



Global Risk Symposium

Prospects of Increasing Geopolitical Risks and Its Solutions

- How To Live in an Era of New Normal -

While dramatic changes were starting to take place in Europe with the UK's decision to leave the EU, the French presidential election results seemed to suggest a temporary slow-down of such trends. However, there are again calls for independence in Northern Ireland and Scotland; the new French government is facing enormous challenges; the next Austrian general election is about to be brought forward; and there is the question of whether some southern European countries can remain in the Euro zone. Perhaps the policy-makers and industry decision-makers have been given some time to prepare for the great changes to come.

On the other hand, with the election of Donald Trump as the US President, the new force withdrawing from globalism seems to be strengthening, as the US has announced its policy to withdraw from the Trans-Pacific Partnership and the Paris Agreement. In the area of security, terror attacks have witnessed a spike in various parts of the world.

What are the social tides underlying these dramatic changes in international affairs?

At this conference, we invite Professor Matthew Goodwin, a well-known academic in the field of Politics and International Relations specialising in British and European politics, immigration and populism in Europe at the University of Kent (UK) and Visiting Senior Fellow at Chatham House, and Professor Ramiarison Herinjatovo Aimé from the University of Antananarivo (Madagascar) who is an expert on the economies of East Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa and on the Advisory Group for Sub-Saharan Africa of the IMF, to examine the background to these risks and to propose some solutions.

Further, the imminent threat of North Korea and future prospects are examined by Dr. Dong Yong-seung, Representative of Oriental Link, who has also served as a member of Council of Policy Advisors to President Lee Myung-bak as well as a member of Council of Advisors on Foreign and Security Policy to the Blue House.



This conference will be led and moderated by Dr. Keiichiro Komatsu of London-based think tank Komatsu Research and Advisory (KRA). Dr. Komatsu, who holds a D.Phil. in International Relations from the University of Oxford, has had careers in several institutions including the World Bank, the British government's Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and the UKTI.

The opening remarks will be made by Mr. Kazumasa Kusaka, Chairman and CEO of the Japan Economic Foundation (JEF), and ex-Vice-Minister for International Affairs at the Japanese Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry. The closing remarks will be made by Ms. Yoriko Kawaguchi, who has served as the Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Date: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 9:00 am-1:00 pm
(Registration starts at 8:45 am)

Venue: Iwasaki Koyata Memorial Hall (B1F, International House of Japan,
5-11-16 Roppongi, Minato-ku, Tokyo)

Admission: Free (registration required by e-mail with your name, occupation
& contact telephone number) *Personal information will only be
used for the purpose of this symposium.

Maximum capacity: 100 persons

Language: English/Japanese (simultaneous interpretation will be provided)

Support: International House of Japan
Japan External Trade & Organization (JETRO)



Programme

Time	Details
9:00 - 9:10	Opening remarks: Mr. Kazumasa Kusaka, Chairman and CEO of the Japan Economic Foundation (JEF)
9:10 - 10:40	Part 1 - Global Geopolitical Risks: Present and Prospects
9:10 - 9:35	“Global Geopolitical Risks: Present and Prospects” Dr. Keiichiro Komatsu, Principal, Komatsu Research and Advisory (KRA), (Speaker/moderator)
9:35 - 10:00	“Brexit: Causes & Consequences” Professor Matthew Goodwin, University of Kent (UK) and Visiting Senior Fellow at Chatham House
10:00 - 10:25	“Geopolitical Risks in Africa and Asia from a comparative perspective: The Strategic role of Indian Ocean zone” Professor Ramiarison Herinjatovo Aimé, University of Antananarivo (Madagascar)
10:25 - 10:40	Q&A
10:40 - 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 - 11:50	“Geopolitical Risks of Korea Peninsuala” (Korean-Japanese consecutive interpretation will be provided) Dr. Dong Yong-seung, Representative, Oriental Link
11:50 - 12:50	Part 2 - How To Live in an Era of New Normal
11:50 - 12:40	Panel discussion and Q&A Dr. Dong Yong-seung, Representative, Oriental Link Professor Matthew Goodwin, University of Kent (UK) and Visiting Senior Fellow at Chatham House Professor Ramiarison Herinjatovo Aimé, University of Antananarivo (Madagascar) Dr. Keiichiro Komatsu, Principal, Komatsu Research and Advisory
12:40 - 12:50	Summary: Dr. Keiichiro Komatsu, Principal, Komatsu Research and Advisory
12:50 - 13:00	Closing remarks: Ms. Yoriko Kawaguchi, ex-Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs