

## Speaker's Bio

### **Martin Bialecki**



Martin Bialecki has been editor-in-chief of the journals *Internationale Politik (IP)* and *Berlin Policy Journal (BPJ)* since September 2018.

Prior to that, Bialecki was bureau chief and correspondent for North America at the German Press Agency (dpa), where he covered Barack Obama's last year in office, as well as Donald Trump's campaign and the first two years of his presidency. Bialecki is a member of the White House Correspondents'

Association and the German Executive Roundtable (Washington, DC). He has also been a guest speaker at George Washington University and Harvard Law School on topics related to politics and the media.

From 2011 to 2015, Bialecki was head of dpa's political department, leading the desks for domestic and foreign affairs, as well as dpa's team of correspondents covering the German government. From 2009 to 2010, he served as managing director of the public affairs agency PLATO Kommunikation. In earlier roles at dpa, he oversaw reporting on politics and topics related to culture, media, and science.

Bialecki studied political science, history, literature, and sociology at the Friedrich Alexander University in Erlangen and the Freie Universität Berlin with a focus on international relations.

### **Naoyuki Haraoka**

Naoyuki Haraoka has been Executive Managing Director of the Japan Economic Foundation (JEF) since 2007.

He previously held a variety of posts as an economist with the Japanese Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI, later METI). Amongst others he served as Deputy Director and Director of the Research Division of International Trade Policy Bureau and Director of Administration of the Research Institute of Economy



Trade and Industry. Haraoka's international experience has led him to the

Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) as a Principal Economist and Counselor to the Japanese Delegation as well as acting as Chief Executive Director of the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) in San Francisco.

Haraoka studied Economics at the University of Tokyo and Public Administration at Woodrow Wilson School of Princeton University. 10

### **Dr. Henning Hoff**



Dr. Henning Hoff is executive editor of *Internationale Politik Quarterly* (formerly *Berlin Policy Journal*) and editor-at-large of *Internationale Politik*, both published by the German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP).

He joined DGAP in 2011, after nearly a decade as foreign correspondent in London, where he worked for German and international media, including DIE ZEIT/ZEIT online, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, International Herald Tribune, and TIME. He is also co-founder and director of the WELTKIOSK publishing company (London/Berlin) which specializes in international journalism.

An international historian by training, he holds a PhD in Contemporary History from Cologne University, Germany (2001).

### **Yuichi Hosoya, Ph.D.**

Yuichi Hosoya is professor of international politics at Keio University, Tokyo.

He holds research fellowships with the Asia-Pacific Initiative, the Nakasone Peace Institute, the Tokyo Foundation for Policy Research and the Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA).

He was a member of Prime Minister's Advisory Panels on Reconstruction of the Legal Basis for Security and on National Security and Defense Capabilities.

Hosoya has been visiting professor and Japan Chair at Sciences-Po in Paris



and a visiting Fulbright Fellow at Princeton University. His research interests include the postwar international history, British diplomatic history, Japanese foreign and security policy, and contemporary East Asian international politics.

His most recent publications include, *Security Politics: Legislation for a New Security Environment* (Tokyo: JPIC, 2019) ; *History, Memory & Politics in Postwar Japan* (Co-editor, Lynne Rienner: Boulder, 2020); and “Japan’s Security Policy in East Asia”, in Yul Sohn and T.J. Pempel (eds.), *Japan and Asia’s Contested Order: The Interplay of Security, Economics, and Identity* (Palgrave, 2018). His comments appeared in the New York Times, Washington Post, Financial Times, USA Today, Die Welt and Le Monde, as well as major Japanese media.

Hosoya holds degrees in international politics from the Universities of Rikkyo, Birmingham and Keio. 11

### **Norihiko Ishiguro**



Norihiko Ishiguro is Senior Executive Vice President and Member of the Board at NEC Corporation and is in charge of Global Government Relations. He joined NEC in 2016.

He previously served as Vice Minister responsible for International Affairs at the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) leading all international operations of METI and advising the Prime Minister on industrial policy and international trade and investment issues. Previous posts within the ministry included the Director General of the Economic and Industrial Policy Bureau and the Director-General of the Commerce and Information Policy Bureau.

Ishiguro served as Director-General of the Economic and Industrial Policy Bureau and led government-wide policy coordination for developing growth strategy. Previously, he served as Director-General of the Commerce and Information Policy Bureau.

He spent three years at the New York office of the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) promoting US-Japan trade and investment. He has taught economic policy at the Graduate School of Business of Rikkyo University as a special appointed professor.

Ishiguro holds degrees in law from Tokyo University and Stanford University.

