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### POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CHANGE

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Time:

**Monday 12 October 2015**

Venue:

**Molonglo Theatre, Level 2, JG Crawford Building 132, Lennox Crossing, ANU**

Host:

**Australia-Japan Research Centre, Crawford School of Public Policy and  
ANU Japan Institute, ANU College of Asia and the Pacific**

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# PROGRAM

<b>8.30am</b>	<b>REGISTRATION</b>	<b>1pm</b>	<b>SOFT POWER AND CULTURAL DIPLOMACY</b>  SPEAKERS <b>Professor Koichi Iwabuchi</b> Monash University <b>Professor Yasushi Watanabe</b> Keio University <b>Professor Christine Yano</b> University of Hawaii Chair <b>Associate Professor Simon Avenell</b> Director, ANU Japan Institute
<b>9am</b>	<b>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION</b>  <b>Professor Renee McKibbin</b> Acting Dean ANU College of Asia & the Pacific	<b>2.30pm</b>	<b>AFTERNOON TEA</b>
<b>9.15am</b>	<b>KEYNOTE SPEECH: JAPAN'S REGIONAL CHALLENGES</b>  <b>Mr Shogo Arai</b> Governor of Nara  Chair <b>Mr Murray McLean AO</b> Chair, Australia-Japan Foundation	<b>3pm</b>	<b>JAPAN AND ITS NEIGHBOURS</b>  SPEAKERS <b>Mr Hitoshi Tanaka</b> Japan Research Institute <b>Professor Evelyn Goh</b> Bell School, ANU <b>Mr Sourabh Gupta</b> Samuels International  Chair <b>Professor Peter Drysdale AM</b> East Asian Bureau of Economic Research, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU
<b>10am</b>	<b>MORNING TEA</b>	<b>4.30pm</b>	<b>CONCLUDING REMARKS</b>  <b>Dr Shiro Armstrong</b> Co-Director, Australia-Japan Research Centre, ANU
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>WHERE TO FOR ABENOMICS</b>  SPEAKERS <b>Professor Masahiko Takeda</b> Hitotsubashi University <b>Professor David Weinstein</b> Columbia University <b>Professor Jenny Corbett</b> ANU  Chair <b>Professor Ippei Fujiwara</b> ANU and Keio University		
<b>12pm</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>		

# PARTICIPANTS

(In alphabetical order)



## Governor Shogo Arai

Mr Shogo Arai is Governor of Nara Prefecture in Japan, and having first been elected in 2007, is currently serving his 3rd term. After graduating from the Faculty of Law at the University of Tokyo, he joined the Japanese Ministry of Transport. As a ministry official he also graduated from Syracuse University Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs in the US. After serving as the Director General of the Road Transportation Bureau and the Commandant of the Japan Coast Guard, he left the ministry in 2001, and was elected to the House of Councillors in the Diet for the first time in the same year.



## Dr Shiro Armstrong

Dr Shiro Armstrong is Co-Director of the Australia-Japan Research Centre, Editor of East Asia Forum and Director of the East Asian Bureau of Economic Research at the Australian National University. His research focuses on Sino-Japanese economic and political relations, East Asian economic integration, international trade and foreign direct investment, and East Asian economies.



## Dr Simon Avenell

Dr Simon Avenell is Associate Professor in History and Australian Research Council Future Fellow at the College of Asia and the Pacific, Australian National University. His research focuses on modern Japanese history, civic activism, environmental history and transnational history.



## Professor Jenny Corbett

Professor Jenny Corbett is Pro Vice Chancellor, Australian National University. Her research centres on current macro-economic and financial policy issues in Japan, regional financial integration and trade in financial services.



## Professor Peter Drysdale AM

Professor Peter Drysdale is Emeritus Professor of Economics, Head of the East Asian Bureau of Economic Research and the East Asia Forum at the Australian National University. He is widely recognised as the leading intellectual architect of APEC.



## Professor Ippei Fujiwara

Professor Ippei Fujiwara is Professor of Macroeconomics at the Australian National University and at Keio University. He is also Co-Director of the Australian National University's Australia-Japan Research Centre. His research centres on international finance, monetary economics and macroeconomics.



## Professor Evelyn Goh

Professor Evelyn Goh is Shedden Professor of Strategic Policy Studies at the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific. Her research interests include East Asian security and international relations; US-China diplomatic history and contemporary strategic relations; international relations theory; and strategic policy studies.



## Sourabh Gupta

Sourabh Gupta is a Senior Research Associate at Samuels International. His areas of analysis cover US-India, China-India and Japan-India bilateral relationships; political, security and economic risk evaluation of key states in the Asia/Asia-Pacific region; coverage of the WTO and Asia Pacific trade policy, politics and negotiations; and analysis of reform-related developments in the international monetary system as well as within Asian economic and financial regionalism.



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## Professor Koichi Iwabuchi

Koichi Iwabuchi is Chair Professor of Media and Cultural Studies at Monash University and Director of the Monash Asia Institute. Professor Iwabuchi's research interests include trans-Asian cultural connections and dialogues in a global perspective, cultural diversity and multicultural questions in Japan and East Asia, and cultural citizenship and critical public pedagogy. His latest book is *Resilient Borders and Cultural Diversity: Internationalism, Brand Nationalism and Multiculturalism in Japan* (Lexington Books, 2015).



## Professor Renee McKibbin

Renee McKibbin is Professor of Economics at the Crawford School of Public Policy, and the Associate Dean Research of the College of Asia & the Pacific. Professor McKibbin has published widely in the area of financial market and macro econometrics.



## Mr Murray McLean AO

Mr Murray McLean is Chair of the Australia-Japan Foundation and former Ambassador to Japan from 2004 to 2011 during a period of significant expansion in Australia's bilateral relationship with Japan. He was honoured by the Japanese Government with the award of Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun in 2014.



## Professor Masahiko Takeda

Professor Takeda Masahiko is a Professor at the Graduate School of Economics, Applied Economics, School of International and Public Policy at Hitotsubashi University. Professor Takeda's research interests include economic policy and development with a focus on Asia.



### **Mr Hitoshi Tanaka**

Hitoshi Tanaka is the chairman of the Institute for International Strategy at the Japan Research Institute, and former Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He is also a Senior Fellow at the Japan Centre for International Exchange. Mr Tanaka has been a visiting professor at the Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Tokyo, since April 2006.



### **Professor Yasushi Watanabe**

Professor Yasushi Watanabe is Professor in the Graduate School of Media and Governance at Keio University. His areas of expertise include cultural anthropology, cultural policy and American studies.



### **Professor David Weinstein**

Professor David Weinstein is Carl S. Shoup Professor of the Japanese Economy, Director of Research at the Center on Japanese Economy and Business, and Chair of the Department of Economics at Columbia University. He is also Research Director of the Japan Project at the National Bureau of Economic Research and a Member of the Council on Foreign Relations.



### **Professor Christine Yano**

Professor Christine Yano is Professor in the Department of Anthropology, University of Hawaii. Her research interests lie in the processes by which nation-cultures construct and sustain themselves, in particular in forms of popular culture. Professor Yano looks at music and other consumer goods with an eye to their interactions within the larger frameworks of gender, class, nationalism and globalism.

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