – 14:15 Panel 2

Economy, politics and implications of Brexit for EU-Japan relations

Chairperson: Professor Marie Söderberg, European Institute of Japanese Studies, SSE

- *“The Strategic Partnership Agreement (SPA) - New and better or more of the same EU – Japan security cooperation?”*
Professor Axel Berkofsky, University of Pavia
Discussant: Dr. Paul O’Shea, Lund University
- *“Taking the Lead in Current and Future Trade Relationships”*
Dr. Patricia A. Nelson, European Institute of Japanese Studies, SSE
Discussant: Professor Claes-Göran Alvstam, University of Gothenburg

14:15-14:45 Coffee break

14:45 – 16:15 Panel 3

Stockholm Seminar on Japan

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Chairperson: Professor Axel Berkofsky, University of Pavia

- Mr. Seiichiro Taguchi, Director, European Policy Division, Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Mr. Roland Honekamp, Desk Officer Japan, European External Action Service (EEAS)
- Mr. Tommy Kullberg, Honorary Chairman, European Business Council in Japan
- Mr. Mikael Anzén, Head of Section for WTO and EU’s external trade, Swedish Minister for Foreign Affairs

16:30 – 17:30 Panel 4

Japan in a global context

Chairperson: Dr. Björn Jerdén, Swedish Institute of International Affairs

- *“Brexit, a Catalyst for Closer EU-Japan Relations?”*
Dr. Irina Angelescu, Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA)
Discussant: Adjunct Professor Erik Lagerlöf, Stockholm School of Economics
- *“Opportunities and Challenges for V4+Japan Relations in the Post-Brexit EU”*
Dr. Bostjan Bertalanic, Josai University
Discussant: Dr. Markus Heckel, Goethe University

Day 2, June 9, Room Ragnar, Stockholm School of Economics

9:00 – 10:10 Panel 5

Japan in a global context

Chairperson: Dr. Paul O'Shea, Lund University

- *"Identity, Populism and the Challenge to Order in East Asia"*
Dr. John Nilsson-Wright, Cambridge University
Discussant: Dr. Irina Angelescu, Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA)
- *"Potential EU-Japan-India Trilateral Cooperation"*
Dr. Hana Umezawa, Jindal School of International Affairs
Discussant: Dr. Bostjan Bertalanic, Josai University

10:00 – 10:15 Coffee break

10:15 – 11:15 Panel 6

Japanese foreign policy

Chairperson: Professor Yoshihide Soyema, Keio University

- *"Foreign Policy 'Failures' and 'Crises' in Japan: How narratives of DPJ mismanagement enabled the LDP's security policy reform"*
Dr. Paul O'Shea, Lund University
Discussant: Dr. Giulio Pugliese, Kings College London
- *"Long Live Pacifism! Narrative Power and Japan's Pacifist Model"*
Dr. Karl Gustafsson, Professor Linus Hagström and Dr. Ulv Hanssen
Swedish Institute of International Affairs, Swedish Defence University and Soka University
Discussant: Dr. John Nilsson-Wright, Cambridge University

11:15 – 12:15 Panel 7

Japanese economic statecraft and foreign policy

Chairperson: Dr. Karl Gustafsson, Swedish Institute of International Affairs

- *"Japan's Economic Statecraft and its Evolving Strategies towards China"*
Dr. Giulio Pugliese, Kings College London
Discussant: Professor Linus Hagström, Swedish Defence University
- *"Abandonment in Alliance Politics: Lessons from Japan-US Relations"*
Dr. Björn Jerdén, Swedish Institute of International Affairs
Discussant: Professor Yoshihide Soyema, Keio University

12:15 – 13:30 Lunch Break

13:30 – 14:30 Panel 8

Lessons for democracy and Development Cooperation

Chairperson: Dr. André Asplund, European Institute of Japanese Studies, SSE

- *“The Moritomo Gakuen Scandal: Lessons and Political Implications”*
Dr. Guibourg Delamotte, Inalco
Discussant: Professor Marie Söderberg, European Institute of Japanese Studies, SSE
- *“The ‘Exotic’ Like-minded: Japanese and Danish foreign aid practices, 1947-2017”*
Dr. Annette Skovsted Hansen, Aarhus University
Discussant: Professor Axel Berkofsky, Pavia University

14:30 – 16:00 Panel 9

Japanese Economic Issues

Chairperson: Dr. Richard Nakamura, University of Gothenburg

- *“The Political Economy of Zombie Firms: Evidence from SME in Japan”*
Dr. Scott Wilbur, EHESS
Discussant: Mr. Ji-Won Song, Ph.D. Candidate, European Institute of Japanese Studies, SSE
- *“The Independence of the Bank of Japan in the Light of (recent) Appointments of Monetary Policy Board Members”*
Dr. Markus Heckel, Goethe University
Discussant: Dr. Åsa Malmström Rognes, Uppsala University
- *“The Three Waves (and Ways) of Sake Appreciation in the West”*
Dr. Dick Stegewerns, University of Oslo & Nichibunken
Discussant: Dr. Scott Wilbur, EHESS

16:00 – 16:15 Coffee break

16:15 – 17:00 EJARN annual meeting – Summing up