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JAPAN UPDATE 2022

Wednesday 7 September, Canberra

9–9.15am	Welcome and introduction Shiro Armstrong, The Australian National University
9.15–9.30am	Opening Helen Sullivan, The Australian National University
9.30–10am	Economy keynote Masaaki Shirakawa, Former Governor of the Bank of Japan Chair Bruce Miller AO, Former Australian Ambassador to Japan
10–10.30am	<i>Morning Tea</i>
10.30–11.45am	Japan and the global economy Masaaki Shirakawa, Former Governor of the Bank of Japan Noriyuki Yanagawa, The University of Tokyo Chair Jennifer Hewett, The Australian Financial Review
11.45–1pm	<i>Lunch</i>
1–1.30pm	Japanese society keynote Sawako Shirahase, The University of Tokyo Chair Rikki Kersten, The Australian National University
1.30–2.30pm	Japanese society post-COVID Sawako Shirahase, The University of Tokyo Hiroshi Ono, Hitotsubashi University Carol Hayes, The Australian National University Chair Lauren Richardson, The Australian National University
2.30–3pm	<i>Tea and coffee</i>
3–4.30pm	Japan's strategic choices Evelyn Goh, The Australian National University Ryo Sahashi, The University of Tokyo Yoshihide Soeya, Keio University Iwama Yoko, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) Chair Amy King, The Australian National University
4.30–4.40pm	Closing and thank you Ippei Fujiwara, Keio University & The Australian National University Lauren Richardson, The Australian National University

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



Shiro Armstrong

Shiro Armstrong is economist and Associate Professor at the Crawford School of Public Policy at the Australian National University. He is 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. Shiro is also Visiting Scholar at the Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry and Visiting Associate Professor at Keio University.



Ippei Fujiwara

Ippei Fujiwara is Professor of Macroeconomics at Keio University and the Australian National University. He is also Research Fellow at Centre for Economic Policy Research, Fellow at the Asian Bureau of Finance and Economic Research, Faculty Fellow at the Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry; Deputy Director at the Center for Applied Macroeconomic Analysis, ANU; advisory board member at the Macroeconomics, Growth and History Centre, University of Kent; and Research Associate at the Globalization and Monetary Policy Institute, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. He completed his DPhil in Economics at the University of Oxford. His research has focussed on international finance, monetary economics and macroeconomics.



Evelyn Goh

Evelyn Goh is Shedden Professor of Strategic Policy Studies at the Australian National University, where she is also Director of Research at the Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs and the Director of the Southeast Asia Institute. Her research expertise lies in international relations theory, and US-China and East Asian history and security. Her latest book is *Rethinking Sino-Japanese Alienation: History Problems and Historical Opportunities* (Oxford University Press, 2020, with Barry Buzan). She is co-editor of the Cambridge Studies in International Relations book series, and founder of the Graduate Research & Development Network on Asian Security (GRADNAS).



Carol Hayes

Carol Hayes is Professor of Japanese Language and Studies in the College of Asia and the Pacific and Distinguished Educator at the Australian National University. Carol's research focusses on cultural production, including literature, film and popular culture and craft. She also serves on the executive of Japanese Studies Association of Australia, the ACT Duke of Edinburgh Board and as one of the four Australian representatives on the International Conference on Japanese Language Education. Carol has previously worked extensively as a translator and interpreter in Tokyo for the then Ministry of International Trade and Industry.

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Jennifer Hewett

Jennifer Hewett is National Affairs columnist for the Australian Financial Review. After completing her master's degree in Journalism at New York's Columbia University Journalism School, Ms Hewett worked as the New York and then Washington correspondent for The Sydney Morning Herald. She later worked for The Australian as National Affairs Correspondent before rejoining the Australian Financial Review, where she writes a daily column on politics, business and the economy. Ms Hewett makes regular appearances on television and radio.



Yoko Iwama

Yoko Iwama is Professor of International Relations at the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS). She is also Director of the Security and Strategy Program and Maritime Safety and Security Program at GRIPS. She graduated from Kyoto University in 1986 and earned her PhD in Law. Her current research interests include the origins and evolution of nuclear-sharing and nuclear-consultation systems in NATO, and its relationship with the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. She has also served on numerous government committees including the Council on Reconstruction of a Legal Basis for Security.



Rikki Kersten

Professor Rikki Kersten is Honorary Professor at the Australia-Japan Research Centre. Prior to this, she served as Executive Director of the Asia Research Centre at Murdoch University, 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 Australian National University, 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 is currently editing a volume for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade on *Australia-Japan Relations 1957-83*.



Amy King

Amy King is Associate Professor in the Strategic & Defence Studies Centre at the Australian National University's Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs. Her expertise is in Chinese foreign and security policy, China-Japan relations and the economics-security nexus in the Asia Pacific region. Amy is also Research Fellow with the Australia-Japan Research Centre, Research Associate with the Australian National University's Graduate Research and Development Network on Asian Security, and serves on the Editorial Board of the East Asia Forum.

