



The 10th Anniversary Kobe University Brussels European Centre Symposium

Open Science, Evolving Societies: New Horizons for EU-Japan Research

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VENUE Vrije Universiteit Brussel Conference Centre, U-Residence, Bld Général Jacques 271, 1050 Brussels

8:45-9:15 REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE

9:15-10:00 OPENING ADDRESSES (CONFERENCE ROOM A)

Moderator Introduction by the Moderator, **Prof. Kazunari Sakai**, Kobe University (Japan)

Speakers **Prof. Hiroshi Takeda**, President, Kobe University (Japan)
Prof. Romain Meeusen, Vice-Rector, Vrije Universiteit Brussel
H.E. Mr. Kazuo Kodama, Ambassador of Japan to the European Union (Japan)
Mr. Jean-Eric Paquet, Director-General, DG RTD, European Commission (EU)

10:00-13:30 MORNING PARALLEL SESSIONS

10:00-13:30 PARALLEL SESSION 1: ECONOMICS (CONFERENCE ROOM A)
EU – JAPAN EPA AND SPA: JOINING FORCES FOR A RULE-BASED INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER

10:00-11:35 Theme 1: EU-Japan EPA: A New Paradigm for International Trade.

Moderator **Prof. Masahiko Yoshii**, Executive Vice-President, Kobe University (Japan)

Speakers [Prof. Masahiko Yoshii](#), Executive Vice-President, Kobe University (Japan)
'Outline of the Japan-EU EPA/FTA and SPA'
[Prof. Taiji Hagiwara](#), Kobe University (Japan)
'Value added trade between EU and Japan'
[Prof. Roberto Reyes-Barrera](#), Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Belgium)
'The EU-Japan EPA and its linkage with other regional trade agreements in the Pacific Region'
[Ms. Eve Päärendson](#), European Economic and Social Committee (EU)
'EU-Japan EPA and the role that is foreseen for civil society'

Discussant **Prof. Noritsugu Nakanishi / Prof. Yo-ichi Matsubayashi**, Kobe University (Japan)

11:35-11:55 Coffee and networking break

11:55-13:30 Theme 2: What next for EU-Japan Strategic Partnership Agreement (SPA)?

Moderator **Mr. Piet Steel**, Honorary Consul General for Japan (Belgium), Fmr. Senior Vice-President, Toyota

Speakers [Prof. Jean-Christophe Defraigne](#), UCLouvain Saint-Louis (Belgium)
'The EU-Japan Strategic Partnership in the context of the international development of China'
[Dr. Reinhold Brender](#), Head of Division, European External Action Service (EU)
'What next for EU-Japan Strategic Partnership Agreement (SPA)?'
Ms. Keiko Namba, The Mission of Japan to the European Union (Japan)
'The Japan-EU SPA: Our Path Ahead'
[Prof. Kazunari Sakai](#), Kobe University (Japan)
'Significance of the Japan-EU Strategic Partnership Agreement (SPA) from soft power and interregionalism point of view'

Discussant **Prof. Tongfi Kim**, Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Belgium)

10:00-13:30 **PARALLEL SESSION 2: NATURAL SCIENCES** (CONFERENCE ROOM B)
FOOD SYSTEMS FOR QUALITY, SAFETY AND FUNCTIONALITY.

10:00-12:00 **Theme 1: Food Systems for Quality and Safety.**

Moderators **Prof. Ken-ichi Yoshida**, Kobe University (Japan)
Prof. Stefan Weckx, Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Belgium)

Speakers [Prof. Hideyuki Mannen](#), Kobe University (Japan)
'Identification and utilization of responsible genes associated with beef quality in Japanese Wagyu'.
[Prof. Stefaan de Smet](#), Ghent University (Belgium)
'The Belgian blue beef breed – brief overview of its meat quality characteristics'.
[Prof. Hiromichi Itoh](#), Kobe University (Japan)
'Non-destructive measurement of plants for environmental control in plant factory'.
[Prof. Wendy Meulebroeck](#), Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Belgium)
'Photonics enhanced sensors for monitoring of solid food products'.

12:00-12:20 Coffee and networking break

12:20-13:30 **Theme 2: Food Systems for Functionality.**

Moderators **Prof. Ken-ichi Yoshida**, Kobe University (Japan)
Prof. Stefan Weckx, Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Belgium)

Speakers [Dr. Philippe Langella](#), INRA (France)
'Our intestinal microbiota as source of next-generation probiotics for animal and human health'.
[Prof. Ro Osawa](#), Kobe University (Japan)
'A new horizon in evaluating functionality and safety of food components: an introduction of Kobe University human intestinal model'.
General discussion wrapping up the two morning sessions (13:20-13:30).

10:00-13:30 **PARALLEL SESSION 3: SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES** (CONFERENCE ROOM C)
PRESERVING THE PAST, CELEBRATING THE PRESENT, EMBRACING THE FUTURE: A NEW AGE FOR CULTURAL HERITAGE RESEARCH IN EU AND JAPAN.

10:00-11:35 **Theme 1: Celebrating the Present, Embracing the Future: Communities & Cultural Heritage.**

Moderator **Mr. Patrick Vittet-Philippe**, Kobe University Brussels European Centre

Speakers [Prof. Gábor Sonkoly](#), ELTE University (Hungary)
'Current challenges facing heritage communities'.
[Dr. Dorota Nigge](#), European Commission (EU)
'The European Year of Cultural Heritage: which lessons for cross-border, cross-cultures citizen engagement?'.
Prof. Arturo Rodriguez Morató University of Barcelona (Spain) **(Unable to attend)**
'Culture-led urban regeneration and the conundrum of social involvement in cultural heritage'.
Prof. Pascal Delheye, Ghent University (Belgium) **(Unable to attend)**
'Sport, heritage and cultural diversity: past, present and future'.
[Prof. Michel Claessens](#), European Commission (EU), and Université Libre de Bruxelles (Belgium)
'Science as a cultural heritage'

11:35-11:55 Coffee and networking break

11:55-13:30 **Theme 2: Making History Come Alive: New Challenges and Opportunities for Cultural Heritage Institutions.**

Moderator **Prof. Hiroko Masumoto**, Kobe University (Japan)

Speakers **Prof. Simon Kaner**, U. of East Anglia, Sainsbury Institute for the Study of Japanese Arts & Culture (UK)
'Beyond 'five minutes of fame' - Japan heritage and globalising British Archaeology: two approaches to broadening the appeal of ancient sites in contemporary landscapes'.
Prof. Makoto Goto, National Museum of Japanese History (Japan)
'Approach to protect and preserve historical and cultural resources with data infrastructure'.
Dr. Heidi Buck-Albulet, University of Hamburg (Germany)
'Linked poetry (Renga) in contemporary Japan'.
Dr. Constanze Itzel, Director, House of European History (EU)
'Europe in one space: the House of European History'.

Discussant **Prof. Marc Jacobs**, University of Antwerp and Vrije Universiteit Brussel

13:30-14:30 JAPANESE NETWORKING LUNCH**14:30-17:00 AFTERNOON - OPEN INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS AND BROKERAGE EVENTS****14:30-17:00 OPEN INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP/BROKERAGE EVENT A: (CONFERENCE ROOM A)**
NEW HORIZONS IN EU-JAPAN ECONOMIC RESEARCH.Session leader **Prof. Masahiko Yoshii**, Kobe UniversitySpeakers: [Mr. Massimiliano Porto](#), Kobe University (Japan)
'Expectations of Japanese Small and Medium-sized Enterprises regarding the EU-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement. An Analysis from an independent survey.'
[Mr. Taro Nishikawa](#), KU Leuven (Belgium)
'Trade and Sustainable Development chapter in the Japan-EU Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA): potential impacts on Japanese trade policy and future Japan-EU cooperation.'
[Dr. Felice Farina](#), University of Naples L'Orientale (Italy)
*'The EU-Japan EPA: implications and prospects for Japan's agri-food sector.'*Participants Morning session speakers and **PhD students from KU Leuven, VUB and other European Universities.**
Objective To prepare joint EU-Japan research projects (including future H2020 and Horizon Europe Calls).**14:30-17:00 OPEN INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP B (CONFERENCE ROOM B)**
FOOD RESEARCH IN TRADITION AND FUTURE.Session leaders **Prof. Ken-ichi Yoshida**, Kobe University, and **Prof. Stefan Weckx**, VUBSpeakers *Part 1 – Tradition and research*[Dr. Hideaki Shimizu](#), National Research Institute of Brewing (Japan)*'Wine making in Japan.'***Prof Luc de Vuyst**, Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Belgium)*'Lambic beer fermentation and maturation, a matter of years.'**Part 2 – Future cooperation*[Prof. Ken-ichi Yoshida](#), Kobe University (Japan)**Prof. Stefan Weckx**, Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Belgium)[Ms. Inge Arents](#), Flanders FOOD (Belgium)*'Flanders' FOOD, spearhead Cluster Agri-Food collaboration is key.'*[Mr. Federico Perrone](#), Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Belgium)*'Evolution of the EU-Japanese collaboration under the new Research and Innovation funding scheme.'*

Participants Morning session speakers, additional experts, PhD students (VUB, Kobe, KU Leuven).

Objective Open round table to share mutual scientific interests and discuss funding possibilities for international collaborative projects. Two presentations (and tasting) of Japanese wine & Belgian beers.

14:30-17:00 OPEN INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP C: (CONFERENCE ROOM C)
TOWARDS A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO CULTURAL HERITAGE RESEARCH: CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIESSession leaders **Prof. Hiroshi Okumura** and **Prof. Hiroko Masumoto**, Kobe UniversityModerator **Prof. Simon Kaner**, University of East Anglia (UK)Speakers **Prof. Hiroshi Okumura**, Kobe University (Japan)
'Regional historical heritage: ensuring that the historical culture of regional societies continues in the future.'
Prof. Masashi Amano, National Museum of Japanese History (Japan)
'Handling to damaged materials: methodology and views.'
[Dr. Benedek Varga](#), Hungarian National Museum (Hungary)
'Museums and the discourse on heritage.'
Mr. Yusuke Tsukuma, Kobe University (Japan)
'Anecdotal reports on regional historical heritage protection and utilization.'

Participants Morning session speakers, additional experts, PhD students.

Objective To prepare joint EU-Japan research projects on Cultural Heritage issues, a priority issue for both the EU and Japan (including towards future Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe Calls).

17:00-17:15 CONCLUDING SESSION AND CLOSING REMARKS**Prof. Matsuto Ogawa**, Executive Vice-President, Kobe University**Prof. Hugo Thienpont**, Vice-Rector, Vrije Universiteit Brussel**17:15-18:30 NETWORKING RECEPTION AND DRINKS**