

Message from the Chairman

The Canon Institute for Global Studies (CIGS) is a private non-profit think tank that was established as a general incorporated foundation in December 2008 to commemorate the 70th anniversary of Canon Inc. in 2007. The Institute conducts various research activities in line with Canon’s corporate philosophy of kyosei—living and working together for the common good—with the aim of contributing to global prosperity and the well-being of humankind.

Amid the growing tides of globalization and increasing economic uncertainty, Japan faces mounting concerns regarding its future, including the need for social security and fiscal reforms to cope with a rapidly aging population and declining birthrate. On a global scale, as emerging markets continue to develop economically and living standards improve, the world faces many daunting problems, including a range of crises related to food, water and the environment.

Faced with these circumstances, careful deliberation and analysis of the present is needed more than ever to ensure an accurate forecast of events into the future. I sincerely hope that CIGS will play an active role in shaping the future of Japan and the rest of the world by precisely plotting out future directions while also bringing together outstanding human resources with the motivation to achieve these ambitions.

Toward the realization of these goals, CIGS welcomes as its president Mr. Toshihiko Fukui, a man of vast knowledge and experience. With every confidence that the Institute will contribute meaningfully to global prosperity and the well-being of humanity, we request your support of and cooperation in our activities.



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Chairman & CEO
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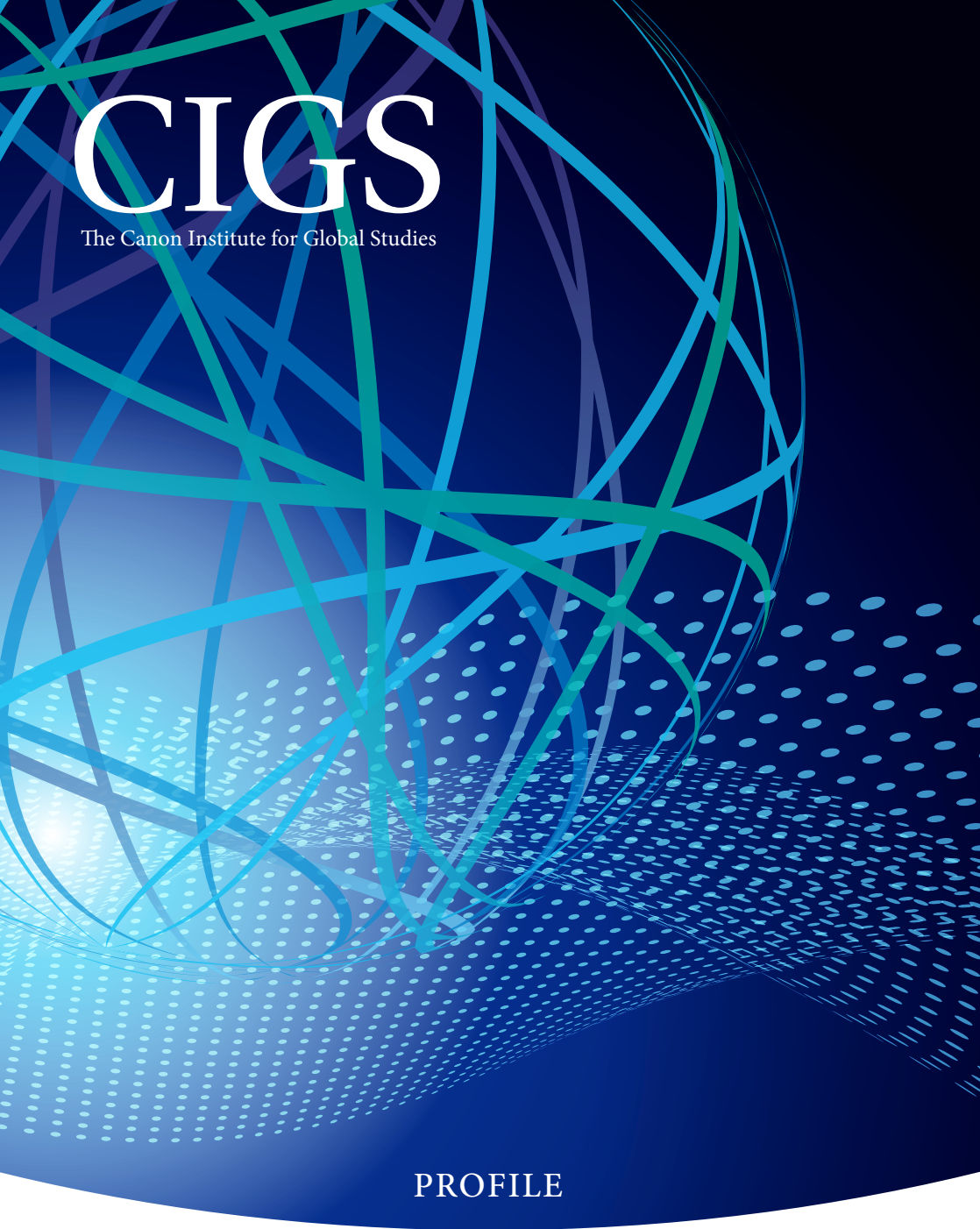
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Message from the President

