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JAPAN UPDATE 2023

Wednesday 6 September,

Molonglo Theatre, ANU, Canberra

9–9.10am AEST	Welcome and introduction Shiro Armstrong, The Australian National University
9.10–9.40am AEST	Economy keynote Masaaki Kaizuka, Bank of Japan Chair: Ippei Fujiwara, Keio University & The Australian National University
9.40–10.30am AEST	Economy panel Masaaki Kaizuka, Bank of Japan Renée Fry-McKibbin, The Australian National University Chair: Ippei Fujiwara, Keio University & The Australian National University
10.30–11am	<i>Tea and coffee</i>
11–11.20pm AEST	Economic security keynote Shujiro Urata, Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry (RIETI) Chair: Shiro Armstrong, The Australian National University
11.20–12.30pm AEST	Economic security panel Shujiro Urata, Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry (RIETI) Melanie Brock, Melanie Brock Advisory Richard Dyck, Japan Industrial Partners Chair: Shiro Armstrong, The Australian National University
12.30–1.30pm	<i>Lunch</i>
1.30–2.45pm AEST	Foreign policy and politics panel Michael J. Green, The University of Sydney Mie Oba, Kanagawa University Yoshihide Soeya, Keio University Chair: Amy King, The Australian National University
2.45–3.15pm	<i>Tea and coffee</i>
3.15–4.30pm AEST	Science and technology panel Takero Izuhara, ST Solutions Australia (Softbank) Anna Moore, The Australian National University Masaru Yarime, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology Chair: Llewelyn Hughes, The Australian National University
4.30pm AEST	Closing and thank you Llewelyn Hughes, The Australian National University Ippei Fujiwara, Keio University & The Australian National University

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



Shiro Armstrong

Shiro Armstrong is Economist and Associate Professor at Crawford School of Public Policy at The Australian National University. He is Director of the Australia-Japan Research Centre, Editor of 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. Dr Armstrong is also Visiting Scholar at the Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry, Guest Professor at Keio University and Visiting Lecturer at the University of Tokyo.



Melanie Brock

Melanie Brock AM is CEO of Melanie Brock Advisory and Chair Emeritus of the Australian & New Zealand Chamber of Commerce in Japan. Brock is Advisory Board Member of the Australia-Japan Research Centre, Tanarra Capital, the Kawasaki Heavy Industries Board and the Australia Japan Business Cooperation Committee. She is also Non-Executive Director of the Mitsubishi Estate, Sega Sammy Holdings and Kawasaki Heavy Industries. Brock received her BA from the University of Western Australia and her MA from The University of Queensland.



Richard Dyck

Richard Dyck is Owner and President of TGK-Japan, a Tokyo-based semiconductor testing firm. He was Vice President at Teradyne, a Boston-based semiconductor capital equipment manufacturer, from 1982 to 1999. He is also Director and Investor at Japan Industrial Partners, a private equity firm. Dr Dyck has served on multiple boards including Hitachi Chemical (Japan) and Mattson Technologies (US) and currently serves on the boards of Nisshinbo Holdings, the Japan External Trade Organization and the Semiconductor Portal. Dr Dyck holds an MA and PhD from Harvard University. He is currently working on a book about Ishibashi Tanzan, a Japanese economist who served as Finance Minister and Prime Minister after WWII.



Renée Fry-McKibbin

Renée Fry-McKibbin is Professor at Crawford School of Public Policy, The Australian National University. She is Co-Director of the Finance and Macroeconomy Research Program and the Commodities and Macroeconomy Research Program at the Centre for Applied Macroeconomic Analysis. She also holds positions as Research Associate in the HO Stekler Research Project on Forecasting at George Washington University, and the Centre for Applied Macro-and Petroleum Analysis at the BI Norwegian Business School. Professor Fry-McKibbin is Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia, Editor of the Economic Record, and Associate Editor for Finance Research Letters. She was also one of the three panellists on the 2023 Review of the Reserve Bank of Australia.

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Ippei Fujiwara

Ippei Fujiwara is Professor of Macroeconomics at Keio University and The Australian National University. He is also Research Fellow at the Centre for Economic Policy Research, Fellow at the Asian Bureau of Finance and Economic Research and Faculty Fellow at the Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry. Professor Fujiwara holds positions as Deputy Director at the Centre 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. Professor Fujiwara's research focuses on international finance, monetary economics and macroeconomics.



Michael J. Green

Michael Green is Chief Executive Officer of the United States Studies Centre at the University of Sydney. Dr Green has held positions as Senior Vice President for Asia; Japan Chair; Henry A Kissinger Chair at the Center for Strategic and International Studies; Director of Asian Studies and Chair in Modern and Contemporary Japanese Politics and Foreign Policy at the Edmund A Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University. He served on the National Security Council as Director for Asian affairs and Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs. He has also worked in Japan on the staff of a member of the National Diet. Dr Green received his MA and PhD from the School of Advanced International Studies, John Hopkins University.



