

# THE EUROPEAN UNION AND JAPAN IN A FLUID GLOBAL LIBERAL ORDER

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## Spaak Room, Institut d'études Européennes of the ULB 39 Av. Franklin Roosevelt, 1050 Brussels

### Thursday 12 March 2020

8:30 - 9:00	Welcome Coffee & Tea
9:00 - 9:30	Welcome Words - Ramona Coman (President of the Institut d'études Européennes) - Hidetoshi Nakamura (Waseda University) - H.E. Ambassador Kono Akira (Deputy Chief, Mission of Japan to the EU)
9:45 - 11:15	Session 1 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EU-JAPAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT
11:30 - 13:00	Session 2 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS N°8: JAPANESE AND EUROPEAN EFFORTS TO PROMOTE DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH
13:00 - 14:30	Lunch
14:30 - 16:00	Session 3 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS N°3: JAPANESE AND EUROPEAN EFFORTS TO PROMOTE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING FOR ALL
16:30 - 18:00	Session 4 EU-JAPAN-UK POST-BREXIT TRIANGLE

## Friday 13 March 2020

8:30 - 9:00	Coffee & Tea
9:00 - 10:30	Session 5 REGULATING NEW TECHNOLOGIES IN JAPAN AND THE EU
10:45 - 11:45	Session 6 CIVILIAN POWERS, CONNECTIVITY AND SECURITY
11:45 - 13:00	Session 7 MEDIATING IDENTITY AND VALUE CONFLICTS
13:00 - 14:00	LUNCH
14:00 - 16:00	Session 8 EU-JAPAN COOPERATION IN CRIMINAL MATTERS
16:30 - 18:00	Session 9 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS N°4: JAPANESE AND EUROPEAN EFFORTS TO PROMOTE QUALITY HIGHER EDUCATION AND INTERNATIONALIZATION















## The EU-Japan Forum - Over two decades of academic dialogue



The Institut d'études européennes (IEE) of the Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB) will host the 21st iteration of its annual EU-Japan conference on the 12th & 13th of March, 2020. This two-day event will once again gather academics and researchers from across Europe and Japan to discuss a wide range of issues of shared interest. Overall, the 2020 Forum is expected to welcome 43 scientific presentations, with contributors hailing from over a dozen different nationalities, including a delegation of 18 academics and researchers from 6 different Japanese universities.

Over the past two decades, the so-called EU-Japan Forum has grown into the largest academic gathering wholly dedicated to Euro-Japanese questions and has proven time and again to be a welcome catalyst for the production of original research on a wide range of topics related to the EU and Japan. Several joint publications – some, if not all, listed at the end of this program - reflect the ongoing scientific dialogues between social scientists on either side. These fruitful dynamics are set to continue as this year's forum is also set to both wrap up and jump start several scientific publication efforts involving both Japanese and European researchers.

To this end, a range of partners have joint this year's organisational committee, including the IEE-ULB, EASt-MSH, the Waseda Organisation for Regional and Inter-Regional Studies, and the Waseda Brussels Office. The 2020 Forum is equally fortunate to have received financial and practical support from the Université libre de Bruxelles, Waseda University and the Japan Society for the Promotion of Sciences.

Across its nine interdisciplinary panels, the Forum will cover a variety of long-running scientific concerns, ranging from the implementation of the EU-Japan Free Trade Agreement to judiciary cooperation in criminal matters, by way of the challenges associated with regulating new technologies or the tensions surrounding competing values and identities. More topical issues are also to be raised such as the shifting relationships between the UK, the EU and Japan in the aftermath of the Brexit. Lastly, a series of panels focussing on Japanese and European efforts with regards to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) will highlight ongoing joint research linking both the ULB and Waseda University. All scheduled panels will include academics and experts from both Japan and Europe. They will equally involve academics from across a variety of disciplines, including political science, Law, International Relations, Business and Humanities.