The Canon Institute for Global Studies (CIGS) has been active since April 2009 and is ready to take even greater strides after seventeen years in operation. During this period, the global economy has undergone dynamic developments amid accelerating globalization and ICT revolution, and yet the outlook remains uncertain as social discrepancy widens around the world. Moreover, Pax Americana, which has constituted the backbone of global order until now, has begun to show signs of rupture, giving way for unpredictable developments to seep through, including the resurgence of nationalism and the proliferation of cyberattacks and terrorism. Under these circumstances, Japan meets new challenges with determination to work out a winning formula. The CIGS intends to make greater efforts to garner knowledge from Japan and around the world, and continues to build on our theoretical and empirical examinations, results of which are key to formulating effective policy proposals. The activities of the CIGS focus on the following three key areas. In the area of “macroeconomics”, the CIGS conducts in-depth investigation into methodologies of macroeconomic analysis and ideal policy making mechanisms, with a view to implementing the most desirable blueprint for the global as well as Japan’s economies. For the research of “natural resources, energy and the environment”, the CIGS continues to explore the optimal energy composition for Japan and the world as a whole under the ongoing transformation of the energy supply structure. In parallel, we will pursue studies on the application of new energy technologies to industrial use. In the area of “foreign affairs and national security”, Japan’s posture to put priority on economic development and to adopt a passive stance to international affairs in the post-WW II period left many issues unresolved to date. To address this, the CIGS strives to clarify Japan’s responsibilities towards Asia and the entire world henceforth, and reflects the new perspective in propelling Japan to take desirable actions. Through these activities, the CIGS aims to consolidate its basis for a global research network and to ensure that the accrued strands of wisdom will be passed on to the next generation. We ask for your continued support and guidance.

Toshihiko FUKUI
President

Toshihiko Fukui



Research Director (Alphabetical)



Toshiya IKEDA

Based on the concept of "value-based medicine," Dr. Ikeda researches the system and policies surrounding health technology assessment (HTA). Based on surveys of the latest overseas trends, HTA that conforms to Japan's medical insurance system and drug pricing system

In addition to considering the mechanism of medical care, we will propose new value-based medical reforms and medical business strategies from a global perspective.

Takaya IMAI

Mr. Imai believes that energy is the basic strategy of the nation. Although the Japanese Government has set long term goals to climate change measures so as not to have a delay from others, it's vital for the Japanese government to set action plans for each stage of goals. How should Japan lead the discussion process toward such goals for all mankind which were agreed by Paris Agreement? He will make in-depth investigation with stakeholders and propose strategic policies.

Atsuko KANEHARA

As a main pillar of Japan's diplomacy, it has continued to demonstrate the "rule of law" toward the international society. As to the international legal order, Sovereign State must discharge the dual function. They must comply with the international legal order, and also, they need to exercise leadership in creating it with realizing their own interests. The means for the rule of law include seeking peaceful solutions, and opposing changes in the status quo through unilateral acts that do not conform to the international order.

