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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.

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9am Registration

9.30am Welcome

Dr Shiro Armstrong, *ANU*

9.40am Keynote Speech

Dr Sheila Smith, *Council on Foreign Relations*

Chair Mr Murray McLean, *Australia Japan Foundation*

10.20am Morning tea

10.45am Politics and Foreign Policy

Mr Hiroyuki Akita, *Nikkei*

Dr Lully Miura, *University of Tokyo*

Dr Sheila Smith, *Council of Foreign Relations*

Chair Mr Kieran Gilbert, *Sky News*

12.15am Lunch

1.30pm Economy

Ms Yuri Okina, *Japan Research Institute*

Mr Jason McDonald, *Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet*

Chair Professor Ippei Fujiwara, *ANU*

3.00pm Afternoon tea

3.30pm Demography

Professor Hiroko Akiyama, *University of Tokyo*

Ms Debra Hazelton, *Treasury Corporation of Victoria & AMP Capital*

Dr Elena Capatina, *ANU*

Chair Professor Gary Hansen, *UCLA*

5.00pm Concluding remarks

Professor Veronica Taylor, *ANU*

BIOGRAPHIES



Mr Hiroyuki Akita

Hiroyuki Akita is Commentator at Nikkei Shimbun, Japan. He joined Nikkei Shimbun 1987 and served as Correspondent at the Beijing Bureau (1994-1998); Staff Writer at the Political News Department (1998-2001), Chief Correspondent at the Washington DC Bureau (2002-2006), Deputy Editor and Senior Staff Writer at the Political News Department (2007-2009), Editorial Writer in charge of foreign & international security affairs(2009). Since March 2016, he regularly writes commentaries and columns on international security and foreign affairs as Commentator.

He received his BA from Jiyu Gakuen College (Tokyo) in 1987 and MA in International Relations from Boston University in 1991. He was also Associate of the Program on US-Japan Relations at Harvard University (2006-2007). He is an author of two books, which are about US-China-Japan triangular relations.



Professor Hiroko Akiyama

Hiroko Akiyama is a social psychologist and Professor at the Institute of Gerontology, University of Tokyo and the former vice president of the Science Council of Japan. Akiyama is widely recognized as an expert on issues of global aging. She is known for tracking the aging patterns of approximately 6,000 Japanese elderly for 30 years. Recently, she has begun re-designing communities to meet the needs of the highly aged society and allow the elderly to successfully age in place.

She started the Institute of Gerontology at University of Tokyo in 2006. Akiyama received her Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Illinois.



Dr Shiro Armstrong

Shiro Armstrong is an economist and Fellow at the 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 the Crawford School.

He is also Research Associate at the Center on Japanese Economy and Business at the Columbia Business School and Visiting Scholar at the Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry.



Dr Elena Capatina

Elena Capatina is a Lecturer in the Research School of Economics at ANU and an Associate Investigator at the ARC Centre of Excellence in Population Ageing Research (CEPAR). She obtained her PhD in 2011 from the University of Toronto and worked as a Research Fellow at CEPAR until July 2018. Her primary areas of research are Macro-Health and Labour Economics.

Her specific expertise is in the areas of life-cycle models of individual decision-making, with a focus on labour supply, savings, and health insurance decisions in the presence of health risk. Her active projects study the effects of health risk on earnings dynamics and consumption inequality, as well as long term care insurance reform in the United States. She has published papers in the Journal of Monetary Economics and Labour Economics.



Professor Ippei Fujiwara

Ippei Fujiwara is Professor of Macroeconomics at the 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.



Mr Kieran Gilbert

Kieran Gilbert is an Australian journalist currently serving as chief political reporter for Sky News Australia. At Sky News, he is the anchor of AM Agenda, and became co-host of First Edition in 2014. Kieran holds a Master of International Studies from the University of Sydney and a Bachelor of Arts (Communications) from Charles Sturt University.

Kieran worked at Sydney radio station 2UE including as breakfast news editor before joining Sky News in 2002. He is a member of the Canberra Press Gallery and received the Department of Foreign Affairs' Elizabeth O'Neill Journalism Award in 2009.