#### SESSION 1 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EU-JAPAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

Introduction Negotiations for the Japan-EU Economic Partnership Agreement (JEEPA) were launched in March 2013. Ultimately, after 18 rounds a consolidated text was signed in July 2018. JEEPA at the time was concluded as an EUonly agreement falling under exclusive EU competence. Following, the ratification processes on both sides, JEEPA entered into force on February 1st, 2019. Its' stated goals are: (i) to remove tariffs and other trade barriers, notably by creating institutionalized cooperation platforms; (ii) to help the parties shape global trade rules in line with their high standards and shared values, and (iii) to send a powerful signal that two of the world's biggest economies continue to reject protectionism. As of JEEPA's first anniversary, it is faced with equally potent opportunities and challenges as mutual trade flows have increased over the past year just as the multilateral trade regime has come under ever increased strain. With these contradictory tendencies in mind, panellists will explore to what extent JEEPA has so far effectively contributed towards its stated goals.

#### Chair/ Arnaud VAN WAEYENBERGH (ULB)

Discussant

SpeakersSonali CHOWDHRY (Kiel Institute)Benchmarking the economic benefits of the EU-Japan EPA

**Tobias GEHRKE** (Egmont Institute) The value of JEEPA in the context of geopolitical competition

**Anke KENNIS** (Waseda University) EU-Japan Regulatory Cooperation Compared

**Frederik PONJAERT** (ULB) The political economy of EU-Japan relations

**Camille VAN DER VORST** (KULeuven) The implementation of the EU - Japan EPA: what we can learn from Preference Utilisation Rates













#### SESSION 2 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS N°8: JAPANESE AND EUROPEAN EFFORTS TO PROMOTE DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

Introduction This is part of the panel series of "Norm diffusion and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)". Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a set of international development goals aimed to be achieved during 2016 and 2030, and adopted by the UN Sustainable Development Summit held in 2015. When norms are defined as ideas of abstraction and specification with respect to fundamental values organizing principles or standardized procedures, the SDGs can be considered a group of norms which comprise at least 17 different ideas, values and ideologies. Although various efforts to achieve the SDGs were seen both in theories and practices, the mechanism of its diffusion has not been sufficiently understood. Therefore, the panel series bases its theoretical framework on the norm diffusion theories, such as Spiral Model, and explores how the SDGs are dynamic and constantly reformulated in the level of norm receivers particularly when there is contestation. Among multiple policy areas of the SDGs, this panel selects for its analysis the SDG 8: to achieve full and productive employment and decent work. It will explore how the norms related to the SDG 8 have been transformed or not transformed while they diffuse across borders; the role of different actors to locally define and develop the norms in the process of adoption and implementation of this goal; why policies aimed at achieving the SDG 8 are incorporated in national policies and implemented along with international expectations or vice versa.

Chair/ Discussant Speakers

Paul BACON (Waseda University)

Promoting Decent work and marine resource conservation in Thailand

Stéphanie GHISLAIN (Eurogroup for Animals & ULB)

The role of animal welfare in achieving SDGs through trade policy - the case of JEEPA

Shukuko KOYAMA (Waseda University)

Mina CHIBA (Waseda University)

Implementing the decent work agenda in Georgia: Dynamics in the selective adaptation process

Axel MARX (KULeuven)

Pursuing Labour Rights through EU Trade Policy: some trends and challenges













#### SESSION 3 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS N°3: JAPANESE AND EUROPEAN EFFORTS TO PROMOTE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING FOR ALL

Introduction This is the second of a series of three panels on Norm diffusion and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Again SDGs for the purpose of this panel are understood to be a set of norms organized along 17 different clusters, where the mechanisms related to their global diffusion are not sufficiently understood. This second panel will also focus on a policy area where Japan and the European Union have proven to share comparable normative assumptions rooted in shared understanding of universal healthcare and the welfare state. Accordingly, this panel will focus on SDG 3 which seeks to secure healthy lives and well-being. As both Japan and the European Union have proven vocal in shaping this agenda, the panel will explore how the norms related to SDG 3 the role European, Japanese and local actors have played in defining, defusing and localising the norms in the process of adoption and implementation of this goal. In this respect, the panel will touch upon key transversal issues that have shaped the debates surrounding SDG3, including universal health care coverage, the fight against HIV/AIDS, sexual and reproductive rights, immunization and environmental health.

