Program

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14:00-15:00	Keynote Speech …. Christian Joppke Professor Emeritus, University of Bern, Switzerland
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16:30-17:55	Panel Discussion and Q&A Panelists ■ Christian Joppke (Professor Emeritus, University of Bern, Switzerland) ■ Hein de Haas (Professor, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands) ■ Gracia Liu-Farrer (Professor, Waseda University) ■ Yoichi Mine (Executive Director, JICA Ogata Sadako Research Institute for Peace and Development) Moderator : Yu Korekawa (Director, Department for International Research and Cooperation, National Institute of Population and Social Security Research)
17:55-18:00	Closing Remarks …… Yoichi Mine Executive Director, JICA Ogata Sadako Research Institute for Peace and Development
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Seminar details

About the Seminar

The JICA Ogata Sadako Research Institute for Peace and Development and the National Institute of Population and Social Security Research are co-hosting the seminar "Reimagining Migration Policy: Towards a New Vision for the Age of Fragmentation." The world is currently facing a serious 'age of fragmentation.' Conflicts over accepting immigrants and refugees are intensifying worldwide, and the rise of xenophobia and populism threatens the stability of the international community. However, developed countries, including Japan, are facing rapid aging populations with low birth rates and labor shortages, making the acceptance of foreign workers essential for maintaining economic growth and social security systems.

In the fields of international cooperation and development, new approaches to international migration are also gaining attention. The World Development Report (WDR) published by the World Bank in 2023 focuses on international migration and presents concepts such as Global Skills Partnership as new possibilities for international migration that can lead to human development not only for sending and receiving countries but also for the migrants themselves.

'Migration' is no longer a distant global issue. We now see foreign workers in various settings, such as convenience store clerks, care facility staff, construction workers, and corporate engineers. They have become important members supporting our daily lives, local communities, and economic activities. In fact, the number of foreign workers in Japan continues to increase. Even in emerging and developing countries, which often serve as sending countries, the role of international migration cannot be ignored when considering their economic development and the well-being of their citizens.

In this seminar, we have invited world-renowned migration research authorities, Christian Joppke (Professor Emeritus at the University of Bern, Switzerland) and Hein de Haas (Professor at the University of Amsterdam, Netherlands), to examine the increasingly complex migration issues from multiple perspectives and envision the future of Japan and the world. Where are global migration policies heading? How should we understand the relationship between international migration and development? How have these trends emerged, and what characteristics do they have? Are there ways to change the current situation? As we confront these urgent questions, we seek a new vision for this age of fragmentation.

The seminar will begin with an overview of global trends in international mobility and Japan's position, based on current data. Then, Professors Joppke and de Haas will report on the logic and prospects of current migration policies from their respective perspectives, as well as their visions for the future. The panel discussion will also include Gracia Liu-Farrer (Professor at Waseda University), who leads research on Japan's transformation into an immigrant society, and Yoichi Mine (JICA Ogata Sadako Research Institute), who studies migration from a human security perspective. Through this multifaceted discussion among the four experts, we aim to find a compass for the new era.

This seminar will be an opportunity for each participant to think together about Japan's future and explore new forms of 'Kyo-sei (coexistence).' We sincerely welcome your participation from a wide range of fields, regardless of specialized knowledge.

Speakers

Christian Joppke — Professor Emeritus, University of Bern, Switzerland

Professor Emeritus of Sociology at the University of Bern, and a Senior Research Fellow at the Hamburg Institute for Social Research (HIS). A Ph.D. of the University of California at Berkeley (1989), he previously taught at the University of Southern California, European University Institute, University of British Columbia, International University Bremen, and the American University of Paris. He also held honorary and visiting professorships at Aarhus University, Central European University (Budapest), and SciencesPo (Paris). Specializing in comparative political sociology, he has written widely and influentially on social movements in West and East, immigration, citizenship, multiculturalism, religion, nationalism, and more recently on populism and neoliberalism. His last books are *Neoliberal Nationalism: Immigration and the Rise of the Populist Right* (Cambridge UP 2021) and *Political Neoliberalism: Order and Rupture* (Oxford UP 2025).

Hein de Haas — Professor, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands

Hein de Haas is a geographer and sociologist, and an internationally renowned migration scholar. He is currently Professor of Sociology at the University of Amsterdam (UvA) and a visiting Professor of Migration and Development at Maastricht University. From 2006 to 2015, he was a founding member and co-director of the International Migration Institute (IMI) at the University of Oxford. He is a leading expert in the field of migration research and the originator of the 'aspiration-capability model' , the innovative theory of migration and development. In his work, De Haas has advanced a new, long-term view of migration as an intrinsic part of global change and development. He is lead author of *The Age of Migration: International Population Movements in the Modern World*, a seminal text book in the field of migration studies. His new book *How Migration Really Works* was published by Penguin in November 2023 as well as in German, Dutch, French, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Greek and Korean translations.

Gracia Liu-Farrer — Professor, Waseda University

Gracia Liu-Farrer is Professor of sociology at the Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies, and Director of Institute of Asian Migration at Waseda University, Japan. Her research examines immigration into Japan, transnational labor and student mobilities in East Asia as well as between Asia and Europe. She hopes to bring Asian experiences to migration and mobility theorization. Her recent books include *Handbook of Asian Migrations* (with Brenda Yeoh, Routledge, 2018), *Immigrant Japan: Mobility and Belonging in an Ethno-nationalist Society* (Cornell University Press, 2020), *Tangled Mobilities: Places, Affects, and Personhood across Social Spheres in Asian Migration* (with Asuncion Fresnoza-Flot, Berghahn Books, 2022), and *The Question of Skill in Cross-border Labour Mobilities* (with Brenda Yeoh and Michele Baas, Taylor & Francis, 2023). She has published journal articles and book chapters on migrants ranging from Chinese students, Nepali restaurant workers to Syrian refugees.

Yoichi Mine — Executive Director, JICA Ogata Sadako Research Institute for Peace and Development

Yoichi Mine is Executive Director of the JICA Ogata Sadako Research Institute for Peace and Development. He is also Visiting Professor at Ritsumeikan University Graduate School of International Relations and Stellenbosch University. His major research fields are human security, development economics, and African area studies. He conducts multifaceted research on the theory and practice of human security. He has published several award-winning Japanese books on development and conflict resolution in Africa, and his recent works in English include *Connecting Africa and Asia: Afrasia As a Benign Community* (Routledge, 2022) and *Human Security and Empowerment in Asia: Beyond the Pandemic* (co-edited, Routledge, 2023).

Introduction · Moderator

Yu Korekawa

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