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Wednesday 4 September

ANU College of
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The Australia-Japan Research Centre

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Our mission

Our mission, as part of Australia’s national university, is to be a national resource: to contribute to public policy by strengthening knowledge of Japan among schools, universities, public institutions, government and the private sector and to promote the centrality of Australia-Japan relations in Australia’s Asian Century.

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9–9.10am  Welcome and introduction
Shiro Armstrong, ANU

9.10–9.40 am  Opening Keynote
Yoko Kamikawa, MP
Chair Sally Wheeler, Pro Vice-Chancellor (International Strategy)

9.40–10.50 am  Economy panel
Takashi Kozu, Ricoh Company Ltd.
Mariko Sakakibara, University of California Los Angeles
Chair Ippei Fujiwara, ANU and Keio University

10.50–11.10 am  Tea and Coffee

11.10am–12.20pm  Australia and Japan in a new regional order
Yasuyuki Todo, Waseda University
Amy King, ANU
Melanie Brock, Melanie Brock Advisory
Chair Shiro Armstrong, ANU

12.20–1.30pm  Lunch

1.30–2pm  Political keynote
Kiichi Fujiwara, University of Tokyo
Chair Murray McLean, Australia Japan Foundation

2–3pm  Politics and foreign policy panel
Kiichi Fujiwara, University of Tokyo
Rumi Aoyama, Waseda University
Lauren Richardson, ANU
Purnendra Jain, University of Adelaide
Chair Rikki Kersten, Murdoch University

3–3.30pm  Tea and Coffee

3.30–4pm  On the works of Mao Ishikawa
Reuben Keelhan, QLD Art Gallery
Chair Veronica Taylor, ANU

4–5pm  Opening Japan to migration
Abul Rizvi, Former Dep. Sec. Department of Immigration
Nana Oishi, Melbourne University
Chair Tomoko Akami, ANU

5–5.10pm  Closing and thank you
Veronica Taylor, ANU
SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Tomoko Akami

Tomoko Akami is Associate Professor (Reader) at the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific. She is the author of Internationalizing the Pacific (2002), Japan’s News Propaganda and Reuters’ News Empire (2012), and Soft Power of Japan’s Total War State (2014). Her recent publications on empires and the League of National Health Organization in Asia include articles in Journal of Global History and International History Review, and she is now working on the formation of the knowledge of the International in Asia.

Rumi Aoyama

Rumi Aoyama is Professor at the Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies at Waseda University, and director of Waseda Institute of Contemporary Chinese Studies. She has been a visiting scholar at Stanford University (2005-2006), George Washington University (2016-2017), and National Chengchi University (2017). She specialises in China’s contemporary foreign policy, politics and diplomacy. Her book, ‘Contemporary China’s Foreign Policy’ (Gendai chuugoku no gaikou) was honored with the 24th Masayoshi Ohira Foundation Memorial Prize.

Dr Shiro Armstrong

Shiro Armstrong is an economist and Fellow at Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU. He is Director of the Australia-Japan Research Centre, Editor of the East Asia Forum and Director of the East Asian Bureau of Economic Research at Crawford School. He is also a Research Associate at the Center on Japanese Economy and Business at the Columbia Business School and a Visiting Scholar at the Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry.

Melanie Brock

Melanie Brock is the CEO of Melanie Brock Advisory and a member of the Board of the Australia Japan Business Co-operation Committee. She is Chair Emeritus of the Australian & New Zealand Chamber of Commerce in Japan. Her most recent projects include the hugely popular ‘Celebrating Women in Japan’ social media campaign and her regular column published in the Financial Review, ‘Postcard from Tokyo’. In June 2019, she became a non-executive director of the Tokyo-listed Sega Sammy Holdings.

