



## CONCEPT

The Keio Center for Strategy (KCS) at Keio University, the Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy (CSDS) at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel and the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) are pleased to host a public symposium entitled “Navigating in a World of Uncertainty: Challenges for Japan and Europe” on 15 October 2024 in Tokyo, Japan.

As Russia’s full-scale invasion of Ukraine continues and the world enters into an ever more uncharted period, Europe and Japan – or more broadly Europe and the Indo-Pacific region – face increasingly connected challenges. The symposium will explore two of the key tasks for Japan and Europe, namely the need to enhance deterrence and to address the China challenges, while awaiting the US elections.

English and Japanese simultaneous interpretation will be available at the event.

## PROGRAMME

### Public Event

14:15 – 14:45 REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

14:45 – 14:55 **OPENING REMARKS**

**Michito Tsuruoka**

Deputy Director, Keio Center for Strategy and Associate Professor, Keio University

**Luis Simón**

Director, Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy – VUB

14:55 – 15:05 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

**Petra Sigmund**

Ambassador-designate of Germany to Japan

15:05 – 15:15 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

**Katsuro Kitagawa**

Assistant Minister, Director-General, European Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan

15:20 – 16:20 **SESSION ONE: ENHANCING DETERRENCE AS A COMMON CHALLENGE**

Speakers

**Satoru Mori**

Deputy Director, Keio Center for Strategy and Professor, Keio University

**Luis Simón**

Director, Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy – VUB

Moderator

**Michito Tsuruoka**

Deputy Director, Keio Center for Strategy and Associate Professor, Keio University

16:25 – 17:25 **SESSION TWO: ADDRESSING THE CHINA CHALLENGES**

Speakers

**Marcin Jerzewski**

Head, Taiwan Office, European Values Center for Security Policy

**Eva Pejsova**

Japan Chair, Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy – VUB

**Shinji Yamaguchi**

Senior Research Fellow, National Institute for Defense Studies (NIDS)

Moderator

**Giulia Tercovich**

Assistant Director, Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy – VUB

17:25 – 17:30 **CLOSING REMARKS**

**Paul Linnarz**

Country Representative, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Japan