

# Study Group on International Politics and Economics

---

**Subject** Analysis and debate of current issues in international politics and economics

**Overview** The group holds meetings on an ongoing basis to analyze and debate current issues in international politics and economics. Participants include Masahiro Sakamoto, ex-professor at Chuo University; Tsutomu Tanaka, former vice-minister for economic planning; and other officials from the former Economic Planning Agency and the Cabinet Office. In fiscal 2023, following on from the previous fiscal year, the group focused on the intensifying friction between the United States and China, Japan-U.S.-China relations, the Russia-Ukraine issue, the U.S. midterm elections, the election of President Xi Jinping for a third term, China's real estate turmoil and Japan's aging issues. The group also analyzed the problems of international politics as well as those of global finances and economics.

| Date held   | Subject   |
|-------------|---|
| 2019        |   |
| January 29  | New National Defense Program Guidelines         |
| February 20 | U.S.-China Trade Friction and China's Response  |
| March 26    | On Global Economy                               |
| April 24    | Current Situation of China                      |
| May 20      | Japan-U.S.-China-Russia Quadrilateral Relations |

| Date held    | Subject  |
|--------------|--|
| 2019         |  |
| June 26      | China and the Economic Growth Trap: Financial Crisis and Balance Sheet Insufficiencies |
| July 17      | The Intentions behind China's Military Expansion                                       |
| August 21    | The Trump Administration in the Lead up to the Presidential Election                   |
| September 26 | Japan-U.S. Economic Issues and Policy Measures: Based on MMT Theory                    |
| October 17   | Outlook for Chinese Economy Based on U.S.-China Frictions                              |
| November 21  | U.S. Options in the Washington-Beijing Rivalry: Including Financial Sanctions          |
| December 18  | Conditions in China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong   |
| 2020         |  |
| January 17   | U.S.-China Confrontation Over 5G   |
| June 30      | Outlook for the Chinese Economy and U.S.-China Relations                               |
| July 22      | Global Currency Settlement Systems, Libra, and Digital Renminbi                        |

| Date held   | Subject  |
|-------------|--|
| 2020        |  |
| September 2 | What Is Happening in China Right Now? Interpreting the Xi Jinping Administration |
| October 28  | Changes in the China Policies of the EU and Individual European States           |
| November 12 | U.S.-China Relations After the U.S. Presidential Election and Japan's Course     |
| December 18 | The New Biden Administration and Japan's Strategy                                |
| 2021        |  |
| January 29  | Biden Administration Policy and Issues: Can the Divide Be Overcome?              |
| February 10 | Challenges and Policies of the New Biden Administration                          |
| March 22    | Inauguration of the Biden Administration and China's Response                    |
| April 28    | Australia's Foreign Policy in the Indo-Pacific Age                               |
| May 24      | Theory of Grand Strategy: Conflict over International order and Japan            |
| June 18     | East Asian Relations Changed by Coronavirus: Among China, Taiwan and Hong Kong   |

| Date held    | Subject  |
|--------------|--|
| 2021         |  |
| September 1  | Xi Jinping Administration and AI Industry  |
| September 29 | Background of U.S. Failure of “20 years in Afghanistan” and Outlook for New Taliban Regime |
| October 27   | New Capitalism Is New Bible: The Next Stage of New Middle Ages                             |
| November 18  | Biden Administration’s Indo-Pacific Strategy and U.S.-China Relations                      |
| December 17  | U.S.-China Relations and Economic Security-Digital Security                                |
| 2022         |  |
| January 20   | Xi Jinping Administration’s Technique of Social Control                                    |
| February 24  | Biden Administration’s Foreign Policy and Outlook for U.S.-China Conflict                  |
| March 22     | China’s “New” Development Concepts   |
| April 27     | New Capitalism   |
| May 23       | Foreign and Security Policy Outlook of South Korea’s New Administration                    |

| Date held   | Subject   |
|-------------|---|
| 2022        |   |
| June 24     | Outlook of Global Financial Economy   |
| August 3    | Turning Point of China's Housing Situation  |
| September 2 | Behavioral Principle of India: Persistent Strategic<br>Autonomy in Russian Invasion of Ukraine                                |
| October 12  | Is It Possible to Avoid Third World War?<br>"Asia and Europe, Two Front Crisis"   |
| October 27  | China's Political Situation After the 20th National Congress<br>of Communist Party  |
| November 28 | U.S. Midterm-election and the Next Presidential Election  |
| December 21 | Direction of National Defense Strategy of Japan:<br>Outlook for Defense Strategy After the Revision of 3<br>Defense Documents |
| 2023        |   |
| January 23  | Recent Development in Global Market   |
| February 24 | U.S. Politics and Diplomacy of the year 2023  |
| March 23    | The First Session of The 14th National People's Congress<br>and Xi Jinping Regime   |

