

About the speakers

(In order of appearance on stage)

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Chairman and CEO
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He currently serves as Chairman and CEO of the Japan Economic Foundation (JEF), as well as Special Advisor to the Institute of Energy Economics of Japan; an Adjunct Professor at Japan's National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS); and Director of the Pacific International Center for High Technology Research.

He is the former Chairman and CEO of the Institute of Energy Economics (2010-2021); served also for nearly a decade on both the Board of Governors of the Oxford Institute of Energy Studies (2012-2021); and the International Advisory Board Council of the King Abdullah Petroleum Studies and Research Center (KAPSARC) in Saudi Arabia (2011-2019).

During his distinguished government career, he served in numerous key positions within the Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry of Japan culminating in his service as Vice Minister for International Affairs (2007-2008). He also subsequently served as Secretary General of the Secretariat for Space Policy in Japan's Cabinet Secretariat.

Mr. Toyoda holds a Master of Public Affairs degree from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University (1979), and an undergraduate Bachelor of Law degree from the University of Tokyo (1973).



Jonathan Elkind

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Jonathan Elkind is a specialist focusing on the policies, technologies, and markets that are driving the global clean energy transition. He is a senior research scholar at Columbia University's Center on Global Energy Policy and an adjunct professor at Columbia's School of International and Public Affairs.

From 2009 to 2017, he worked at the U.S. Department of Energy, his last position being Assistant Secretary for International Affairs. Earlier in his career, he created Eastlink Consulting, advising major corporate players on large infrastructure projects. He also worked at the Brookings Institution, the Joint Global Change Research Institute, the U.S. National Security Council, the Office of the Vice President of the United States, and the Council on Environmental Quality. Elkind serves as a director for Infineon Technologies LLC. He holds an MBA from the University of Maryland, an MA from Columbia University, and an AB from the University of Michigan.



Samantha Gross

Director, Energy Security and Climate Initiative
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Samantha Gross is the director of the Energy Security and Climate Initiative and a fellow in Foreign Policy. Her work is focused on the intersection of energy, environment, and policy, including climate policy and international cooperation, the transition to net-zero emissions energy system, energy geopolitics, and global energy markets.

Gross has more than 25 years of experience in energy and environmental affairs. In 2021, she was a Brookings Robert Bosch Foundation Transatlantic Fellow in Berlin. She has been a visiting fellow at the King Abdullah Petroleum Studies and Research Center, where she authored work on clean energy cooperation and on post-Paris climate policy. She was director of the Office of International Climate and Clean Energy at the U.S. Department of Energy. In that role she directed U.S. activities under the Clean Energy Ministerial, including the secretariat and initiatives focusing on clean energy implementation and access and energy efficiency. Prior to her time at the Department of Energy, Gross was director of integrated research at IHS CERA. She managed the IHS CERA Climate Change and Clean Energy forum and the IHS relationship with the World Economic Forum. She has also worked at the Government Accountability Office on the natural resources and environment team and as an engineer directing environmental assessment and remediation projects.

Gross appears frequently in the media in the United States and abroad on topics of energy markets, energy security, and the green energy transition.

Gross holds a Bachelor of Science in chemical engineering from the University of Illinois, a Master of Science in environmental engineering from Stanford, and a Master of Business Administration from the University of California at Berkeley.



Yukari Niwa Yamashita

Managing Director
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Yukari Niwa Yamashita is a Managing Director for the Institute of Energy Economics, Japan (IEEJ) in Charge of the Energy Data and Modelling Center which is responsible for quantitative and qualitative analyses on energy policy issues. Her team's analyses and recommendations contribute greatly to debates and policy making for Japan and international communities such as ERIA, APEC and IEA. The annual IEEJ's Outlook is globally recognized for its timely analyses and pragmatic approach towards climate change.

She has been serving as a member of various government councils and committees in the fields of energy and science & technologies. Recent examples include a committee on nuclear policies and WG on global warming countermeasures. She also led miscellaneous international and regional programs in the area of energy cooperation through IEA, APEC, ERIA and IPEEC. She is a visiting professor at Kyushu University. She served as the 2020 President of the International Association for Energy Economics (IAEE) and continues to support IAEE activities.

She is married with two daughters and four adorable grandchildren. Her favorite way to spend weekend is gardening, especially with her moss garden ("koke niwa") and roses.



Jennifer Sklarew

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Jennifer Sklarew is an Assistant Professor in George Mason University's Department of Environmental Science and Policy. She brings 30 years of energy and environmental policymaking and analysis experience to her research and teaching on energy system resilience, energy transitions, and the food-energy-water-climate nexus.

