

AGENDA

**Charting Choppy Seas:
The World Economy and the Future of Growth and Trade**
3rd JEF-DGAP International Symposium
Rauchstraße 17/18, 10787 Berlin, Germany

Thursday, 18 May 2017

9:30-10:15 am

Conference registration

10:15-10:30 am

OFFICIAL WELCOME

Dr. Sylke Tempel, Member of the Executive Board, German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP)

Kazumasa Kusaka, Chairman and CEO, Japan Economic Foundation (JEF)

SESSION 1:

10:30-12:00 am

ESCAPING THE LOW GROWTH TRAP

- What are the lessons to be learned from low growth periods in Japan and Europe?
- What means are available to avoid getting stuck in second gear?
- What reform plans did the Japanese G7 presidency launch in 2016?
- What can the German G20 Presidency do to tackle these problems?

Speakers

Prof. Mitsuhiro Fukao, Professor Emeritus, Keio University

Alexander Schönfelder, Head of the Division 400 Basic Economic Issues, International Economic and Financial Policy, Federal Foreign Office

Dr. Klaus Günter Deutsch, Head of Research and Economic Policy, Federation of German Industries (BDI)

Moderator:

Naoyuki Haraoka, Executive Managing Director, Japan Economic Foundation (JEF)

12:00-1:00 pm

Lunch

SESSION 2:

1:00-2:30 pm

POPULISM, PROTECTIONISM, AND THE FUTURE OF FREE TRADE

- In developed countries there is a growing distrust of globalization and the benefits of free trade. The "Brexit" decision is one example.
- What are the consequences for free trade? Is the world heading to a new era of protectionism?
- What can be done to reconcile populism and regional integration?
- What are the prospects for TTIP in Europe and RCEP and TPP in the Asia Pacific Region?

Speakers: Dr. Sota Kato, Executive Director, Tokyo Foundation; Professor, International University of Japan

Tetsuro Fukunaga, Executive Director, Brussels Office, Japan Machinery Center for Trade and Investment (JMC)

Dr. Claudia Schmucker, Head of Globalization and World Economy Program, DGAP

Dr. Ilja Nothnagel, Head of Division Foreign Trade Policy and Law, Association of German Chambers of Commerce and Industry (DIHK)

Moderator: Dr. Henning Hoff, Executive Editor Berlin Policy Journal, DGAP

2:30-3:00 pm

Coffee break

SESSION 3:

3:00-4:30 pm

STAYING COMPETITIVE THROUGH DIGITALIZATION

- What are the opportunities and challenges of the Fourth Industrial Revolution for G20 countries such as Germany and Japan?
- Are Europe and Japan adequately prepared to reap growth opportunities through innovation and efficiency gains?
- What can we learn from leading digital economies like the USA?

Speakers Toshiyuki Shiga, Vice Chairman, Nissan Motor Co., Ltd.

Michael Bültmann, Managing Director, HERE Deutschland GmbH

Dr. Andreas Rinke, Chief Political Correspondent, Reuters Berlin

Moderator: Dr. Christian Mölling, Deputy Director of the Research Institute, DGAP

4:30-4:50 pm

CLOSING CEREMONY

Dr. Sylke Tempel

Kazumasa Kusaka