| Date held   | Subject  |
|-------------|--|
| 2023        |  |
| April 18    | Current Global Financial Situation,<br>The Issue of US Banking Concerns  |
| May 24      | Upheaval of International Situation and Japan  |
| June 22     | Division of United States: Failure of Liberalism from the<br>Perspectives of Toleration                                    |
| July 20     | Xi Jinping Administration in its Third Term  |
| September 7 | Unprecedented Countermeasures against the Declining<br>Birthrate: Present Situation, Estimate, Countermeasures,<br>Outlook |
| October 2   | Angry Global South's Future Direction "The Impact on<br>the Superpower Countries' Race"                                    |
| November 8  | Political Situation of U.S.  |
| December 13 | Xi Jinping Administration of the year 2024<br>"Internal Affairs, Foreign Policy, and Japan-China<br>Relations"             |

| Date held   | Subject   |
|-------------|---|
| 2024        |   |
| January 16  | “New Universal Health Coverage” Concept of Japan                                  |
| February 13 | Hypothesis: International Monetary System in the Process of World Order Formation |
| March 22    | Prolonged Downturn of China’s Real Estate Market: Outlook and Economic Impact     |

---

Members

**Masahiro Sakamoto (Leader)**

Trustee, Kajima Institute of International Peace

Former Professor, Faculty of Policy Management,

Chuo University

Distinguished Research Fellow, The Japan Forum on

International Relations, Inc.

Former Deputy Director General, Economic Planning Agency

**Nobuyuki Hiraizumi**

President, Kajima Institute of International Peace

Advisor, Kajima Corporation

Advisor, Avant Associates, Inc.

Director, The Board Director Training Institute of Japan

**Tsutomu Tanaka**

Director, Kajima Institute of International Peace

Former Administrative Vice-Minister for Economic Planning

Former Advisor, Mitsubishi Research Institute, Inc.

Former Professor, Chuo University

**Kazumasa Oguro, Ph.D.**

Director, Kajima Institute of International Peace

Faculty of Economics, Hosei University

**Minoru Ikeda**

Auditor, Kajima Institute of International Peace

Community/Child Welfare Volunteers

Former Director General, Quality of Life Policy Bureau,

Cabinet Office

---

Members

**Satoshi Kawamoto**

Trustee, Kajima Institute of International Peace

Special Member, Japan Center for Economic Research

Former Councilor, Coordination Bureau, Economic Planning Agency

Former Professor, Faculty of Economics, Teikyo University

**Tatsuo Shikata**

Visiting Researcher, Kajima Institute of International Peace

Mitsui & Co., Ltd. Company Fellow

**Shinzo Yoshida**

Visiting Researcher, Kajima Institute of International Peace

Political Analyst

**Yoseki Nagase**

Director, Institute of Development Policy Studies

Former Director-General, Coordination Bureau, Economic Planning Agency

Former Vice President, Japan Bank for International Cooperation

**Shunichiro Ushijima**

Former Professor, Faculty of Economics, Saitama University

Former Director General, Economic Planning Agency

**Yutaka Harada**

Professor, Nagoya University of Commerce and Business, Business School

---

Members

**Takashi Omori**

Former Policy Advisor, Cabinet Office

Former Professor, Faculty of Economics, Osaka University

**Noriki Hirose**

Former Ambassador of Japan to Brunei

**Takashi Sakuma**

Project Professor, Department of Economics, Nihon University's

College of Economics

**Yoshiro Nakajo**

Counselor, JTUC Rengo Research Institute for Advancement of  
Living Standards

Former Vice-Minister for Policy Coordination, Cabinet Office

**Masashi Namekawa**

Member, Japan Society for Pacific Island Studies

Former Ambassador of Japan to Fiji

**Tetsuo Saito**

Visiting Research Fellow, Policy Research Dept.,

Global Economic & Political Studies Div., Mitsui & Co. Global

Strategic Studies Institute

**Itsushi Tachi**

Visiting Professor in FOEc. Saitama University

Visiting Professor in FOEc. KIT

---

Members

**Keiko Murata**

Professor, Graduate School of Economics, Risscho University

Professor Emeritus, Tokyo Metropolitan University

**Tadashi Yokoyama**

Professor, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies

Research Fellow, Economic and Social Research Institute,  
Cabinet Office

**Minoru Masujima**

Principal Research Fellow / Chief Economist, SBI Financial and  
Economic Research Institute

Specially Appointed Professor, Data Science and AI Innovation  
Promotion Center, Shiga University

Former President, Economic and Social Research Institute,  
Cabinet Office