



Australian  
National  
University



**2017 JAPAN UPDATE:  
SEEKING NEW DIRECTIONS**

**Wednesday 6 September Canberra**

**ANU College of  
Asia & the Pacific**

## The Australia-Japan Research Centre

The Australia-Japan Research Centre (AJRC) is the centre of research, teaching and outreach on the Japanese economy in Australia. AJRC also conducts research to better understand the Australia-Japan relationship and both countries' strategic interests in the Asia Pacific economy. Established in 1980 with support from the governments and business communities in both Australian and Japan, the research encompasses trade, finance, macroeconomics, structural and regulatory reform, as well as international economic relations.

## The ANU Japan Institute

The ANU Japan Institute (JI) is Australia's largest network of distinguished and emerging scholars with professional expertise on Japan. We research and teach in disciplines spanning art, economics, environment, health, history, international relations, language, law, linguistics, politics, regulation and Japanese Studies.

## 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.

The Japan Update 2017 is supported by funding from the Australia-Japan Foundation of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Japan Foundation, Sydney.



# 2017 JAPAN UPDATE: SEEKING NEW DIRECTIONS

## Wednesday 6 September Canberra

- 9am**            **Registration**
- 9.30am**        **Welcome**  
Professor Jenny Corbett, ANU
- 9.35am**        **The Australia-Japan relationship**  
Dr Shiro Armstrong, ANU  
Professor Fumiaki Kubo, University of Tokyo  
Professor Rikki Kersten, Murdoch University  
Dr Llewelyn Hughes, ANU  
**Chair** Murray McLean, Australia Japan Foundation
- 11.05am        *Morning tea*
- 11.45am**        **Keynote speech**  
The Hon Julie Bishop MP, Minister for Foreign Affairs  
**Chair** Professor Brian Schmidt, Vice Chancellor, ANU  
**Vote of thanks** His Excellency Mr Sumio Kusaka, Ambassador of Japan
- 12.15am**        **Keynote speech on Japan's new economy**  
**Speakers**  
Dr Toshitaka Sekine, Bank of Japan  
**Chair** Professor Fujiwara Ippei, ANU
- 1.15pm         *Lunch*
- 2pm**            **Japan in a new global system**  
**Speakers**  
Professor Fumiaki Kubo, University of Tokyo  
Dr Nobuhiro Aizawa, Kyushu University  
Dr Amy King, ANU  
**Chair** Professor Peter Drysdale, ANU
- 3.30pm         *Afternoon tea*
- 3.50pm**        **The innovation agenda**  
**Speakers**  
Professor Reiko Aoki, Japan Fair Trade Commission  
Joshua Flannery, UNSW  
Professor Graham Durant, Questacon: The National Science and Technology Centre  
Professor Brian Anderson, ANU  
**Chair** Professor Jenny Corbett, ANU
- 5.20pm**        **Concluding remarks**  
Dr Shiro Armstrong, ANU
- 6pm**            **Conference dinner** (invitation only)

# BIOGRAPHIES



## **Dr Nobuhiro Aizawa**

Nobuhiro Aizawa is Associate Professor at Kyushu University's Department of Social and Cultural Studies. He specialises in international relations, comparative politics and Southeast Asian politics.

Previously, Professor Aizawa has been a researcher at Japan's National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies and the Japan External Trade Organisation's Institute of Developing Economies (IDE-JETRO). He received his PhD in Area Studies from Kyoto University.



## **Professor Brian Anderson**

Brian Anderson is Emeritus Professor at the Research School of Engineering, the Australian National University. He is currently collaborating on a project with Japanese scholars on the operation of formations of drones.

Professor Anderson joined the ANU in 1981 as its first engineering professor and subsequently was Director of the Research School of Information Sciences and Engineering at the ANU. He has held visiting appointments at the UC Berkeley, Stanford University, Yale University, ETH Zurich, Kyoto University and Tokyo Institute of Technology. He has also served on various company boards and government advisory bodies, and served terms as President of the Australian Academy of Science and the International Federation of Automatic Control.