Professor Gary Hansen

Gary D. Hansen has been on the faculty at the University of California, Los Angeles since 1987, where he served as Department Chair from 2005-2009 and is currently a Vice Chair. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota in 1986 and spent two years (1985-1987) as an Assistant Professor at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

His research has primarily been on topics in equilibrium business cycle theory exploring aggregate labor markets and the role of technology shocks and money growth shocks for aggregate fluctuations. More recently he has worked on topics related to public health insurance reform in the U.S. and fiscal reform in an aging Japan.



Ms Debra Hazelton

Ms Hazelton is a Director of the Australia-Japan Foundation and a Principal of Kokusai Business Advisory (KBA). She has recently joined the boards of Treasury Corporation of Victoria (TCV) and AMP Capital as a Non-Executive Director.

Ms Hazelton's career in global financial services has focused on building strong, long-term relationships with major Japanese, Australian and global organisations. She spent 16 years studying and working in Japan, and held national CEO positions for both Mizuho Corporate Bank and the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA).

Ms Hazelton's academic background includes graduate and post-graduate studies at Keio University (Tokyo, Japan), University of New South Wales, and Sydney University in Finance and Economics as well as Philosophy and Japanese Language and Classical Literature.



Mr Jason McDonald

Jason McDonald is the Chief Advisor and G20 sous-Sherpa in the Domestic Policy Group of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet. This involves providing economic advice across most areas of the government's policy agenda, particularly international economic issues. He is also a 'critical' friend to the Australian Public Service Review.

Before his current job, Jason worked for twenty years in the Australian Treasury covering most areas of policy in that department at one time or another, including five years in budget policy, the Henry tax review and the design team for the GST. Jason has a Masters in Economics from Monash University.



Mr Murray McLean AO

Murray McLean AO is Chair, Australia Japan Foundation (AJF) since 2012, and Chair of the Foundation of Australian Japan Studies (FAJS) since 2016.

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 to 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 Lully Miura

Lully Miura, is Lecturer at the Policy Alternatives Research Institute (PARI) of the University of Tokyo. She graduated from the University of Tokyo and the Graduate School of Public Policy (GraSPP), and earned her PhD from the Graduate School for Law and Politics of the University of Tokyo.

Her work has primarily been in International Politics and Comparative Politics covering both theoretical and policy research focusing on broadly defined security issues. Miura is an author of several books on Japanese politics, and co-authored a book with Masahiko Kohmura, LDP vice president. She is a regular commentator/contributor to several TV programs and newspapers, advisory panel member of Kyodo News, and a member of Book Reviewing Committee of Yomiuri Newspaper. Miura is a winner of numerous prizes including Seiron-Shinpu sho by Fuji-Sankei group. She is a member of PM's advisory panel on National Defense Program Guidelines for FY 2019 and beyond.



Ms Yuri Okina

Ms. Yuri Okina is the Chairperson of The Japan Research Institute where she was previously the research director and Chief Senior Economist. She has published extensively on Japan's financial systems, most recent of which is the "Financial Crisis and Prudential Policy" (Nihonkeizaishinbun Shuppansha, 2010).

She is a member of various groups such as the Financial Services Agency Council on Financial Services and the Government Tax Research Specialists Commission. She is an invited professor at Keio University and has a Doctor degree in economics from Kyoto University.



Dr Sheila Smith

Sheila A. Smith, an expert on Japanese politics and foreign policy, is senior fellow for Japan studies at the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR). Her current research focuses on how geostrategic change in Asia is shaping Japan's strategic choices.

She was a visiting scholar at Keio University. Smith has been a visiting researcher at two leading Japanese foreign and security policy think tanks, the Japan Institute of International Affairs and the Research Institute for Peace and Security, and at the University of Tokyo and the University of the Ryukyus. Smith is vice chair of the U.S. advisors to the U.S.-Japan Conference on Cultural and Educational Exchange (CULCON). She teaches as an adjunct professor at Georgetown University and serves on the board of its Journal of Asian Affairs. She earned her MA and PhD degrees from the department of political science at Columbia University.



Professor Veronica 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 focusses 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 U.S Advisory Board. She has spent more than ten years in Japan, including periods as a visiting scholar at the University of Tokyo, Nagoya University and Kobe University.

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