Megumi KASHIWAGI

Dr. Kashiwagi aims to design models for national finance and social security, and proposes latest public services and social infrastructure, such as public accounting systems and digitization. She studies decentralization and privatization for efficient national finance. To create sustainable regional societies, she also focuses on ways for local governments to rebuild finances, secure revenues, and increase administrative efficiency.

Keiichi KOBAYASHI

Dr. Kobayashi's group conducts theoretical research into macroeconomics and political economics through which the group aims to offer policy recommendations concerning financial crises, business cycles and deflation. The group also pursues policy research and proposals in respect to Japan's fiscal problems and capital market restructuring. The group hosts the CIGS Conference on Macroeconomic Theory and Policy every year in order to maintain a network of Japanese and overseas macroeconomic researchers.

Jun KURIHARA

As part of the efforts toward international development of the CIGS, Mr. Kurihara is building a global human network with prestigious universities (Harvard, MIT, Oxford, Cambridge, etc.) and think-tanks around the world. He studies corporate strategies, corporate social responsibility (CSR), crisis management, Japan-China military exchanges, and industrial/regional revitalization. He also publishes information on China, which has the potential to create major changes.

Shinya MATSUDA

My research focuses on two main areas. The first involves the analysis of big data from the medical, nursing care, and welfare sectors—specifically, conducting health services research using sources such as medical claim records. The second is the comparative institutional analysis of systems within these sectors, focusing particularly on European nations (with an emphasis on France) and Asian countries.

Kumiko OKAZAKI

With attention mainly on financial and fiscal system reforms, Ms. Okazaki chiefly analyzes and evaluates the developments in China, which seeks to shift smoothly from rapid to steady economic growth and to build a sustainable growth model, and provides an outlook for the country. She also focuses on understanding the mutual effects between the transforming Chinese financial market and the international financial market in the context of the globalizing economy.

Keisuke SADAMORI

Mr. Sadamori aims to propose policy responses and market/regulatory designs to ensure security of energy transitions by continued work on supply security of traditional fuels such as oil and natural gas, as well as by identifying new types of security issues in electricity market systems, supply chains of low carbon technologies, and others arising from progress in energy transitions.

Taishi SUGIYAMA

Mr. Sugiyama develops the strategy to solve global warming through technological innovation and proposes policy and institution arrangement to make it happen. He also examines scientific knowledge and environmental impacts of global warming and explores national mitigation strategy of global warming that hits balance among national security, economy and environment.

Hiroaki NIIHARA

Drawing on his own long-standing experience as a bureaucrat, I am a researcher whose primary fields of study include the organizational economics—analyzing the competitiveness of Japanese companies and their organizational management structures—as well as creativity, innovation, and corporate governance. I analyze the conditions under which companies and society generate discontinuous innovation and have proposed the "Neo-Japanism Innovation Model" as a growth model originating in Japan. This research explores mechanisms for fostering creative talent and entrepreneurial spirit while leveraging Japan's strengths in cooperation and on-the-ground capabilities.

Tetsuji OKAZAKI

Dr. Okazaki studies the relationship between changes in Japan's economic growth/ industrial structure and micro-level dynamics created by the entry, growth, and exit of companies in the Japanese economy from the 19th century to today. In this study, he uses the framework of economics, while compiling long-term historical data. His aim is to deepen the understanding of the mechanisms of creation and growth of new industries.

Kiyoyuki SEGUCHI

Mr. Seguchi studies the current status and future prospects of the Chinese economy as well as structural reform, the economic relationship with Japan and the trilateral relationship with Japan and the US based on the analysis of economic data published by the Chinese government, information obtained through periodical, direct exchange of views and information with Chinese and American governmental officials and researchers.

Tsutomu WATANABE

Dr. Watanabe's group aims to be recognized domestically and internationally as a unique research initiative by analyzing big data from the perspective of economics, business administration and physics and by delivering analytical results from an unconventional standpoint. The group also conducts research for the improvement of indexes, including the real estate price index and the consumer price index, and for the establishment of indexing methodologies for them.