## **Professor Reiko Aoki**

Reiko Aoki is Commissioner at the Japan Fair Trade Commission. Her research interests include innovation, product differentiation, and law and economics of intellectual property.

In the past, Professor Aoki has been Professor at the Institute of Economic Research and Director of the Center for Intergenerational Studies, Hitotsubashi University; a member of the Council for Science and Technology Policy in the Japanese Cabinet Office; and Associate Professor, Department of Economics and Director of the Japanese Studies Centre at the University of Auckland. She received an MS and her PhD in Economics from Stanford University.



## **Dr Shiro Armstrong**

Shiro Armstrong is an economist and Fellow at the Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU. He is Co-Director of the Australia-Japan Research Centre, Editor of the East Asia Forum, Director of the East Asian Bureau of Economic Research and Research Associate at the Center on Japanese Economy and Business at the Columbia Business School. His research interests include Sino-Japan relations, East Asian economic integration, and international trade and foreign direct investment.

In the past, Shiro has been a Visiting Fellow at the JFK School of Government, Harvard University; China Centre for Economic Research, Peking University; and the University of Tokyo. He received his PhD in Economics from the ANU.



## The Hon Julie Bishop MP

Julie Bishop is Minister for Foreign Affairs and Deputy Leader of the Liberal Party and has served as the Member for Curtin in the House of Representatives since 1998. Minister Bishop was sworn in as Australia's first female Foreign Minister on 18 September 2013 following four years in the role of Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade. She previously served as a Cabinet Minister in the Howard Government as Minister for Education, Science and Training and as the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women's Issues. Prior to this, Minister Bishop was Minister for Ageing.

As Minister for Foreign Affairs, Minister Bishop has overseen the single largest expansion of Australia's overseas diplomatic presence in 40 years, introduced the New Colombo Plan to support Australian undergraduate students to study and undertake internships in the Indo-Pacific region, and established the innovationXchange within the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.



## Professor Jenny Corbett

Jenny Corbett is Distinguished Professor at the Crawford School of Public Policy; Director of the ANU Japan Institute; Head of the Arndt-Corden Department of Economics; and Fellow at the Academy of Social Science in Australia. Her research interests include Japan's economic performance and policy, financial integration in East Asia, and banking and financial regulation.

Jenny is also Reader in the Economy of Japan, Oxford University; Research Fellow at the Centre for Economic Policy Research, London; and Research Associate at the Centre of Japanese Economy and Business, Columbia University. Jenny was until recently Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research and Research Training) and a former Executive Director of the Australia-Japan Research Centre. She received her PhD in Economics from the University of Michigan.



## Professor Peter Drysdale AO

Peter Drysdale is Emeritus Professor of Economics and Head of the East Asian Bureau of Economic Research and East Asia Forum at the Crawford School of Public Policy. His research interests include Asia Pacific economic integration, international trade and foreign direct investment, Japanese economic policy, and the East Asian economic transformation.

Previously, Peter was Professor of Economics and founding Executive Director of the Australia-Japan Research Centre at the Crawford School. He is widely recognised as one of the leading architects of APEC, and is the author of several books on economic policy in the Asia Pacific, including the prize-winning *International Economic Pluralism: Economic Policy in East Asia and the Pacific*. Peter received his PhD in Economics from the ANU.



## Professor Graham Durant

Graham Durant is the Director of Questacon, Australia's National Science and Technology centre, and an Honorary Professor at the Australian National University. Originally trained as a geologist at the University of Wales, Graham spent 25 years at the University of Glasgow prior to moving to Australia in 2003.

Graham is also a Divisional Head in the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science, and a Board Member of the Australian Science Media Centre. He is a principal advocate for the global cooperative work of the science sector, examining ways that science educational activities can foster understanding across social, political and geographical boundaries. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Association of Science and Technology Centres (ASTC) and the Asia Pacific Network of Science Centres (ASPAC).



