



STRETTON INSTITUTE ONLINE SYMPOSIUM

FOREIGN AID POLICY: JAPAN-AUSTRALIA COOPERATION IN A COVID WORLD

THURSDAY 15 JULY 2021

Japan is a substantial aid donor whose aid power is significant and its impact wide-ranging.

This half-day online symposium aims to highlight Japan's foreign aid policy and its implementation in the 21st century considering policy transformation and implications for recipients. The symposium will present an analysis of Japan's aid policy and its implementation, especially in its contribution to global health. This has become more salient in the wake of the global spread of COVID-19. While explaining the role of Japan, the symposium also considers how and whether Australia and Japan can cooperate in managing global health issues, especially in the South Pacific, Australia's neighbourhood and an important region for Japan as a Pacific nation in the Indo-Pacific.

Agenda

Time		Session
JST	ACST	
09:00am	09:30am	Welcome Remarks: Emeritus Professor Purnendra Jain and Professor Adam Graycar (University of Adelaide) Opening Remarks: Professor Akio Takahara, Director, JICA Ogata Sadako Research Institute for Peace and Development
09:15am -	09:45am -	Session 1: An Overview of Japan and Australia's Foreign Aid Policies: Key Features The Panel: ❖ Professor Andrew Rosser, Asia Institute, University of Melbourne (Moderator) ❖ Professor Izumi Ohno, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) ❖ Professor Stephen Howes, Development Policy Centre, Australian National University (ANU)
10:15am	10:45am	
<i>Break (15 minutes)</i>		
10:30am -	11:00pm -	Session 2: Japan and Australia: contribution to global health via development cooperation policy (and its implementation) The Panel: ❖ Dr John Bruni, SAGE International Australia (Moderator) ❖ Dr Takao Toda, International University of Health and Welfare and Juntendo University ❖ A/Professor Samantha Battams, Senior Research Fellow, Southgate Institute, Flinders University
11:30am	12:00pm	
<i>Break (15 minutes)</i>		
11:45am -	12:15pm -	Session 3: Japan-Australia cooperation in a COVID world: The case of South Pacific Island nations The Panel: ❖ Mr Masahiko Kiya, Consul General of Japan, Sydney, Government of Japan (Moderator) ❖ Mr Shinya Tamio, Director, Pacific and Southeast Asia Division 6, Japan International Cooperation Agency ❖ Professor Joanne Wallis, International Security, University of Adelaide
12:45am	01:15pm	
12:45pm	01:15pm	Closing Remarks: Emeritus Professor Purnendra Jain and Professor Adam Graycar (University of Adelaide)

Speakers and Moderators

Welcome and Opening Remarks



Professor Akio Takahara

Director, JICA Ogata Sadako Research Institute for Peace and Development

Akio Takahara is Professor of Contemporary Chinese Politics at the Graduate School of Law and Politics and the Graduate School of Public Policy (GraSPP) at The University of Tokyo and Director of the JICA Ogata Sadako Research Institute for Peace and Development. He holds a DPhil from Sussex University, has spent time as Visiting Scholar at the Consulate-General of Japan in Hong Kong, the Japanese Embassy in Beijing, Harvard University, Peking University, the Mercator Institute for China Studies, and the Australian National University.



Emeritus Professor Purnendra Jain

Department of Asian Studies, The University of Adelaide

Purnendra Jain is Emeritus Professor at the Department of Asian Studies, the University of Adelaide. Recipient of the Japanese Emperor's Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon in 2020, his main research focus has been on politics and foreign policy of contemporary Japan. Author, co-author and editor of 14 books and over 250 scholarly publications, he has also researched and written extensively on the international relations in the Asia-Pacific/Indo-Pacific region



Professor Adam Graycar

Stretton Institute, The University of Adelaide

Adam Graycar is Professor of Public Policy and Director of the Stretton Institute at the University of Adelaide. He has had careers in both academia and government. He has held senior-level posts in the Commonwealth and South Australian governments and worked in Universities in Australia, the USA, and Asia. Adam is author of some 300 scholarly publications and a Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia.

Session 1: An Overview of Japan and Australia's Foreign Aid Policies: Key Features



Professor Andrew Rosser (Moderator)

Asia Institute, the University of Melbourne

Andrew Rosser is Professor of Southeast Asian Studies and Deputy Director of the Asia Institute at the University of Melbourne. Andrew has worked at the University of Sydney, AusAID, the Institute of Development Studies (Sussex), and The University of Adelaide. His research includes the political economy of development in Indonesia and the politics of Australian aid policy. His work on the latter topic has been published in the *Australian Journal of International Affairs*, *Pacific Review*, and *Journal of Contemporary Asia*, among other outlets. He has also undertaken

commissioned research and consulting work for numerous international development organisations, including the World Bank, the UK's Department for International Development, AusAID/DFAT, the OECD, Oxfam, UNRISD, and UNDP



Professor Izumi Ohno

National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS)

Izumi Ohno is Professor at the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), specialising in international development policy, development cooperation, and business and development. Prior to joining GRIPS in 2002, she worked at JICA, the World Bank, and the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC). She was Director of the JICA Ogata Sadako Research Institute for Peace and Development (Oct 2018- Sept 2020) and continues to serve as Senior Research Advisor. She has been engaged in a number of advisory committees in the areas of international development, including the Advisory Panel to the Minister of Foreign Affairs on the ODA Charter Review (2014).

