

# EJARN Annual Conference “EU and Japan in the Indo-Pacific”

Held at the Institute of International Relations Prague in cooperation with the European University Institute and Metropolitan University Prague, June 14-15 2024

## Preliminary program

### Thursday (June 13, pre-conference)

**18:00-19:00** Football match at the Na Františku football pitch (<https://maps.app.goo.gl/jAvdQX1EUkbEs1hM8>) - come if you like

**20:00** Dinner and drinks (more info will be provided later)

### Friday (1st conference day)

**9:00-9:15** Introductory remarks, Michal Kolmaš, Marie Söderberg and HE Kansuke Nagaoka (Ambassador to CZ)

**9:15-10:15** - Marco Bonetti (EEAS), Kei Koga

Chair: Michal Kolmaš

Discussant: Giulio Pugliese

#### **10:30-12:00**

*Christopher Hughes* - Japan's Defence Industrial Strategy and Fighter Aircraft Production: Striving for Tier-One Status

*Giulio Pugliese* and *Marco Zappa* - Walking on the Footsteps of Abe Shinzō? Japan's domestic and international politics in 2023

*Paul Midford* - The Nexus of Security and Renewable Energy and EU-Japan Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific

Chair: Eva Liias

Discussants: Paul O'Shea, Tsuyoshi Kawasaki

12:00-13:00 - Lunch

#### **13:00-14:30**

*Paul O'Shea* - US-Japan Friendship

*Tsuyoshi Kawasaki* - The Trilateral Alliance Dilemma among the United States, Japan, and Europe

*Guangyu Qiao-Franco* (w/ Aleš Karmazin and Michal Kolmaš) - The Indo-Pacific and the Next Phase of ASEAN Centrality

Chair: Axel Berkofsky

Discussants: Kei Koga, Paul Midford

**14:30-15:00** - Coffee break

**15:00-16:30**

*Bart Gaens* - Japan's "strategic partnership diplomacy": Empty rhetoric or crucial geopolitical tool?

*Åsa Malmström Rognes* - Japan's approach to economic security and what it means for Asia and Western partners

*Patrik Ström* (w/ Richard Nakamura and Claes Alvastam) - Institutional dynamics shaping EU-Japan economic relations

Chair: Guangyu Qiao-Franco

Discussants: Ra Mason, Annette Skovsted Hansen

**16:45-17:30** EJARN meeting

**19:00 Dinner** for all participating guests (place TBA)

**Saturday** (2nd conference day)

**9:30-11:30**

*Ra Mason* - Tracing the Money Trail: Okinawa as a key site of regional economic competition

*Eva Lias* - EU-Japan trade relations: EPA in practice, a view from Estonia

*Annette Skovsted Hansen* - Sharing Places, Persons, and Knowledge: Building the alliance between India and Japan through private sector training programs

*Raymond Yamamoto* - Serbia's Relation to Japan: Explaining a friendship beyond material gains

Chair: Marie Söderberg

Discussants: Patrik Ström, Åsa Rognes

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