## Professor Ippei Fujiwara

Ippei Fujiwara is Professor of Macroeconomics at the Crawford School of Public Policy; Associate Editor of *Japan and the World Economy*; Research Associate at the Globalization and Monetary Policy Institute, Federal Bank of Dallas; Co-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.



## Joshua Flannery

Joshua Flannery is Senior Startup Support Manager with the Division of Enterprise at UNSW. He established and has led the UNSW startup programme since its beginnings in 2012. He is also a co-founder and CEO of Innovation Dojo and holds a board position with Haymarket HQ, both Asia-focused enterprises.

Previously, Joshua spent six years working in Japan, including three years as co-founder and Managing Director of an IT venture based in Osaka. He was the manager of the China and Hong Kong agent partner network for Macquarie University and holds advisory roles with several early stage technology startups. Joshua holds a Master of Business and Technology and trained in best-practice startup support at UC Berkeley, the United States.



## Dr Llewelyn Hughes

Llewelyn Hughes is an Associate Professor at the Crawford School of Public Policy, the Australian National University. His research focuses on how public policy interacts with energy markets, including how energy policies are changing in the Asia Pacific in response to climate change.

Previously, Professor Hughes taught at the Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University in Washington DC, and was a research fellow at the Consortium for Energy Policy Research, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. He has been a visiting fellow at the Institute of Advanced Sustainability Studies in Potsdam, Germany, the Tokyo Foundation, and the Japan Institute for Energy Economics (IEEJ), among others. He received his PhD from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.



## Professor Rikki Kersten

Rikki Kersten is Dean of the School of Arts at Murdoch University. Her research interests include Japanese history, politics, security policy and foreign policy, as well as Australia–Japan relations and the US–Japan alliance.

In the past, Professor Kersten has held teaching and research positions at the University of Sydney, University of Leiden, and University of Tokyo. She was the Dean of the College of Asia and the Pacific and Dean of the Faculty of Asian Studies at the Australian National University. She also spent five years in the Australian Foreign Service, serving in the Political Section of the Australian Embassy in Tokyo. She holds a D.Phil from Oxford University.



## **Dr Amy King**

Amy King is a Senior Lecturer in the Strategic and Defence Studies Centre at the Australian National University, 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 and from the University of Oxford, where she studied as a Rhodes Scholar.



## **Professor Fumiaki Kubo**

Fumiaki Kubo is the A. Barton Hepburn Professor of American Government and History at the Graduate Schools for Law and Politics, University of Tokyo; Senior Fellow at the Tokyo Foundation; Senior Visiting Scholar at the Japan Institute for International Affairs; and the President of the Japanese Association for American Studies. Professor Kubo specialises in both US political history and contemporary US politics. In 2016, he co-edited and published his most recent book, *The Alliance of Hope: the US-Japan Alliance and Maritime Security in Asia-Pacific*.

Previously, Professor Kubo has been a Professor at Keio University and Sciences Po, France; Fulbright Scholar at Georgetown University and the University of Maryland; and Japan scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.



## **Murray McLean AO**

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.



## **Dr Toshitaka Sekine**

Toshitaka Sekine is Director-General of the Research and Statistics Department at the Bank of Japan. His prior role with the Bank was as the Deputy Director-General in the International Department and Monetary Affairs Department, where he was responsible for handling international meetings such as those at the G20, the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) and the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Dr Sekine’s research interests include inflation dynamics, exchange-rate pass-through, corporate investment and bank lending behaviour. He received a BA from the University of Tokyo and a D.Phil from Oxford University.

# CONTACT US

## **ANU College of Asia & the Pacific**

E [asiapacific@anu.edu.au](mailto:asiapacific@anu.edu.au)

W [asiapacific.anu.edu.au](http://asiapacific.anu.edu.au)



ANUasiapacific



ANUasiapacific



anu\_asiapacific



ANU College of Asia & the Pacific

CRICOS Provider #00120C