Towards stronger and deeper relations
between Japan and the EU

24-25 J , 2013

Preliminary Conference Program

June 24: Bringing together Business leaders, Officials and Scholars

Venue  OECD, A , 2, A - 75016

8:30  Welcome remarks

HEM Ichiro Komatsu, A J F

HEM Motohide Yoshikawa, A J ECD

Minna Liira, D E ECD

Marie Söderberg, D E I J

Sebastien Lechevalier, F F J

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I. Session (9:00)

Setting the scene: macro/micro and global contexts

Chair: Christian Sautter, F

9:00

Moreno Bertoldi, H C G-20, I F, G-20, E C
Forty Years of EU-Japan Relations – Were They Driven by Trade and Exchange Rate Concerns?

Daisuke Kotegawa, F C I G
Japan's way out. The world financial crisis from Japanese perspective

Fukunari Kimura, K
The East Asian Economic Dynamism and International Rule Making: Why Is the EU-Japan Free Trade Agreement (FTA) Needed?

General discussion

10:30 C B

II. Session (11:00)

Understanding the political process of negotiation

Chair: Sébastien Miroudot

HEM Motohide Yoshikawa, A J ECD
The role of bilateral and regional Economic Partnership Agreements in the Japanese trade policy

Masaya Fujiwara, J E F
Japan's strategy toward the Japan-EU EPA

HEM Hye-min Lee, K A F
Learning from the Korean experience

Patrick Messerlin, E
Negotiating ‘mega-FTAs’: a new exercise
General discussion

12:30

III. Session (14:00)

The viewpoint of business

Chair: Sebastien Lechevalier, Associate Professor, EHESS

Michel Gardel, E
The automotive industry & the EU-Japan FTA/EPA. The way forward

Carsten Dannöhl, A, B, E
Ambition and comprehensiveness: Making the FTA a success

Takahiro Tomonaga, G, D, I, E, C, B
EPA/EIA between the European Union and Japan – Expectation from business viewpoint

Michel Theoval, C, E, B
Europe-Japan: a meaningful convergence. The long march to economic integration

Masahiko Yoshii, K, (E, I, J, K)
The EU-Japan economic partnership: a view from Central and Eastern Europe

General discussion

15:30

IV. Session (16:00)

Beyond trade and FDI: the non-economic dimensions of EU-Japan collaboration

Chair: Marie Söderberg, D, E, I, J

Michito Tsuruoka, F, (I)
A Case for Stronger Political and Security Relations between...
Europe and Japan

Nicola Casarini, E I, The European pivot to Asia and the place of Japan


Axel Berkofsky, E, The EU-Japan political agreement-added value or more of the same?

17:30 E C J
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25 June: Academic workshop day

Venue: EHESS, 105 B 75006, F F

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I. Session (9:00)

Japanese Politics: anything new?

Chair: Marie Söderberg, Director, European Institute of Japanese Studies, Stockholm School of Economics

9:00 Paul Midford, Professor, Department of Sociology and Political Science, Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU)

Foreign Policy as an Issue in the 2012 Lower House Election

Felix Spremberg, Ph.D student, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität Munich

Social Democratic Actors in the DPJ

Patricia A. Nelson, Senior Research Fellow, European Institute of Japanese Studies, Stockholm School of Economics

Interest group, Governance Structure and Lobbying

Discussant: Guibourg Delamotte, Associate Professor, INALCO

10:30 Coffee Break

II. Session (11:00)

A first assessment of Abenomics

Chair: Etienne Rolland-Piègue, Senior Economist, French Ministry of Foreign Affairs

11:00 Sébastien Lechevalier, Associate Professor, EHESS

Abenomics: A critical assessment

Matthieu Bussière, Head of International Macroeconomics Division, Banque de France

Shigeto Nagai, General Manager for Europe, Bank of Japan
BOJ’s Monetary Policy: A new approach to escape from a deflationary equilibrium

Carin Holroyd, A D, Reshaping the Japanese economy

12:30 Lunch

III. Session (13:30)

Foreign policy and ODA

C : Axel Berkofsky

13:30 Marie Söderberg, D E I J E

Myanmar – the last frontier for Japanese ODA to Southeast Asia

Annette Skovsted Hansen, A H A I C A

Impact of historical networks on ODA distribution in Africa

Pekka Korhonen, J

China in Japanese Rhetoric

Aki Tonami, A I A ( - A A I A E )

A ‘non-Arctic’ policy? A comparison between the EU and Japan

D : Yumiko Yamamoto, F CE I

15:00 C B

IV. Session (15:00)

Special session on EU funding for research cooperation with Japan

C : Sebastien Lechevalier, EHE
V. Session (16:30)

Conclusions of EJARN 2013

Chair: Marie Söderberg, Director, European Institute of Japanese Studies, Stockholm School of Economics

17:00 End of Conference

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