

EU-JAPAN STRATEGIC DIALOGUE



Joint Track II Seminar organised by the Genron NPO and the European Union Institute for Security Studies (EUISS)

26 January 2023, 09:00-12:00 CET (17:00-20:00 JST), online



09:00-09:10 (17:00-17:10)

OPENING REMARKS

Yasushi KUDO

President, Genron NPO

Gustav LINDSTROM

Director, EU Institute for Security Studies (EUISS)

09:10-10:25 (17:10-18:25)

SESSION 1: NEW SECURITY STRATEGIES AND APPROACHES IN JAPAN AND THE EU

New geopolitical realities in Europe and Asia have concurrently led Japan and the European Union to reassess their security threats, and develop new strategies to defend themselves. As per the 2019 Strategic Partnership Agreement, both parties have agreed that peace and security is a priority area for cooperation in crisis situations, disarmament, terrorism, cyber issues, maritime affairs, and judicial cooperation. In this regard, to what extent will Japan's recently-released new National Security Strategy (NSS) change the country's approach to defence and security in these areas? And how does the EU plan to intensify its involvement in the region, following the release of its Indo-Pacific strategy in 2019 and the adoption of the Strategic Compass in 2022?

Moderator

Alice EKMAN

Senior Analyst, EU Institute for Security Studies (EUISS)

Speakers

Jan Joel ANDERSSON

Senior Analyst, EU Institute for Security Studies (EUISS)

Tomohiko SATAKE

Senior Fellow, Defense Policy Division, Policy Studies Department, National Institute for Defense Studies (NIDS)

Discussants

Jun NAGASHIMA

Adjunct Professor, Graduate School of Security Studies, National Defense Academy, Lieutenant General (Retired)

Marie BRETHOUS

Associate Analyst, EU Institute for Security Studies

10:25-10:35 (18:25-18:35)

[Virtual coffee break](#)

10:35-11:50 (18:35-19:50)

SESSION 2: FROM RUSSIA'S INVASION OF UKRAINE TO TENSIONS IN THE TAIWAN STRAIT - INTERTWINING OF CONFLICT THEATRES AND AREAS OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE EU AND JAPAN

Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine on 24 February 2022, and the ensuing intense war, remind Europe and the world of the possibility of a conflict involving one or more countries possessing nuclear weapons. Although the context is very different in East Asia, China's increasingly offensive declaration and military up, as well as the DPRK's accelerating nuclear missile test programme, raise concerns in neighbouring countries, notably Japan. How do both sides perceive the war in Ukraine, and what were their respective reactions to it? Does the parallel between the Ukraine war and a possible crisis in the Taiwan strait hold? What other possible conflict theatres Japan and the EU are concerned about? How could both parties' cooperation be strengthened to prevent further escalation of conflict in Europe or in the Indo-Pacific region?

Moderator

Yuho NISHIMURA

Director of International Department, The Genron NPO

Speakers

Stanislav SECRIERU

Senior Analyst, EU Institute for Security Studies (EUISS)

Yoji KODA

Visiting Fellow, The Genron NPO; former Commander in Chief, Self Defense Fleet, Japan

Discussants

Masayuki MASUDA

Senior Fellow, China Division, Regional Studies Department, NIDS

EUISS Senior Analysts - jointly

11:50-12:00 (19:50-20:00)

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Gustav LINDSTROM

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12:00 (20:00) [End of the meeting](#)