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European Japan Advanced Research Network (EJARN) 2025 Conference

The Tightening Nexus of Security Between Japan and Europe

June 14-15 (Saturday & Sunday), 2025

Shirokane Campus, Meiji Gakuin University

Room 2401, Building 2

Preliminary Program

Saturday, June 14th

9:30-9:45: Opening Remarks: Paul Midford, Marie Söderberg and Patrik Ström

9:45-10:45: Roundtable on Trump Initiated Geo-Political Changes

Moderator: Marie Söderberg

Saori N. Katada

Eva Lias

Paul Midford

Wilhelm Vosse

10:45-11:00: Coffee Break

11:00-13:00-Panel on the Nexus of European and Japanese Security

“Geopolitics morphing into Spacepolitics? A New Frontier in EU-Japan Security and Defense Partnership,” Eva Liias, University of Tartu

“Beyond the Tyranny of Geography? EU–Japan Relations in the Shadow of U.S. Instability,” Paul O’Shea, University of Lund

“Japan’s Policy towards the War in Ukraine and the role of Poland and other Central & Eastern European states in its implementation,” Beata Bochorodycz, Adam Mickiewicz University

“EU-Japan cooperation in developing and deploying active cyber defense (ACD),” Wilhelm Vosse, International Christian University

Discussant: Thomas Wilkins

13:00-14:00: Lunch

14:00-16:00: Panel of Japan’s Security Policy

“Japan: Building Enhanced Security Cooperation Across the Bilateral, Minilateral and Multilateral Levels,” Thomas Wilkins, University of Sydney

“Japanese Institution-Building Diplomacy in the face of Regional Order in Flux,” Mie Oba, Kanagawa University, and Saori N. Katada, University of Southern California

“Reconciliation and Symbiosis in East Asia from Comparative Perspectives,” Kimie Hara, University of Waterloo

Discussant: Beata Bochorodycz

16:15-16:30: Coffee Break

16:30-17:00: European Keynote (Hybrid, online): Jean-Eric Paquet, European Union Ambassador

17:00-17:30: Q&A

Moderator: Wilhelm Vosse

17:30-18:00: **Japanese Keynote (Hybrid, online):** Shintaro Ito, Former Minister of the Environment, 2023-2024

18:00-18:30: Q&A

Moderator: Paul Midford

18:45-19:50: Reception in Memorial Hall, Second Floor

20:15: Optional Dinner (near Shinagawa)

Sunday, June 15

Location: Room 2401, Building 2

9:00-11:30 The Nexus of EU-Japan Geo-Economics and Development

“Has the Concept of Comprehensive Security been killed by Geopolitical Changes?” Marie Söderberg, Stockholm School of Economics

“Connectivity in a multipolarizing world – Weapon to create spheres of interest or tool for positive interdependence?” Bart Gaens, International Centre for Defence and Security, Tallinn; Finnish Institute of International Affairs, Helsinki

“Humanitarian aid and media-powered mobilization for Ukraine: Japanese and Polish media narratives in comparative perspective,” Iwona Merklejn, Aoyama Gakuin University, Olga Barbasiewicz, SWPS University

“Monetary Policy in Japan,” Markus Heckel, German Center for Research and Innovation

Discussant: Saori N. Katada

11:30-11:45: Coffee Break

11:45-12:45: The EU-Japan Nexus of Environmental Security Panel

“Renewable Energy in the Context of Smart Cities and Rural Sustainability in Japan,” Paul Midford, Meiji Gakuin University

“The Transition to the Green Economy,” H Richard Nakamura, Patrik Ström,
Åsa Malmström Rognes

“Fukushima Fallout: Post-2011 Nuclear Power Plant Security in Japan and Europe,” Tom Gill, Meiji Gakuin University

Discussant: Wilhelm Vosse

12:45-13:30: EJARN Membership Meeting

13:30: End of Conference

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