#### Chair/ Kazuo KURODA (Waseda University) Discussant

#### Speakers Sameea AHMED-HASSIM (EHESS)

Systemic transformations amid Ukraine's measles crisis: Diffusion of SDGs as norms for an improved health system

#### Elena AVRAMOVSKA (ULB)

Sexual and reproductive health rights in the Philippines and the SDGs: Evolution, contestations and compliances

## Catherine BOULAND (ULB)

ТВС

**Mina CHIBA** (Waseda University) Norm diffusion of HIV/AIDS education and reproductive health in Thailand

Yasushi KATSUMA (Waseda University)

Norm diffusion of universal health coverage (UHC) through global health diplomacy













### SESSION 4 EU-JPN-UK POST-BREXIT TRIANGLE

**Introduction** As the UK moves from the phase of departure from the EU and into a post-Brexit future, and as the impact of this also looms on the consciousness of Japan, the objective of this workshop is to begin to analyse the potential implication for UK-Japan. The UK government regularly talks of the possibility of a 'Global Britain' post-Brexit and identifies East Asia as a key region for renewal of global political, economic and security ambitions, and the expectation is that Japan will be a key partner in this initiative. Conversely, the Japan government expresses the continuing importance of relations with the UK even after Brexit and of advancing bilateral cooperation in line with shared interests and values. However, this panel asks how far the rhetoric of both sides is likely to be matched by reality. It seeks to explore whether UK-Japan cooperation in the shadow of Brexit can gain traction across a range of political, economic and security dimensions.

# Chair/Chris HUGHES (University of Warwick)Discussant

SpeakersPaul BACON (Waseda University) & Richard WHITMAN (Kent University)The difference engine and Japan's post-Brexit postmodern cooperation<br/>with Global Britain on hard security, and civilian power cooperation with<br/>the EU on connectivity issues

**Wilhelm VOSSE** (ICU) & **George CHRISTOU** (University of Warwick) Japan-UK Cooperation on Cybersecurity and AI: What impact from Brexit?

**Elaine FAHEY** (City University London) TRILATTRADE project initial findings

**Hidetoshi NAKAMURA** (Waseda University) & **Frederik PONJAERT** (ULB) From JEEPA to CPTPP and all that exists in between: Making sense of the letter soup beyond Brexit













#### SESSION 5 REGULATING NEW TECHNOLOGIES IN JAPAN AND THE EU

Introduction As mature and advanced economies, Japan and the EU are keen to play a central role in the 5th industrial revolution rooted in the digital and new technologies. Both parties face similar challenges as they seek to respect ethical concerns while responding to the mounting challenges from third parties, notably China and the United States. In this respect, emerging regulations of these new technologies will be a crucial factor in shaping the resulting markets with Japan and the EU playing an active regulatory role at the domestic, global and bilateral levels. This panel will explore Japanese and European regulatory efforts at each of these levels. With regards to possible convergences and divergences between Brussels and Tokyo, the panel will comparatively assess the impact on the development of new technologies of Japanese and European regulatory choices in IP- and Competition Law. With regards to possible areas of cooperation, the panel will unpack both the most recent advance in bilateral rule-making - the recently signed adequacy treaty, as well as assess Japanese and European positions within the ongoing global efforts to regulated the internet.

Chair/ Anne WEYEMBERGH (ULB) - TBC

Discussant

Speakers Julien CABAY (ULB) Al and Copyright Law in Europe

> **Tatsuhiro UENO** (Waseda University) Al and Copyright Law in Japan

**Elaine FAHEY** & **Isabella MANCINI** (City University London) EU-Japan Data Flows & Adequacy: When is the EU an Intentional or Accidental Convergence Actor

**Gabriele GAGLIANI** (Bocconi University) The Law of Internet Technology

**Etsuko KAMEOKA** (Van Bael & Bellis) The role of competition law in the digital economy













#### SESSION 6 CIVILIAN POWERS, CONNECTIVITY AND SECURITY

- Introduction Since the end of the Cold War, both Japan and the European Union have witnessed massive and at times even disruptive changes within their respective neighbourhoods. Simultaneously, interdependencies binding Europeans and Japanese to their respective regions have significantly increased over that same period. Whether rooted in regional production chains, migratory flows, technological innovations or common security concerns; deepening regional connections have proven to be a catalyst for both greater cooperation and conflict. Whereas Japan and the European Union have repeatedly been identified as civilian powers uniquely positioned to tackle head-on and with professional expertise, mundane daily life issues such as trade and regulations, as well as a range of human security issues, such as environmental, economic, energy or food security; how such civilian powers are to fare in the face of quickening securitization across both regions remains uncertain. Accordingly, panelist will explore how either actors' foreign policy and external instruments have adapted to increasingly contested regional complexes across the Eurasia.
- Chair/Mario TELÒ (ULB, LUISS-Guido Carli & Royal Academy of Science, Letters andDiscussantFine Arts of Belgium)

