

# Japan-Europe Forum 2021: The Post-pandemic Outlook in Europe and Japan



## Speaker Biographies – 29 September



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**Janet Hunter** is Saji Emeritus Professor of Economic History at the LSE, and Co-Editor of the Journal of Japanese Studies. She is also a trustee of the GB-Sasakawa Foundation. She has written extensively on the economic history of modern Japan, with a particular focus on the development of the female labour market, communications development, Anglo-Japanese economic relations, the history of business ethics and patterns of consumption. She is currently completing a monograph on the economic impact of the Great Kanto Earthquake of 1923.



**Sayuri Shirai** is currently a professor of Economics at the Faculty of Policy Management, Keio University, and is also senior advisor to EOS at Federated Hermes located in London. She is also a non-executive board member of a Japanese listed food company. She holds Ph.D. in economics from Columbia University. She was also visiting scholar to Asian Development Bank Institute in 2016-2020. She was a Member of the Policy Board of the Bank of Japan (BOJ) in 2011-2016, who is responsible for making monetary policy decisions. She taught at Sciences Po in Paris in 2007-2008 and was an economist at the IMF in 1993-1998. She is the author of numerous books and papers on a

variety of subjects including central bank digital currency (CBDC), monetary policy, global finance, and ESG investment. She frequently comments on Japan's economy and monetary policy at various international and domestic media sources. Her most recent book in English is *Growing Central Bank Challenges in the World and Japan* published by the Asian Development Bank Institute in June 2020 (free download available). Her personal homepage is available at <http://www.sayurishirai.jp/>



**Keiichiro Kobayashi** is Professor with the Faculty of Economics at Keio University, where his areas of expertise focus on macroeconomics, financial crises and economic philosophy. He is also a Member of the New Coronavirus Infectious Disease Control Subcommittee. He has previously served as Research Director with the Tokyo Foundation for Policy Research, Professor at the Institute of Economic Research at Hitotsubashi University and worked at Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI).



**Naoyuki Haraoka** has been Executive Managing Director of the Japan Economic Foundation (JEF) since 2007. After graduating the University of Tokyo in 1978 (Bachelor of Economics), he joined Japan's MITI (Ministry of International Trade and Industry). Having been posted in the industrial policy section and the international trade policy section for a few years, he was enrolled in a two year MPA (Master of Public Administration) programme at Woodrow Wilson School of Princeton University in the US on a Japanese government sponsorship. After having acquired MPA at Princeton, he rejoined MITI in 1984 as an economist. Since then he had been posted as Deputy Director and Director of a number of MITI divisions including Research Division of International Trade Policy Bureau. He was also posted in Paris twice, firstly, Principal Economist of Trade Bureau of OECD (Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development) from 1988 to 92 and secondly Counselor to Japanese Delegation of OECD from 1996 to 99. After coming back to MITI from his second stay in Paris, at the occasion of the government structural reform in 2001 when MITI was remodeled as METI (Ministry of Economy Trade and Industry) he joined the efforts to found METI research institute, Research Institute of Economy Trade and Industry as its Director of Administration. He became Chief Executive Director of JETRO San Francisco in 2003 and stayed in San Francisco until 2006. He was Director-General of METI Training Institute from 2006 until July, 2007 when he left METI permanently.

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**Dr Nina Seega** is a Research Director for Sustainable Finance at the Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership (CISL). She is an expert in the use of risk management tools to address environmental sources of risk in the financial sector. Since 2016 she has co-led the CISL team serving as Knowledge Partner for the risk analysis track of the G20 Green Finance Study Group. Previously, Nina was the Head of the London Traded Products Desk for Dresdner Kleinwort, where she was responsible for credit risk management of traded products. Nina is a Cambridge University Jesus College Scholar and a McKinsey Risk Prize finalist, who has taught at Cambridge, London School of Economics and State University of Management in Moscow, and spoken before the Russian Parliament. In addition to English, she is fluent in Russian, German and Japanese.



**Creon Butler** joined Chatham House from the Cabinet Office where he served as director for international economic affairs in the National Security Secretariat and G7/G20 'sous sherpa', advising on global policy issues such as climate change, natural resource security, global health threats and the future of the international economic architecture. Creon first joined the Cabinet Office in 2013 as director in the European and Global Issues Secretariat, advising the prime minister on international economic and financial issues, ranging from country-specific developments in China and Germany to global challenges such as antimicrobial resistance and anticorruption. Earlier in his career, he served in the Bank of England, HM Treasury and in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, where he was director for economic policy and chief economic adviser. He was also deputy high commissioner in New Delhi from 2006 to 2009.





**Yukiko Fukagawa** is currently the Deputy Dean and Professor, School of Political Science and Economics, Waseda University. After undergraduate program at Waseda, she studied at Yale University for MA in International Development Economics, and finished Ph.D program at Waseda Graduate School of Business Studies. Her major interest lies in economic development in East Asia, especially Korea. She worked for Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) and Long-Term Credit Bank Research Institute (LTCBR) before joining the faculty member of Aoyama Gakuin University and the University of Tokyo. She came back to Waseda in 2006. She was a visiting fellow at Cambridge University in 2014, and Yonsei University in 2015.

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**Jun Kazeki** has thirty years of experience in the field of trade and economic policies. He joined the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) of the Japanese Government in 1990. Since July 2020, he has served as Director-General for Trade Control Department where he is responsible for security export controls, export and import regulations, investment screening and trade remedies. Most recently, he engaged in Growth Strategy in the Cabinet Secretariat and Economic and Industrial Policy Bureau. Between 2013 and 2015, he was Director for Security Export Control Policy Division where he worked on National Security Strategy of Japan and drafted Three Principles of Transfer of Defense Equipment and Technology. Between 2007 and 2013, he was Director

for WTO Rules and Dispute Settlement and Counsellor for Permanent Mission of Japan to the WTO in Geneva where he led the Rules negotiations (antidumping and industrial subsidies) and several WTO cases. He was the chairman of the WTO Committee on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures between 2008 and 2009 in the middle of Global Financial Crisis. Between 2002 and 2005, he worked for the OECD Trade in Paris as Senior Trade Policy Analyst.



**Robert Dujarric** is Co-Director of the Institute of Contemporary Asian Studies (ICAS) at Temple University, Japan. Robert first lived in Tokyo in 1986-87 and moved back to the city in 2004 as a Council on Foreign Relations (Hitachi) International Affairs Fellow. During his fellowship, he was stationed at the Research Institute of Economy Trade and Industry (RIETI) of the Ministry of Economy Trade and Industry (METI) prior to joining the Japan Institute of International Affairs in Tokyo (2005-7) as a visiting research fellow. He took his current position at TUJ in 2007. Robert was raised in Paris and New York, worked in banking in the United States, Japan, and Europe prior to joining a think tank in Washington in 1993. He

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