"Japan and the EU in the global economy - challenges and opportunities"

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Programme

Welcome remarks by Masahiko Yoshii, Dean of Graduate School of Economics, Kobe University, Sébastien Lechevalier, Associate Professor at EHESS (Paris), president of Fondation France-Japon de l’EHESS and Guntram Wolff, Director, Bruegel.

09:00-10:00
First panel: Trade and financial linkages between Europe and Japan: new evidence and scope for improvement
- André Sapir, Senior Fellow, Bruegel; Professor, Free University of Brussels
- Takuji Kinkyo, Professor, Graduate School of Economics, Kobe University; Senior Research Fellow, Policy Research Institute, Ministry of Finance, Japan
- Discussant: Michael G. Plummer, ENI Professor in International Economics; Faculty and Academic Liaison, SAIS Bologna

10:15-11:15
Second panel: Housing Bubbles, Government Responses and Economic/Corporate Adjustments: can Europe learn from Japan?
- Tomomi Miyazaki, Associate Professor, Graduate School of Economics, Kobe University
- Sébastien Lechevalier, Associate Professor, EHESS [Paris]; President, Fondation France-Japon de l’EHESS
- Discussant: Joachim Fels, Chief International Economist, Morgan Stanley

11:30-12:30
Third panel: Monetary, fiscal policy and the financial system in Japan and Europe: a comparative perspective
- Wataru Takahashi, Professor, Faculty of Economics, Osaka University of Economics; former Director General, Institute for Monetary and Economic Studies of the Bank of Japan
- Jens Ulbrich, Head of Economics Department, Bundesbank
- Discussant: Zsolt Darvas, Senior Fellow, Bruegel
12:30-13:15 Lunch

13:15-14:00 Keynote speech by Peter Praet, Member of the Executive Board of the European Central Bank

14:00-15:00
Fourth Panel: Policy panel: What policy lessons to draw?

- Kiyohiko Nishimura, Professor of Economics, Graduate School of Economics, Faculty of Economics at Tokyo University
- Peter Praet, Member of the Executive Board, European Central Bank
- Michael G. Plummer, ENI Professor in International Economics; Faculty and Academic Liaison, SAIS Bologna
- Guntram Wolff, Director, Bruegel

15:00-15:30
Closing remarks by Hideki Fukuda, President of Kobe University; Sébastien Lechevalier, President, Fondation France-Japon de l'EHESS and Guntram Wolff, Director, Bruegel