Kiichi Fujiwara

Kiichi Fujiwara is professor of International Politics and Director of the Institute for Future Initiatives at the University of Tokyo. A graduate of the University of Tokyo, Professor Fujiwara studied as a Fulbright student at Yale University. He first joined the faculty at Chiba University, moved to Institute of Social Science, and has taught at the Graduate Schools for Law and Politics since 1999. Professor Fujiwara’s works include Remembering the War (2001); A Democratic Empire (2002); Is There a Just War? (2003); Peace for Realists (winner of the Ishibashi Tanzan award, 2005), International Politics (2007), and Conditions of War, (2013). Professor Fujiwara is a regular commentator on international affairs who writes a monthly column for the Asahi. He also writes a weekly film review for the Mainichi.
Ippei Fujiwara

Ippei Fujiwara is a Professor of Economics at Keio University and a Professor of Microeconomics at Crawford School of Public Policy; Research Associate at the Globalization and Monetary Policy Institute, Federal Bank of Dallas; Japan Director of the Australia-Japan Research Centre; and Deputy Director of the Center for Applied Macroeconomic Analysis. His research interests include international finance, monetary economics and macroeconomics, with recent publications in the Journal of Monetary Economics and the Journal of International Economics. Previously, Ippei worked for 18 years with the Bank of Japan. He received his PhD in Applied Economics from Osaka University, and M.Phil and D.Phil in Economics from Oxford University.

Purnendra Jain

Purnendra Jain is Professor in the Department of Asian Studies at the University of Adelaide. His main research focus is on contemporary Japanese politics and foreign policy. He was a visiting fellow/professor at the National University of Singapore, University of Tokyo, University of Oxford, Columbia University, Harvard University, University of California San Diego, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (Delhi), and ORF (Delhi). He has also been a Japan Foundation Fellow twice, and a JSPS fellow. He is a former president of the Japanese Studies Association of Australia (2003-2005) and of the Asian Studies Association of Australia (2011-2012).

Yoko Kamikawa

Yoko Kamikawa is a former think-tank researcher and current Japanese politician, who served twice as Minister of Justice. Kamikawa has also held positions as the Minister of State for Gender Equality and Social Affairs, Minister of Public Records Management and National Archives, and State Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications. She graduated from the University of Tokyo in 1977. In 1988 she also received a masters degree in public administration from John F. Kennedy School of Government in Harvard University.

Rueben Keehan

Reuben Keehan is Curator, Contemporary Asian Art at Queensland Art Gallery | Gallery of Modern Art, where he has been a curator for the 2012, 2015 and 2018 editions of the Asia Pacific Triennial of Contemporary Art (APT). His work focuses on critical intersections of art and the public sphere, with an emphasis on the Asia-Pacific. His specialist interests include East and Southeast Asian contemporary art, histories of Japanese art after 1980, and intra-Asian artist networks and collaborations.

Rikki Kersten

Professor Rikki Kersten is Executive Director of the Asia Research Centre at Murdoch University. Prior to this she served as Interim Pro Vice Chancellor of the College of Arts, Business, Law and Social Sciences at Murdoch, and as Dean of Arts from 2014-2019. Professor Kersten has held teaching and research positions at the Universities of Sydney, Leiden, Keio, Tokyo and the ANU where she was Dean of the College of Asia and the Pacific. Her research interests include Japanese history, politics, security policy and foreign policy. She has recently published ‘Assumptions about Alliances: Australia, Japan and the Liberal International Order’, in M. Heazle and A. O’Neill eds., China’s Rise and Australia-Japan-US relations (London: Edward Elgar, 2018).
Amy King

Amy King is a Senior Lecturer in the Strategic and Defence Studies Centre at ANU, specialising in Chinese foreign and security policy, China-Japan relations, and international relations and security in the Asia-Pacific region. She is also a research fellow with the Australia-Japan Research Centre (AJRC) and a Westpac Research Fellow, and serves on the East Asia Forum's editorial board. Amy received her M.Phil in Modern Chinese Studies and D.Phil in International Relations from the University of Oxford, where she studied as a Rhodes Scholar.

Takashi Kozu

Takashi Kozu is Member of Global Management Committee and Fellow of Ricoh Company Ltd., in charge of internal management and control. He is also Head of the Ricoh Institute of Sustainability and Business. Prior to joining Ricoh in 2010, he worked for the Bank of Japan from 1980, where he was an Advisor to the Governor for Parliamentary Affairs and Public Relations. He was a member of the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision from 2006 to 2010. He has held various positions as a lecturer and a visiting researcher at universities in Japan and Australia, including the Australia-Japan Research Centre. Doctor of Economics (Saitama University, Japan).

Murray McLean

Murray McLean AO is Chair, Australia Japan Foundation (since 2012). Formerly a senior officer of the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), he retired in 2012 after a 42-year career during which he was Ambassador to Japan (2004–11), initiating negotiations on the FTA and on growing security cooperation, as well as leading Australia’s response to the earthquake, tsunami and nuclear disasters; Deputy Secretary of DFAT (2004); First Assistant Secretary, North Asia Division (2001–03); High Commissioner in Singapore (1997–2001); Assistant Secretary, East Asia Branch, (1992–96); and Consul General, Shanghai (1987–92). He was appointed as an officer of the Order of Australia (AO) in the Australia Day Honours list 2013 and in November 2014, the Japanese Emperor presented him with the Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun.

Nana Oishi

Nana Oishi is Associate Professor of Japanese Studies at the University of Melbourne. Before her current role at the University of Melbourne, she was Professor of Sociology at Sophia University in Tokyo and Policy Analyst at the International Labour Organization (ILO) in Geneva. She has served the United Nations Expert Meeting on Migration, Development and Social Protection and various national advisory boards on immigration in Japan. She completed her Ph.D. in Sociology at Harvard University as a Fulbright Scholar, and received several awards including the Recognition Award from the International Federation of University Women.

Lauren Richardson

Lauren Richardson is Director of Studies and Lecturer at the Asia-Pacific College of Diplomacy. Previously she taught Northeast Asian Relations at the University of Edinburgh and Keio University. Her research focuses on the role of non-state actors in shaping diplomatic interactions in Northeast Asia. Dr Richardson holds Master’s degrees in Asian Studies (Monash University) and Political Science (Keio University), and a PhD in International Relations from the ANU. She has been a visiting fellow at the Japan Institute of International Affairs and Keio University, a recipient of the Prime Minister’s Australia-Asia Award (2011), and a participant in the US-Korea NextGen Scholars Program (2015-16).
Abul Rizvi
Abul Rizvi is a former deputy secretary of the Department of Immigration and Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy. He was awarded the Public Service Medal and Centenary Medal for his services to development and implementation of immigration policy, including the reshaping of Australia's intake to focus on skilled migration.

Mariko Sakakibara
Mariko Sakakibara is a Professor of Strategy at the Anderson School of Management at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). Before moving to the United States as a Fulbright Scholar, she was Deputy Director of Japan’s Ministry of International Trade and Industry. She is also a co-author of the book Can Japan Compete, which was selected as one of the Books of the Year in 2000 by The Economist.

Professor Veronica L. Taylor
Veronica L. Taylor is Professor of Law and Regulation at the Australian National University (ANU), where she also directs the ANU Japan Institute. Her work focuses on regulatory justice, rule of law, and corporate governance issues in Japan and Asia. She currently teaches courses in regulation and Asian business law at the University of Tokyo. Veronica serves on the Board of the Australia-Japan Foundation, the Board of the Foundation for Australia-Japan Studies and on the Executive of the Australia-Japan Business Cooperation Committee. She was previously Dean of the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific. From 2000-2010 she directed the Asian Law Centre at the University of Washington, Seattle and was a Member and Chair of the Japan Foundation’s US Advisory Board.

Professor Yasuyuki Todo
Yasuyuki Todo is a Professor at the Graduate School of Economics, Faculty of Political Science and Economics at Waseda University. Professor Todo specialises in development economics, international economics, Japanese economy and applied econometrics. Professor Todo’s recent project analysed the impact of firm networks (supply chains, research collaboration, and informal information exchange) on economic activities by using firm-level data from the world, Japan, and Vietnam.

Sally Wheeler
Sally Wheeler OBE is Pro Vice-Chancellor (International Strategy) at the Australian National University and Dean of the ANU College of Law. Sally was the Head of the School of Law at Queen’s University Belfast for several years where she also served as Interim Dean of the Faculty of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences (AHSS), Dean of Internationalisation (AHSS) and, in 2017, Pro-Vice Chancellor for Research and Enterprise. Professor Wheeler was elected to the Academy of Social Sciences in 2011 and to the Royal Irish Academy in 2013, and in the 2017 New Years’ Honours list, Sally was awarded an OBE for services to higher education in Northern Ireland.