



Towards stronger and deeper relations between Japan and the EU

24-25 June, 2013
Paris

Preliminary Conference Program

June 24: Bringing together Business leaders, Officials and Scholars

Venue OECD, Auditorium, 2, rue André Pascal - 75016 Paris

8:30 **Welcome remarks**

HEM Ichiro Komatsu, Ambassador of Japan to France

HEM Motohide Yoshikawa, Ambassador of Japan to the OECD

Minna Liira, Deputy Permanent Representative, EU Delegation to the OECD

Marie Söderberg, Director, European Institute of Japanese Studies

Sebastien Lechevalier, President, Fondation France Japon de l'EHESS

I. Session (9:00)

Setting the scene: macro/micro and global contexts

Chair: **Christian Sautter**, Former French Minister of Finance

9:00

Moreno Bertoldi, Head of the Unit "Countries of the G-20, IMF, G-Groups", European Commission
Forty Years of EU-Japan Relations – Were They Driven by Trade and Exchange Rate Concerns?

Daisuke Kotegawa, Senior Fellow, Canon Institute for Global Studies
Japan's way out. The world financial crisis from Japanese perspective

Fukunari Kimura, Professor, Keio University
The East Asian Economic Dynamism and International Rule Making: Why Is the EU-Japan Free Trade Agreement (FTA) Needed?

General discussion

10:30

Coffee Break

II. Session (11:00)

Understanding the political process of negotiation

Chair: **Sébastien Miroudot**, Senior Trade Policy Analyst, Trade and Agriculture Directorate, OECD

HEM Motohide Yoshikawa, Ambassador of Japan to the OECD
The role of bilateral and regional Economic Partnership Agreements in the Japanese trade policy

Masaya Fujiwara, Minister, Japanese Embassy in France
Japan's strategy toward the Japan-EU EPA

HEM Hye-min Lee, Korean Ambassador to France
Learning from the Korean experience

Patrick Messerlin, Professor Emeritus, Sciences Po
Negotiating 'mega-FTAs': a new exercise

General discussion

12:30 Lunch

III. Session (14:00)

The viewpoint of business

Chair: **Sebastien Lechevalier**, Associate Professor, EHESS

Michel Gardel, Vice-President, Toyota Motor Europe
The automotive industry & the EU-Japan FTA/EPA. The way forward

Carsten Dannöhl, Senior Adviser, Business Europe
Ambition and comprehensiveness: Making the FTA a success

Takahiro Tomonaga, General Manager, Strategic Information and Research Department, Mitsui & Co. Benelux
EPA/EIA between the European Union and Japan – Expectation from business viewpoint

Michel Theoval, Senior Vice Chairman, European Business Council in Japan
Europe-Japan: a meaningful convergence. The long march to economic integration

Masahiko Yoshii, Professor, Kobe university (EU Institute in Japan, Kansai)
The EU-Japan economic partnership: a view from Central and Eastern Europe

General discussion

15:30 Coffee Break

IV. Session (16:00)

Beyond trade and FDI: the non-economic dimensions of EU-Japan collaboration

Chair: **Marie Söderberg**, Director, European Institute of Japanese Studies

Michito Tsuruoka, Visiting Fellow, Royal United Services Institute
A Case for Stronger Political and Security Relations between

Europe and Japan

Nicola Casarini, Research fellow, EU Institute of Security Studies
The European pivot to Asia and the place of Japan

Shiro Komatsu, Assistant Professor, Waseda University
EU-Japan Security Cooperation In Progress: The Japanese Self-Defense Forces and the EU's Common Foreign and Security Policy

Axel Berkofsky, Professor, University of Pavia
The EU-Japan political agreement-added value or more of the same?

17:30 End of Conference and reception organized by the Japanese Delegation to the OECD, Room Roger Ockrent in the OECD Chateau

25 June: Academic workshop day

Venue EHESS, 105 Bd Raspail 75006 Paris, amphithéâtre François Furet

8:50 Introduction & Welcome

I. Session (9:00)

Japanese Politics: anything new?

Chair: **Marie Söderberg**, Director, European Institute of Japanese Studies,
Stockholm School of Economics

9:00 **Paul Midford**, Professor, Department of Sociology and Political
Science, Norwegian University for Science and Technology
(NTNU)
Foreign Policy as an Issue in the 2012 Lower House Election

Felix Spremberg, Ph.D student, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität
Munich
Social Democratic Actors in the DPJ

Patricia A. Nelson, Senior Research Fellow, European Institute of
Japanese Studies, Stockholm School of Economics
Interest group, Governance Structure and Lobbying

Discussant: **Guibourg Delamotte**, Associate Professor, INALCO

10:30 Coffee Break

II. Session (11:00)

A first assessment of Abenomics

Chair: **Etienne Rolland-Piègue**, Senior Economist, French Ministry of Foreign
Affairs

11:00 **Sébastien Lechevalier**, Associate Professor, EHESS
Abenomics: A critical assessment

Matthieu Bussière, Head of International Macroeconomics
Division, Banque de France

Shigeto Nagai, General Manager for Europe, Bank of Japan

BOJ's Monetary Policy: A new approach to escape from a deflationary equilibrium

Carin Holroyd, Associate Professor, Department of Political Studies, University of Saskatchewan
Reshaping the Japanese economy

12:30 Lunch

III. Session (13:30)

Foreign policy and ODA

Chair: **Axel Berkofsky**, University of Pavia

13:30 **Marie Söderberg**, Director, European Institute of Japanese Studies, Stockholm School of Economics
Myanmar – the last frontier for Japanese ODA to Southeast Asia

Annette Skovsted Hansen, Associate Professor, History and Asian Studies, Institute for Culture and Society, Aarhus Universitet
Impact of historical networks on ODA distribution in Africa

Pekka Korhonen, Professor, University of Jyväskylä
China in Japanese Rhetoric

Aki Tonami, Researcher, Nordic Institute of Asian Studies (co-authored with Andreas Østhagen, The Arctic Institute, North Norway European Office)
A 'non-Arctic' policy? A comparison between the EU and Japan

Discussant: **Yumiko Yamamoto**, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Sciences Po - CERI

15:00 Coffee Break

IV. Session (15 :00)

Special session on EU funding for research cooperation with Japan

Chair: **Sebastien Lechevalier**, EHESS

Antoine Mercier, International Affairs Officer (Japan), French Ministry of Higher Education and Research

Caroline Chu, Head of European Affairs and Partnerships, EHESS

Patricia A. Nelson, Senior Research Fellow, European Institute of Japanese Studies, Stockholm School of Economics

V. Session (16 :30)

Conclusions of EJARN 2013

Chair: **Marie Söderberg**, Director, European Institute of Japanese Studies, Stockholm School of Economics

17:00 **End of Conference**

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