Dr. Sklarew's prior professional experience spans the public and private sectors. She served in the U.S. Department of Commerce's Office of Japan, where she led her office's work on Japanese electricity and gas deregulation, as well as the Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate. Dr. Sklarew also served as a Mike Mansfield Fellow in various Japanese government agencies. Her previous roles include a D.C.-based energy policy consultant to Japanese utility companies and a policy analyst for the Japan Nuclear Cycle Development Institute.

NPR has quoted her as an expert on Japanese energy policymaking, and she has published and presented nationally and internationally on energy policymaking and energy transitions. Her most recent book is *Building Resilient Energy Systems: Lessons from Japan*, published by Routledge.

A member of the Council on Foreign Relations and former rapporteur for the Council's Energy Security Group, Dr. Sklarew received her Ph.D. in public policy from George Mason University, her MA from Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), and her BA from the University of Pennsylvania.



Kojiro Fujii

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Kojiro is a partner at Nishimura & Asahi, the largest Japanese origin international law firm and an active international trade lawyer. When he served as a deputy director at METI, he handled several important WTO disputes on behalf of the Japanese government, including China-Rare Earth, Argentina-Import Restrictions, Russia-Recycling Fees on Automobiles, and Ukraine-Safeguards on Automobiles.

He currently advises both the public and private sectors in Japan on WTO disputes, trade remedies, investment treaties, and Regional Trade Agreements, such as TPP. His expertise also includes national security and economic security matters, such as export controls, investment screenings and economic sanctions.

Kojiro has been continuously positioned Band 1 as Chambers rankings (International Trade, Japan) and was ranked top in Japan in the NIKKEI's "Most successful lawyers" ranking in the "International Trade Law" category in 2022.



Naoyuki Haraoka

Executive Managing Director
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Mr. 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 MITI (Ministry of International Trade and Industry) of Japanese government. 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.



Tsuyoshi Kawase

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Tsuyoshi Kawase is Professor at the Faculty of Law, Sophia University, as well as a faculty fellow at the Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry (both in Tokyo, Japan.) He is also currently Visiting Scholar, Program on U.S. Japan Relations, Harvard University.

Before joining Sophia University in 2007, Professor Kawase was formerly an associate professor at the Graduate School of Law and Politics, Osaka University (2004-07), a fellow at RIETI (2003-2004), and an assistant/associate professor at Kobe University of Commerce (1994-2001). He also was a deputy director of the Multilateral Trading System Department of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, representing the Government of Japan in several World Trade Organization (WTO) cases and negotiations (2001-2003). He also served as Chairman of Subcommittee on Trade Remedies, Industrial Structure Council, METI, Government of Japan. Education: LL.B (1990), LL.M (1992), Keio University, Japan; LL.M (1994), Georgetown University, United States.



Inu Manak

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Inu Manak is a fellow for trade policy at the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR). At CFR, she researches and writes on policy issues relevant to U.S. trade policy, including topics such as trade politics and institutions, trade negotiations, and dispute settlement. An expert in international political economy, Dr. Manak's research focuses on U.S. trade policy and the law and politics of the World Trade Organization. Her recent book, *The Development Dimension: Special and Differential Treatment in Trade* (Routledge Focus, 2021) was co-authored with James Bacchus, the first chairman of the World Trade Organization's Appellate Body.



Previously, Dr. Manak was a research fellow at the Cato Institute's Herbert A. Stiefel Center for Trade Policy Studies and a junior visiting fellow at the Centre for Trade and Economic Integration at the Graduate Institute in Geneva.

Dr. Manak is a book review editor for *World Trade Review* and associate editor of the *International Economic Law and Policy Blog*. She is also a participating scholar in the Robert A. Pastor North America Research Initiative, a joint program between American University's Center for Latin American and Latino Studies and the School of International Service. Dr. Manak serves on the advisory boards of the TradeExpertettes and the Center on Inclusive Trade and Development at Georgetown Law.

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She is the author of "Banking on Multinationals: Public Credit and the Export of Japanese Sunset Industries" (Stanford University Press, 2004) and co-editor of "Cross-Regional Trade Agreements: Understanding Permeated Regionalism in East Asia" (Springer, 2008) and "Competitive Regionalism: FTA Diffusion in the Pacific Rim" (Palgrave Macmillan, 2009). Her book, "Dilemmas of a Trading Nation Japan and the United States in the Evolving Asia-Pacific Order" (Brookings Press, 2017) received the 2018 Masayoshi Ohira Memorial Award and the Japanese edition 貿易国家のジレンマ: 日本・アメリカとアジア太平洋秩序の構築 was published by Nikkei Press in October 2019.

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