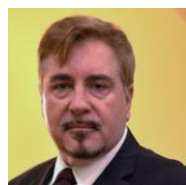


Professor Stephen Howes

Development Policy Centre, Australia National University

Stephen Howes is Professor of Economics at the Crawford School of Public Policy at the Australian National University and Director of the Development Policy Centre. He also served as Director of the International and Development Economics program of the Crawford School from 2009 to 2014. Prior to joining the Crawford School in 2009, Stephen was Chief Economist at AusAID. He worked from 1994 to 2005 at the World Bank, where he was Lead Economist for India. In 2008, he worked on the Garnaut Review on Climate Change, where he managed the Review's international workstream.

Session 2: Japan and Australia: contribution to global health via development cooperation policy (and its implementation)



Dr John Bruni (Moderator)

SAGE International Australia

He is CEO and founder of SAGE International, a South Australia-based independent think-tank with expertise in the areas of Australian national security, foreign and defence policy, defence acquisition, the middle-east and the Horn of Africa. He has worked as a Senatorial adviser, a military adviser for the Emirates Center for Strategic Studies and Research, Abu Dhabi, and a defence consultant. John was chief investigator on a Defence Strategic Policy Grant (2019-2020) that examined the strategic implications of changing dynamics in the Indo-Pacific. He has also served as Director of the Royal United Services Institute for Defence and Security Studies Australia (2015-2020).



Dr Takao Toda
International University of Health and Welfare and Juntendo University

Takao Toda, PhD, is former Vice President of JICA for Global Health and Human Security. He is currently a visiting Professor at the International University of Health and Welfare and Juntendo University. Born in Osaka, Japan, he has been one of the most renowned practitioners and thinkers of global cooperation with emerging countries. For nearly 40 years, he was engaged in the strategic implementation of Japan's Official Development Assistance. He holds an LLB from Kyoto University, a Master Degree from the Graduate School of Frontier Science, Tokyo University and a PhD from the Graduate School of Development Studies, Nagoya University



Associate Professor Samantha Battams
Southgate Institute, Flinders University

Samantha Battams is Senior Research Fellow and Associate Professor at the Southgate Institute, Flinders University. She has worked as an academic teacher, researcher, policy professional and consultant in public health and global health. She spent three years in Switzerland, working on the Global Health Europe initiative at the Global Health Centre, The Graduate Institute of International and Developmental Studies, Geneva and at the University of Geneva, where she set up their first Global Health MOOC. She has researched global health governance, the European Union's role in global health and Australia's role in global health and non-communicable disease strategy in the Asia-Pacific.

Session 3: Japan-Australia cooperation in a COVID world: The case of South Pacific Island nations



Mr Masahiko Kiya (Moderator)
Consul General of Japan, Sydney, Government of Japan

Kiya Masahiko is a career diplomat with more than 30 years of experience and assumed the post of Consul-General of Japan in Sydney in October 2019. His previous assignments include Deputy Assistant Minister for African Affairs and International Cooperation, concurrently Ambassador for TICAD (2017-2019), Ambassador to South Sudan (2015-2017), and positions at the Foreign Ministry and Defence Ministry Headquarters as well as at the Embassies in Belgium, Bangladesh, the United States, and Nigeria. He is also a published author, having written two books on Japan's development cooperation and support for South Sudan.



Mr Shinya Tamio
Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

Shinya Tamio is Director of the Pacific and Southeast Asia Division6 of Southeast Asia and Pacific Department in JICA. Prior to joining the Pacific and Southeast Asia Division6, he served as JICA's Deputy Resident Representative in Fiji from 2016 to 2020.



Professor Joanne Wallis
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Joanne Wallis is Professor at the Department of Politics and International Relations, The University of Adelaide. She is the author or editor of seven books, including *Constitution making during State building* (CUP 2014) and *Pacific Power? Australia's Strategy in the Pacific Islands* (MUP 2017). She is the chief investigator on two Australian Research Council Discovery Projects, analysing Australian interventions in the Pacific Islands and the operation of the Australia-New Zealand alliance. She is also the chief investigator on a Defence Strategic Policy Grant, analysing the potential of a networked security architecture in the Pacific Islands.

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