

CIGS Dr. Hanns Günther Hilpert Seminar

"The EU-Japan Free Trade Agreement, Economic and Political Aspects"

Date & time: 23rd March 2016 (Wednesday) 13:00 - 14:45

Venue: CIGS Meeting Room

(11th Floor, ShinMarunouchi Building 5-1 Marunouchi 1-chome,
Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo)

Speaker: Dr. Hanns Günther Hilpert (SWP Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik)

Discussant: Dr. Kazuhito Yamashita (Research Director, CIGS)

Moderator: Mr. Jun Kurihara (Research Director, CIGS)

Language: English

Abstract of the Speech:

The last two decades experienced a relative decline in Japanese-European trade. The current negotiations for a Japan-EU Free Trade Agreement are meant to reverse this trend. Eventually the prospective Japan-EU free trade area could become the third largest free trade zone worldwide, only next to the TTIP and TPP. However, neither in Japan nor in Europe the current negotiations do not seem to assume a prominent status in trade policy. The negotiations even run the risk of leading into an impasse. Against this background the presenter is having a closer look on the current negotiation topics and the wider trade policy framework out of a European perspective.

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Mr. Jun Kurihara |
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Dr. Hanns Günther Hilpert |
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| 14:40-14:45 | Concluding Remarks
Mr. Jun Kurihara |