SpeakersAtsuko HIGASHINO (University of Tsukuba)The concept of Regional Security Complex (RSC) and the EU connectivity

**Geoffrey KILLY** (Waseda University) Topic Modeling the EU's Institutional Voice: determining the occurrence and prevalence of security themes in discourse on migration

**Syuzanna VASILYAN** (ULB) Japan and the EU as "Moral Powers" in the South Caucasus

Luis SIMON (VUB) - TBC TBC

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### SESSION 7 MEDIATING IDENTITY AND VALUE CONFLICTS

**Introduction** Both Japanese and European societal and institutional actors have had to confront an increasing set of challenges related to the return (or at least reassertion) of identity-laden politics as the post-world war II consensus on either side has seemingly run its course. A confluence of new societal challenges, rising populist and anti-liberal movements across much of the democratic world, and fragmenting political systems have seemingly conspired to undermine both the so-called Yoshida doctrine in Japan as well as the elite consensus on the virtues of European integration. This in turn has opened new spaces for debates surrounding emerging ideational and value conflicts in both polities. The panel will engage in comparative terms with some of the debates surrounding Japan and European understandings of identity, diversity and othering.

Chair/ Discussant	Hidetoshiu NAKAMURA (Waseda University)
Speakers	<b>Eline DELMARCELLE</b> (Waseda University) Integrating the nation, integrating nationalism: Citizenship & belonging for naturalized Japanese citizens
	<b>François FÔRET</b> (ULB) Values in the securitization and culturalization of religion in Europe and Japan
	<b>Jeffrey HALL</b> (Waseda University) Online Anti-Hate Activism in Japan: Reigning in the Xenophobic Right?
	<b>Vanessa FRANGVILLE</b> (ULB) & <b>Corine TORREKENS</b> (ULB) Values, cultural diversity and social integration in Europe and Japan













#### SESSION 8 EU-JAPAN COOPERATION IN CRIMINAL MATTERS

**Introduction** This panel looks at international cooperation against crime with Japan from a Japanese and a European perspective. It aims to map and critically compare the bilateral agreements and special arrangements Japan has concluded with third parties adopting a broad geographical perspective looking especially at Japan's cooperation with the EU, the US, South Korea, China, Honk Kong and Russia. It intends to analyse cooperation broadly, looking all the phases of the criminal justice process: it will indeed cover the recently concluded arrangement between Japan and Europol on intelligence gathering during the investigative phase, the Mutual Legal Assistance Agreements signed by Japan, as well as extradition and transfer of prisoners. Three specific challenges facing EU-Japan cooperation will be dealt with: death penalty, the challenges facing the exchange of electronic evidence and the rigidities within the Japanese criminal justice system which were thrown into sharp contrast following the recent 'C. Ghosn' affair.

# Chair/Shuichi FURUYA (Waseda University – Member of the Committee for HumanDiscussantRights)

# SpeakersSaskia HUFNAGEL (Queen Mary University of London)EU-Japan Police Cooperation: Legal frameworks and multilateral practice

**Yurika ISHII** (National Defense Academy) EU-Japan Cooperation on the Collection of E-Evidence

**Shin MATSUZAWA** (Waseda University) A Comparative analysis of the International Cooperation Agreements

**Megumi OCHI** (Kyoto University) Death Penalty in Japan-EU MLA

**Dimitri VANOVERBEKE** (KULeuven) The Limits of Change in Japanese Criminal Justice

**Anne WEYEMBERGH** (ULB) & **Irene WIECZOREK** (Durham University) Transfer of Prisoners and Extradition between EU Member States and Japan













