

【Profile of Speakers】

Keynote Speaker



Stephan Haggard:

Professor, School of Global Policy and Strategy, University of California, San Diego (UCSD)

His publications include *Pathways from the Periphery: The Newly Industrializing Countries in the International System* (1990); *The Political Economy of the Asian Financial Crisis* (2000); and *Developmental States* (2018). His work with Robert Kaufman on democratization, inequality and social policy includes *The Political Economy of Democratic Transitions* (Princeton University Press, 1995); *Democracy, Development and Welfare States: Latin America, East Asia, Eastern Europe* (Princeton, 2008); *Dictators and Democrats: Masses, Elites and Regime Change* (Princeton, 2016) and *Backsliding: Democratic Regress in the Contemporary World* (Cambridge 2020). His work on North Korea with Marcus Noland includes *Famine in North Korea* (2007), *Witness to Transformation: Refugee Insights into North Korea* (2011) and *Hard Target: Sanctions, Inducements and the Case of North Korea* (2017). His current research centers on the effects of authoritarian regimes on international institutions.

Discussant



Shino Watanabe:

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Dr. Watanabe also served as RIPS-CGP (Center for Global Partnership) Security Studies Fellow of the Japan Foundation (2004–2006), Research Fellow at the Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA) (2008–2010), Associate Professor at Saitama University (2010–2014), Associate Professor at Sophia University (2014–2017) and Visiting Scholar (Fulbright Scholar) at the Sigur Center for Asian Studies, Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University (2021–2022). She received her B.A. in Economics from the University of Tokyo, M.A. in Law and Diplomacy from the Fletcher School, Tufts University, and her Ph.D. in Foreign Affairs from the Woodrow Wilson Department of Politics, University of Virginia. She also studied at the School of International Studies, Peking University (2007–2008). Her main research interests are Chinese foreign policy, international development finance, and international relations of East Asia.

Moderator



Ryo Sahashi:

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Dr. Sahashi specializes on international politics in East Asia. He received his B.A. from International Christian University and his Ph.D. from the Graduate Schools for Law and Politics at the University of Tokyo. He joined University of Tokyo from 2019, and concurrently, Associate Professor, Future Vision Research Institute, the University of Tokyo. He serves as a Member for Council on the Actual State of Land Use and Advisory Panel on Science & Technology Diplomacy. He also works as Faculty Fellow, Research Institute of Economy, Trade, and Industry; Visiting Fellow, 21st Century Policy Institute, Keidanren; Research Fellow of Japan Center for International Exchange. He has been Japan Scholar, Wilson Center, Visiting Associate Professor, Walter H. Shorenstein Asia Pacific Research Center, Stanford University, and Professor, Kanagawa University.

Opening Remarks



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Dr. Takahara is professor of Contemporary Chinese Politics at the Graduate School of Law and Politics at the University of Tokyo. He also serves as Senior Research Advisor of the JICA Ogata Sadako Research Institute for Peace and Development. He was dean of the Graduate School of Public Policy from 2018 to 2020. He received his PhD in 1988 from Sussex University, and later spent several years 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. Before joining The University of Tokyo, he taught at J. F. Oberlin University and Rikkyo University. He served as president of the Japan Association for Asian Studies, and as the secretary general of the New Japan-China Friendship 21st Century Committee.