

**Webinar**

# The Europe-Japan struggle to preserve a rules-based international order

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## **Introduction**

Covid-19 and the rise of China are changing the global scene. “America is back” —U.S. President Joe Biden has stated— but does this mean that Europe and Japan can now sit back and relax, relying on the U.S. to uphold a fair global order? During the last few years, the EU and Japan have signed new agreements on free trade as well as on strategic and political co-operation. Will these agreements now be shelved? In this webinar, major and up-and-coming European and Japanese academic experts in the field will take stock of the situation at present and give their views on the future.

The following questions will be addressed:

Is the Europe-Japan political and economic co-operation advancing, and if so, how and why?

What can be done to further improve joint actions and policies? Will the EU and the UK become Indo-Pacific players or remain distant bystanders? Will EU-Japan economic cooperation help mend the fissures in global governance? Moreover, is there sufficient momentum for concrete EU-Japan co-operation in the field of renewable energies? How about potential synergies in their engagement with Vietnam? Finally, how does Japan understand the EU-China-Taiwan triangle?



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### 17 June

08.30 - 08.45 *Welcome*

**Giulio Pugliese** | European University Institute and the University of Oxford

**Roland Honekamp** | Head of the Political Section, Delegation of the European Union to Japan, Tokyo

#### Panel 1

08.45 - 10.15 Chair:

**Ken Endo** | European University Institute and Hokkaido University

*The EU/Europe in the Indo-Pacific – player or distant bystander?*

**Axel Berkofsky** | University of Pavia

*The EU/Japan EPA – taking stock and looking ahead*

**Patrik Ström** | Stockholm School of Economics

**Richard Nakamura** | University of Gothenburg

*UK-Japan strategic convergence post-Brexit? The role of maritime security*

**Christopher W. Hughes** | Warwick University

Discussant:

**Marie Söderberg** | Stockholm School of Economics

10.15 - 10.30 *Break*

#### Panel 2

10.30 - 12.00 Chair:

**Verena Blechinger-Talcott** | Free University of Berlin

*EU-Japan cooperation in renewable energy*

**Paul Midford** | Meiji Gakuin University

*Gambling on the “Little Dragon”: EU-Japan convergences in Vietnam?*

**Marco Zappa** | Ca’ Foscari University

*The EU-China-Taiwan relationship from a Japanese perspective*

**Atsuko Higashino** | Tsukuba University

Discussant:

**Yoko Iwama** | Graduate Institute for Policy Studies

12.00 *Closing remarks*

**Marie Söderberg** | Stockholm School of Economics

## **Speakers**

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<b>Prof. Verena Blechinger-Talcott</b>	Free University of Berlin
<b>Prof. Ken Endo</b>	European University Institute and Hokkaido University
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