### **Klemens Kober**

Klemens Kober is Director of trade policy, EU customs and transatlantic relations at the Association of German Chambers of Industry and Commerce (DIHK) in Brussels. He represents DIHK in a number of European and international bodies.

Previously, he worked at the Directorate General for Trade of the European Commission after graduating in law and economics. 12



### **Kazumasa Kusaka**



Kazumasa Kusaka has been Chairman and CEO of the Japan Economic Foundation (JEF) since 2013, and is a Professor at the University of Tokyo Graduate School of Public Policy.

He previously served in Japan's Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI), rising to become vice-minister for international affairs in the reorganized Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) in 2004. During his long career in public service, Kusaka was seconded to the International Energy Agency (IEA)/OECD and was Japan's senior official for Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC). He played a central role in Asia's economic integration, promoting FTAs in the region as well as serving as a senior official negotiating the Doha development agenda of the WTO. Kusaka was head of Japan's Energy Agency and held director-general positions in technology and environmental policy in addition to trade and investment-related areas within METI. He was also instrumental in finalizing the Kyoto Protocol, and developing Japan's energy and environment policies.

Among many other posts Kusaka has held are Special Adviser to the Prime Minister on Global Warming, senior vice president of Mitsubishi Electric, executive adviser to Dentsu Inc., and president of the Japan Cooperation Center for the Middle East.

#### **Ambassador Rolf Nickel**



Rolf Nickel joined the German Council on Foreign Relations as Vice President in 2020.

His previous diplomatic career last had him serve as German Ambassador to Poland. Other international posts included the U.S., France, Kenya and Russia.

Nickel furthermore took on advisory roles representing the Foreign Office within Germany, amongst others, as Federal Commissioner for Arms Control and

Disarmament and Deputy Foreign and Security Policy Advisor to the Federal Chancellor.

He holds degrees in political science, international law and economics from the Goethe University in Frankfurt, Duke University and ScienPo Paris. 13

#### **Yoshiyuki Ogura**



Yoshiyuki Ogura is Senior Executive Advisor of Hitachi Europe Ltd.

In his long career within the Hitachi Group he has – amongst others – served as Chairman of the Board of Hitachi Europe Ltd. and Corporate Officer of Hitachi, Ltd, and has held a number of leadership roles for IT, Energy and Environmental related business mainly in Europe. Early in his career, he worked as the sales representative for Hitachi's IT business in Beijing.

After a long-term assignment overseas, he served Hitachi, Ltd. in Japan as General Manager of the Innovative Marketing Center of the International Strategy Division. There he took the responsibility of Hitachi's globalization in the markets of EMEA and Americas.

Ogura serves as a vice president of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce in

Düsseldorf, Germany and a senator of Deutsche Akademie der Technikwissenschaften.

### **Jacopo Maria Pepe**

Jacopo Maria Pepe is a Researcher on Global Energy, Trade and Logistics at the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP) and Adjunct Professor at the Edwin Reischauer Center for East Asian Studies at Johns Hopkins University, in Washington, DC.

Between 2017 and 2019 he worked as research fellow at the Robert Bosch Center for Central Eastern Europe, Russia and Central Asia at the German



Council on Foreign Policy (DGAP) where he headed the project „The EU-Russia-China-Central Asia strategic dialogue on connectivity“. Between 2010 and 2015 he worked at the Berlin Center for Caspian Region Studies at the Freie Universität Berlin.

An analyst of global and Eurasian geopolitics and geo-economics, his main research interests are the political economy of transport, logistics, and energy in the post-Soviet space and in greater Eurasia, with a major focus on the China-Russia-Central Asia and Europe-Asia relations. He also focuses on the geopolitics of trade, value and supply chains. His latest book “Beyond Energy: Trade and Transport in a Reconnecting Eurasia” has been published with Springer Verlag in January 2018.

Pepe holds a master’s in international relations and international political economy from Freie Universität Berlin, the University of Potsdam, and the Humboldt University and a PhD in International Relations from the Freie Universität Berlin. 14

### **Vera Philipps**



Vera Philipps has been the Director for East Asia at the Association of German Chambers of Commerce and Industry since 2016, closely watching the economic relations with Greater China, Japan and Korea.

She started her career setting up and managing an environmental project consultancy and a project office for the private foundation Stiftung Mercator in Beijing and went on to be in charge of the programmes

“Intercultural Competence/Exchange Projects” and “Cooperation for Sustainable Urban Development”, both with a focus on China for Mercator in Germany.

Philipps studied Area Studies East Asia with a focus on China, macroeconomics and international relations in Cologne and Chongqing. Upon graduation she was a scholar of the German Fellowship Program on International Affairs.

### **Kaan Sahin**

Kaan Sahin joined the German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP) as Research Fellow for Technology and Foreign Policy in April 2019.

