



The 4th JEF-KRA Global Risk Symposium

~ Global risks and opportunities under the “with-corona” global order~
17:00 ~19:00 (JST), Monday 12 and Tuesday 13 October

Japan Economic Foundation (JEF) and Komatsu Research & Advisory (KRA) will be holding the 4th Global Risk Symposium over 2 consecutive days to analyse the current rapidly changing international climate from a multifaceted perspective. Given the pandemic, for the first time, it would be held by video conference (with simultaneous interpreters).

The symposium will be opened by Mr. Kusaka Kazumasa, Chairman and CEO of JEF, followed by our distinguished guest speaker Professor Yoriko Kawaguchi, former Foreign Minister to Japan. The two-day sessions will be moderated by Dr. Keiichiro Komatsu, Principal of Komatsu Research & Advisory.

On day 1, Sir Paul Collier, Professor of Economics and Public Policy at the Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford, will set the scene by explaining the interactions between globalisation and COVID-19, the radical uncertainties we are facing from the pandemic and the way in which different societies have responded. He will also explain the importance of combining tacit knowledge (including unwritten practical business experiences) with expert knowledge (including written academic expertise).

Professor Kaya, who has been building a network to preserve indigenous knowledges of Africa and beyond, will explain how the pandemic has impacted Africa and the existing inequalities, as well as Africa’s resilience. He will draw on the African experience and tacit indigenous knowledge, how the continent counter to the Western image of vulnerable fragile Africa, has so far managed to limit the pandemic. The other prominent speakers will then join in the panel discussion, with questions coming from the moderator, speakers and the audience.

On day 2, Mr. Nigel Inkster CMG, former Assistant Chief and Director of Operations and Intelligence at the British SIS (also known as MI6), will cover the topical themes of China and cybersecurity from a British perspective.

He would be followed by Dr. Dong Yong-Sueng, Former member of Council of Policy Advisors to the President of the Republic of Korea, who will cover the impact of the pandemic on North Korea, the Korean peninsula and East Asia focusing on the different political regimes.

The talks will be followed by a panel discussion among all 4 speakers, taking questions from the audience.

Symposium Timetable

Day1 Monday, 12 October

2020 UK	South Africa	Japan/ ROK	
09:00	10:00	17:00	Administrative remarks from organisers
09:05	10:05	17:05	Opening remarks by Mr. Kazumasa Kusaka, Chairman & CEO, Japan Economic Foundation (JEF)
09:10	10:10	17:10	Guest Speech: Professor Yoriko Kawaguchi , Minister for Foreign Affairs (2002-2004), Minister of the Environment (2000-2002), Visiting Professor, Musashino University, Fellow, Musashino Institute for Global Affairs
09:20	10:20	17:20	Dr. Keiichiro Komatsu, Principal, Komatsu Research & Advisory (KRA) explaining the concept of this symposium
09:25	10:25	17:25	Speaker 1: Sir Paul Collier , Professor of Economics and Public Policy at the Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford and a Director of the International Growth Centre, and the ESRC research network, Social Macroeconomics. Provisional talk topic: Implications of the pandemic on the global supply chains, immigration issues, global inequalities, capitalism
09:50	10:50	17:50	Speaker 2: Professor Hassan O. Kaya , Ph.D. in Sociology of Development and International Political Economy, Director of the DSI-NRF Centre in Indigenous Knowledge Systems, the University of Kwazulu-Natal Provisional talk topic: Impact of the pandemic on the African continent, indigenous knowledge and the resilience of Africa
10:15	11:15	18:15	Panel discussion among 4 speakers with questions from the moderator and floor
10:55	11:55	18:55	Closing remarks from Mr. Kusaka, Chairman & CEO of JEF

Day2 Tuesday, 13 October 2020

UK	South Africa	Japan/ROK	
09:00	10:00	17:00	Administrative remarks from organisers
09:05	10:05	17:05	Opening by Dr. Komatsu, Komatsu Research & Advisory (KRA)
09:10	10:10	17:10	Speaker 1: Mr. Nigel Inkster CMG , Senior Adviser to IISS and former Assistant Chief and Director of Operations and Intelligence at the British SIS (also known as MI6). Provisional talk topic: British perspective of China in the new world order, cybersecurity
09:35	10:35	17:35	Speaker 2: Dr. Dong Yong Sueng , Former member of Council of Policy Advisors to the President of the Republic of Korea as well as a member of Council of Advisors on foreign and security policy to the BLUE HOUSE; Secretary General of Good Farmers (NGO) Provisional talk topic: Impact of the pandemic on the Korean peninsula and East Asia (* In Korean and simultaneously translated to Japanese and English)
10:00	11:00	18:00	Panel discussion among 4 speakers with questions from the moderator and floor
10:40	11:40	18:40	Summary of discussions by Dr. Komatsu, Principal of KRA
10:55	11:55	18:55	Closing remarks from Mr. Kusaka, Chairman & CEO of JEF