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Bruce Miller AO

Bruce Miller AO was Australian Ambassador to Japan from August 2011 to January 2017. He holds a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Sydney. Bruce is the current Chair of the Foreign Investment Review Board. He also sits on the boards of Japanese life insurance company Dai-ichi Life Holdings and its Australian subsidiary TAL. He is chair of the Advisory Board to the Asia Institute of Griffith University, member of the Advisory Board to the Australia Japan Research Centre and President of the Chadō Urasenke Melbourne Association. Bruce spent most of his public service career handling Australia's relations with East Asia.



Hiroshi Ono

Hiroshi Ono is Professor of Human Resources Management and Executive Master of Business Administration Program Director at the School of International Corporate Strategy at Hitotsubashi University Business School, as well as Affiliated Professor of Sociology at Texas A&M University. He received an MA and PhD in sociology from the University of Chicago. He was later awarded Docent (equivalent to a second doctoral degree) in Economics from the Stockholm School of Economics. His interests lie with the relationships between motivation, happiness, and productivity in the workplace and the interplay between demographic change and labor market dynamics in Japan.



Lauren Richardson

Lauren Richardson is Lecturer in the Department of International Relations and Director of the ANU Japan Institute. From 2018–2020 she was Director of Studies and Lecturer in the Asia Pacific College of Diplomacy at the Australian National University. Prior to that, Dr Richardson taught Northeast Asian Relations at the University of Edinburgh. Her research focusses on the role of non-state actors in shaping diplomatic interactions in Northeast Asia, particularly Japan–Korea relations. She is currently completing a book manuscript provisionally entitled *Reshaping Japan-Korea Relations: Transnational Advocacy Networks and the Politics of Redress*.



Ryo Sahashi

Ryo Sahashi is Associate Professor at the International Relations Institute for Advanced Studies on Asia at the University of Tokyo. Dr Sahashi is also Research Fellow at the Japan Centre for International Exchange. He regularly writes for major media outlets such as Nikkei, NHK, the Asahi Shimbun and the Mainichi Shimbun. Dr Sahashi's core research interest is the international politics of East Asia. His current research focus is Japanese security policy and Asia's regional architecture. Dr Sahashi has also taught at Kanagawa University and was adjunct Senior Research Fellow at the Sasakawa Peace Foundation.

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Sawako Shirahase

Sawako Shirahase is Professor of Sociology at the Graduate School of Humanities and Sociology, the University of Tokyo. She is also Senior Vice-Rector at the United Nations University. She served as Vice President of the University of Tokyo in 2018 and has been Executive Vice President for International Affairs at the University of Tokyo for two years since 2019. She is currently Director of the University of Tokyo Center for Contemporary Japanese Studies. She also launched a new talk series, Big IDEAS: SDGs Dialogue Series at the United Nations University.



Masaaki Shirakawa

Masaaki Shirakawa is Distinguished Guest Professor of International Politics, Economics and Communication at Aoyama Gakuin University. He graduated from the University of Tokyo with a BA in Economics in 1972 and earned an MA from the University of Chicago in 1977. Shirakawa joined the Bank of Japan (BOJ) in 1972, going on to become the Chief Representative in the Americas and the Bank's Executive Director of Monetary Policy. He was Governor of the BOJ from 2008 to 2013 and Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors at the Bank of International Settlements from 2011 to 2013.



Yoshihide Soeya

Yoshihide Soeya is Professor Emeritus of Keio University, where he served as Professor of Political Science and International Relations in the Faculty of Law until March 2020. His areas of interest are politics and security in East Asia, and Japanese diplomacy and its external relations. He received a PhD in world politics from the University of Michigan in 1987. There he also served as Director of the Institute of East Asian Studies from 2008 to 2013, and as Director of its Center for Contemporary Korean Studies for five years until March 2016.



Helen Sullivan

Professor Helen Sullivan is a public policy scholar whose work explores the nature of state-society relationships, and their interaction with public policy systems. Her latest book (co-edited with Helen Dickinson and Hayley Henderson) is *The Palgrave Handbook of the Public Servant*, a major reference work published by Palgrave (2021). Helen is National Fellow of the *Institute of Public Administration Australia*, Fellow of the *Higher Education Academy* and Past President of the *Australian Political Studies Association (2020-21)*. She currently serves as Dean of the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific at the Australian National University.

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Noriyuki Yanagawa

Noriyuki Yanagawa received his PhD from the Graduate School of Economics, the University of Tokyo. After serving as Associate Professor at Keio University, he joined the Faculty of Economics at the University of Tokyo as Associate Professor in 1996. He also serves as expert member of Council on Economic and Fiscal Policy, Japanese Government, Member of Council for the Realization of a New Form of Capitalism, Chief of Center for Real Estate Innovation, the University of Tokyo, Representative of Fintech Research Forum at the Center for Advanced Research in Finance, the University of Tokyo.

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