He previously worked with Deloitte as a consultant for Cyber Risk and Public Sector. Prior to that, he was Fellow of the Mercator Fellowship on International Affairs, specializing on strategies to combat hybrid threats. In this capacity, he was



based with the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), with the Special Representative of the OSCE for the Southern Caucasus, with Carnegie Europe, and with the Strategic Analysis Capability Section at NATO Headquarters.

He studied political sciences at the University of Duisburg-Essen and international politics and peace research at the University of Tübingen, the University of Connecticut and Koç University in Istanbul. 15

### **Dr. Claudia Schmucker**

Claudia Schmucker has been Head of the German Council on Foreign Relations's (DGAP) Globalization and World Economy Program since 2002.



She has published extensively on European and Transatlantic Trade Policy, the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the Doha Round as well as on the role of informal global forums such as the G7 and the G20.

She studied at Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms Universität in Bonn, at Elmira College in New York State, and at Yale University. She holds an MA in North American studies and a PhD in economics from the Freie Universität Berlin.

#### **Alexander Schönfelder**



Alexander Schönfelder has been the Deputy Director General for Trade-, Finance- and Sanctions Policy, Investment Promotion and Technology Policy in the Division for Economy and Sustainable Development at the German Federal Foreign Office since 2018.

He previously held positions in the Foreign Office's Divisions for International Economic and Financial Policy and International Energy Policy. His international postings took him to the United States, Thailand, Japan, Iraq and Algeria. Before joining the Foreign Office, he focused on development politics, amongst others at the German Development Institute and UNIDO.

#### **Hideo Suzuki**



Hideo Suzuki has been Managing Executive Officer of Nippon Steel Corporation since 2016.

He previously served as Director-General of Trade Policy Bureau at the Japanese Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) and Cabinet Councilor where he was responsible for external economic relations, such as negotiations of TPP, Japan-EU EPA,



and strategic relations with China, ASEAN, India, Israel, Saudi Arabia. He furthermore was Director-General of Industrial Science and Technology Policy and Environment Bureau and Director-General of Acquisition Reform of the Ministry of Defense. Suzuki was also responsible for MOD operations against Fukushima No1 Nuclear Power Plant Accident. He was Director-General of the Department of Multilateral Trade Systems, and Deputy Director-General for Economy and Industrial Policy. He was seconded to the Department of Trade and Industry of the United Kingdom from 1996 to 1998.

He is an author of “Tax Reform for Revitalizing Japan”, and “China VS Japan-USA TPP Alliance”, and co-author of “Financial Service for Industry in 21st Century”.

Suzuki graduated from the University of Kyoto, Faculty of Law, and holds a MA in International Development Economics by Yale University, and an LLM by the University of Washington, School of Law.

### **Tatsuya Terazawa**

Tatsuya Terazawa was appointed as the Senior Advisor to the Cabinet Secretariat in November 2019 to advise the National Security Secretariat (NSS) on economic security issues. He is also assuming specific missions requested by the Minister for the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI).

Terazawa previously served as Vice Minister for International Affairs at METI until July 2019 where

he led METI’s international policy operations and negotiations and advised the Prime Minister on industrial and energy policy, as well as international trade and investment issues. He played a major role in coordinating the communique for the G20 Osaka Summit especially on trade and data related issues.

In other posts at METI he has served as Director-General of the Commerce and Information Policy Bureau, Director-General of the Trade and Economic Cooperation Bureau and Director-General for the Multilateral Trade System Department. Previously, he also was the executive secretary to the Prime Minister and Special Advisor to the Minister at the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) office in New York.



He holds a degree in law from the University of Tokyo and an MBA from Harvard University. 17

### **Ambassador Romana Vlahutin**



Romana Vlahutin has been the Special Coordinator and Ambassador at Large for Connectivity in the European External Action Service since 2019.

Vlahutin is a career diplomat. Before joining Croatian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1999 she worked as an analyst for the Bassiouni UN Commission for former Yugoslavia, the UN Tribunal (ICTY) in The Hague and the Council on Foreign Relations in Washington DC. As a Croatian diplomat she served in embassies in Washington (Head of Political Section) and Belgrade (Deputy Ambassador), and as the Head of Strategic Analysis and Policy Planning at the MFA in Zagreb (2000-2004). She also served as a Political Director of the OSCE Mission in Kosovo (2006-2007). From 2010-2014 she was the Foreign Policy Advisor to the President of Croatia. Most recently she was posted as the EU Ambassador to Albania (2014-2018).

Vlahutin is a graduate of Zagreb University and J. F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. She is a member of the European Council on Foreign Relations.