Llewelyn Hughes

Llewelyn Hughes is Professor of Public Policy at Crawford School of Public Policy, The Australian National University. He is the Australia Focal Point for the Energy Research Institute Network of the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia and serves on the Energy Transition Subcommittee of the Australia Japan Business Co-operation Committee. Professor Hughes is Research Fellow in the Initiative for Sustainable Energy Policy at Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, and Member of the Executive Committee & Council for the International Society for Energy Transition Studies. Professor Hughes received his BA from the University of Melbourne, MA from the University of Tokyo and PhD from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.



Takero Izuhara

Takero Izuhara is Director at ST Solutions Australia (Softbank). He has over 10 years of experience in the IT industry with a particular focus on AI, Robotics and robotic process automation. Izuhara has worked across Softbank's offices internationally to bring together traditional Japanese culture and the future of technological innovation. His work has largely been based in offices in Singapore, Japan and Australia. His recent project saw the successful installation of Pepper, a high-functioning AI robot, into the retail sector, banks, hospitals and airports.

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Masaaki Kaizuka

Masaaki Kaizuka is Executive Director at the Bank of Japan, managing the Payment and Settlement Systems Department (Business Continuity Planning Division), the Research and Statistics Department, Operations Department, and the Institute for Monetary and Economic Studies. Before joining the Bank of Japan, Kaizuka served at the Ministry of Finance for over 35 years where he worked as Executive Director for Japan at the International Monetary Fund from 2016 to 2019, Deputy Commissioner of the National Tax Agency, Japan from 2014 to 2016, and Minister for Finance at the Embassy of Japan, Beijing from 2011 to 2014. Kaizuka received a BA in Law from the University of Tokyo and an MA in Public Administration from the School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University.



Amy King

Amy King is Associate Professor in the Strategic and Defence Studies Centre, and Deputy Director (Research) in the Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs at The Australian National University. She has published widely on China-Japan relations, Chinese foreign and security policy, and the economics-security nexus in Asia. The holder of an Australian Research Council DECRA Fellowship and a Westpac Research Fellowship, Associate Professor King leads a team researching China's historical and contemporary role in shaping the international economic order. She holds an MPhil in Modern Chinese Studies and DPhil in International Relations from the University of Oxford, where she studied as an Australian Rhodes Scholar.



Anna Moore

Anna Moore is Professor of Astronomy and Director of The Australian National University's Institute for Space. Professor Moore sets the strategy for space-related activities at the ANU, including satellite and space mission design, manufacture and testing, space-ground communications, Earth observations, space situational awareness, and space medicine, law and commerce. Professor Moore joined the ANU in 2017, following a research career at Caltech and other astronomy institutes around the world. She has served on the Australian Government's space expert reference group to form the Australian Space Agency and has been consulted by NASA, the US National Science Foundation and the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research. In her work with the Japanese astronomy community, Professor Moore has reviewed Japan's national-level infrastructure facilities, including the Japanese National Large Telescope.



Mie Oba

Mie Oba is Professor at the Faculty of Law, Kanagawa University. She obtained her MA and PhD at the University of Tokyo. Professor Oba researches International Relations and Politics in East Asia and the Asia-Pacific, with a particular focus on the development of regionalism, Japan's regional policy and relationships between Japan and Southeast Asia. She has published widely on these topics in both Japanese and English. Professor Oba is the recipient of the 21st Ohira Masayoshi Memorial Prize (2005) and the 11th Nakasone Yasuhiro Incentive Award (2015). She was Chairperson of the Expert Panel for the 50th Year of ASEAN Japan Friendship and Cooperation in 2023.

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Shujiro Urata is Chairman of the Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry, Senior Research Advisor at the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia, Specially Appointed Fellow at the Japanese Centre for Economic Research, Visiting Fellow at the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI), and Distinguished Senior Fellow at the Institute of Developing Economies. Urata received his BA in Economics from Keio University and his MA and PhD in Economics from Stanford University. He held a position as Professor of International Economics at the Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies, Waseda University and is currently Professor Emeritus at Waseda University.



Yoshihide Soeya

Yoshihide Soeya is Professor Emeritus at 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 Japan's diplomacy and external relations. He received a PhD in World Politics from the University of Michigan in 1987. Professor Soeya served as Director of the Institute of East Asian Studies at Keio University from 2008 to 2013, and as Director of its Center for Contemporary Korean Studies from 2011 to 2016.



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Masaru Yarime is Associate Professor in the Division of Public Policy at The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. He is Honorary Associate Professor in the Department of Science, Technology, Engineering and Public Policy at University College London and Visiting Associate Professor at the Graduate School of Public Policy at the University of Tokyo. His research interests centre on science, technology and innovation policy for energy, environment and sustainability, particularly the implications of emerging data-driven innovations such as AI and the Internet of Things. Associate Professor Yarime serves on the editorial board of international journals, including Sustainability Science, Environmental Science and Policy, Environmental Innovation and Societal Transitions, Data & Policy, and Frontiers in Sustainable Cities – Innovation and Governance. He received his BA in Engineering from the University of Tokyo, MS from Caltech, and PhD from Maastricht University. Associate Professor Yarime was awarded Abe Fellowship by the Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership and the United States Social Science Research Council.

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