#### SESSION 9 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS N°4: JAPANESE AND EUROPEAN EFFORTS TO PROMOTE QUALITY HIGHER EDUCATION AND INTERNATIONALIZATION

Introduction Education, which used to be singularly discussed at the nation state level, has become an important subject of global governance frameworks such as the SDGs. With SGD 4, education is arguably one of the most ambitious goals, as it seeks to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning for all. This session seeks to explore several case studies on the diffusion of educational norms, such as inclusion, equity, quality and global citizenship. It will explore how the norms related to the SDG 4 have been transformed or not transformed while they diffuse across borders; the role of different actors to locally define and develop the norms in the process of adoption and implementation of this goal; why policies aimed at achieving the SDG 4 are incorporated in national policies and implemented along with international expectations or vice versa. Also, this session will further discuss what strategies should be put into place in light of lessons learned from critical and approaches to norm diffusion in the local and regional contexts.

#### Chair/ Frank MATTHEIS (ULB) Discussant

SpeakersMakiko HAYASHI (University of the Sacred Heart)Policy intention versus policy implementation: Disparities seen in norm

**Jun KAWAGUCHI** (University of Tsukuba) Diffusion of inclusive education concept as a norm of educational policy in

**Kazuo KURODA** (Waseda University) Diffusion of Educational Norms through Global Governance

**Leyla RADJAI** (Waseda University) & **Frederik PONJAERT** (ULB) Beyond regionalization of higher education in Europe

**Pauline RAVINET** (Université de Lille) Higher education regionalism: What is it ? and How to study it?













MARCH 9-10-11 @IEE-ULB - 39, Av. Franklin Roosevelt, Brussels Series of Guest Lectures on EU HUMAN RIGHTS NORM DIFFUSION IN EAST ASIA By PAUL BACON (Waseda University, Tokyo)

> MARCH 10, 12-2PM GIEE-ULB - 39, Av. Franklin Roosevelt, Brussels REPI Research Seminar on Towards an Unrestrained Military: Manga Narratives of the Japan Self-Defense Forces By Jeffrey Hall (Waseda University, Tokyo)

MARCH 11, 10-12AM @IEE-ULB - 39, Av. Franklin Roosevelt, Brussels Sc. Po Graduate Student Panel on CULTURE, MEMORY AND SOFT POWER: A COMPARISON EUROPE-JAPAN

11 MARS, 16-18H @CIERL - 17, Av. Franklin Roosevelt, Brussels Conférence Public sur Rôle de l'IMAGINATION DANS LA POSSESSION DES CULTURES. LE JAPON-GREC: CULTURE ET POSSESSION PAR MICHAEL LUCKEN (INALCO, Paris)

MARCH 13, 10AM-12PM @S.DC2.206 - ULB Solbosch Campus, D Building. Avenue Depage, Brussels Guest Lecture on

CROWDFUNDING A TERRITORIAL DISPUTE: JAPANESE RIGHT-WING ACTIVISTS, ONLINE MEDIA AND THE SENKAKU ISLANDS DISPUTE BY JEFFREY HALL (Waseda University, Tokyo)



MARCH 12-13, 9AM-6PM @IEE-ULB - 39, Av. Franklin Roosevelt, Brussels EU-Japan Forum 2020 THE EUROPEAN UNION AND JAPAN IN A FLUID GLOBAL LIBERAL ORDER



MARCH 13, 10AM-12PM @S.H1302 - ULB Solbosch Campus, H Building. Avenue Héger, Brussels Guest Lecture on

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE IN JAPAN: FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS STANDARDS By Suichi Furuya (Waseda University, Tokyo & UN Human Rights Committee)

> MARCH 14, 9AM-5PM @IEE-ULB - 39, Av. Franklin Roosevelt, Brussel Waseda Brussels Office Research Seminar on Dynamics of Regionalisation of Higher Education

MARCH 13, 10AM-12PM @IEE-ULB - 39, Av. Franklin Roosevelt, Brussels MAM-CEVIPOL-EAst Research Seminar on INTEGRATING THE NATION, INTEGRATING NATIONALISM: CITIZENSHIP AND BELONGING FOR NATURALIZED JAPANESE CITIZENS By ELINE DELMARCELLE (Waseda University, Tokyo)



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