



Inflation and public debt dynamics in a new environment: EU-Japan perspectives

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13.30 - 19.00 (Tokyo time)

*On-site at Nihon Kôgyô Club (日本工業倶楽部), the Main Hall on the 3rd floor
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After decades of moderate inflation or deflation in Japan and in Europe, our economies are facing the return of inflation. It leads to a rise of interest rates and to new challenges for the public debt dynamics. The aim of this conference, which will gather economists and policy makers is to discuss the interactions between inflation rates and public debts as well as the de facto division of labor between Central banks and governments.

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Programme

(Tokyo time)

13.30 | **Opening remarks**

Toshihiko FUKUI (President, Canon Institute for Global Studies)

Philippe SETTON (Ambassador of France in Japan)

Keynote speech

THOUGHTS ON THE RECENT INFLATION DEVELOPMENT AND ITS IMPLICATIONS TO THE PUBLIC DEBT DYNAMICS

13:45 - 14:30

Moderator: Junko UENO (Financial Counsellor, Japanese Embassy in France)

Speaker: Masaaki KAIZUKA (Executive Director, Bank of Japan)

Q&A session | **Ask your questions**

Roundtable 1

INFLATION IS BACK: WHICH POLICIES?

14:40 - 16:10

Moderator: Akinari HORII (Special advisor, Canon Institute for Global Studies)

Speakers: Gregory CLAEYS (Director of the Economics Department, France Stratégie & Bruegel), **Tomoko HAYASHI** (Director-General of Economic Research Bureau, Cabinet Office), **Keiichiro KOBAYASHI** (Research Director, Canon Institute for Global Studies), **Stéphane LATOUCHE** (Senior Representative Asia Pacific, Banque de France), **Kozo UEDA** (Professor, Waseda University)

Q&A session | **Ask your questions**

16:10-16:30 | Coffee break

Keynote speech
FRANÇOIS VILLEROY DE GALHAU,
BANQUE DE FRANCE

16:30 - 17:15

Moderator: Raphael KELLER (Minister-counsellor for Economie Affairs & Head of the Regional Economie Department, French Embassy in Japan)

Speaker: François VILLEROY DE GALHAU (Governor of Banque de France, *online*)

Q&A session | **Ask your questions**

Roundtable 2
PUBLIC DEBT DYNAMICS IN A
CONTEXT OF RISING INFLATION
AND INTEREST RATES

17:15 - 18:45

Moderator: Sébastien LECHEVALIER (President, FFJ-EHESS)

Speakers: Takeo HOSHI (Professor, The University of Tokyo), Junko KOEDA (Professor, Waseda University), Tatsuyoshi OKIMOTO (Professor, Keio University), Yuri OKINA (Executive Vice President, NIRA), Dorothée ROUZET (Chief Economist, French Treasury)

Q&A session | **Ask your questions**

18.45 | **Closing remarks**

Bruno CABRILLAC (Deputy Director General, Banque de France)

Junichi UJIIE (Advisor, Canon Institute for Global Studies)

Keynote speeches

(alphabetical order)

Masaaki KAIZUKA (Executive Director, Bank of Japan)



Masaaki Kaizuka is the Executive Director of the Bank of Japan since September 2020. Prior to this role, he served in the Ministry of Finance for 35 years, including a stint as Executive Director representing Japan at the International Monetary Fund from 2016-2019. He also held various key positions, such as Deputy Commissioner for International Affairs at the National Tax Agency of Japan, and worked on implementing OECD/G20 BEPS Action Plans. Throughout his career, Masaaki Kaizuka demonstrated expertise in areas like budget formulation, financial institution reorganization, securities market regulation, and trade negotiations. He also gained international experience at the World Bank, OECD, and as Minister for Finance at the Embassy of Japan in Beijing. Masaaki Kaizuka is an alumnus of the University of

Tokyo and the Woodrow Wilson School of Princeton University.

François VILLEROY DE GALHAU (Governor of Banque de France)



François Villeroy de Galhau has been Governor of the Banque de France since November 2015 and has been reappointed for a second term in November 2021. He is a member of the Governing Council of the European Central Bank (ECB) and Chairman of the Autorité de Contrôle Prudentiel et de Résolution (ACPR). In 2022, he will also be appointed President of the Bank for International Settlements (BIS). A former student of ENA and Inspector of Finance, he joined the Treasury in 1988 and held various positions in ministerial cabinets and then in Brussels before becoming Chief of Staff to the Minister for the Economy, Finance and Industry in 1997, and

then Director General of Taxes in 2000. He was then appointed CEO of Cetelem in 2003, then Head of Retail Banking at BNP Paribas in France in 2008 and Deputy CEO from December 2011 until May 2015. He is the author of "L'espérance d'un Européen" (Éditions O. Jacob, 2014) and "Retrouver confiance en l'économie" (Éditions O. Jacob, 2021).

Remarks and chairs

(alphabetical order)

Bruno CABRILLAC (Deputy Director General, Banque de France)



Bruno Cabrillac entered the Banque de France (Bank of France, Central Bank) in 1984 as an economist in the Foreign Relation Department, then in the Research and Forecast Department. He was seconded to the Ministry of Finance as Financial Counsellor in Cairo (1989-1992) and Tokyo (1994-1996) after spending eighteen months as a foreign exchange and bond trader. In 1997, he was appointed Head of the African Department (Zone Franc) of the Banque de France. In April 2001, he was seconded to the Ministry of Finance to become Trade Commissioner and Banque de France representative in Hong Kong and Macau. In July 2005, he was appointed Financial Counsellor for Africa at the French Ministry of Finance (Treasury

and Economic Policy Directorate General). In October 2008, he was appointed Director of economics and international European relations at the Banque de France and since last October he is Deputy Director General Economics and International.



Toshihiko FUKUI (President, Canon Institute for Global Studies)

Toshihiko Fukui is a distinguished Japanese economist and financial expert. Graduating with an LL.B. from the University of Tokyo in 1958, he embarked on an illustrious career at the Bank of Japan. Over three decades, he ascended through the ranks, ultimately becoming the Governor in March 2003. Post-retirement from the Bank of Japan in 2008, Fukui assumed the role of President at The Canon Institute for Global Studies, where he continued to contribute to the field of economics through his extensive knowledge and experience. His tenure at institutions like the Fujitsu Research Institute and Keizai Doyukai further cemented his influence in Japan's economic landscape.



Akinari HORII (Special advisor, Canon Institute for Global Studies)

Akinari Horii is Special Advisor and a member of the Board of Directors of the Canon Institute for Global Studies, a research think tank in Tokyo, Japan. He is also a member of several non-profit entities, e.g., Keizai Doyukai (Japan Association of Corporate Executives); Investment Committee at Kindai University; the Trilateral Commission; and the Board of Councilors of the Institute for International Monetary Affairs. Akinari Horii was a central banker until he stepped down as Assistant Governor of the Bank of Japan in June 2010. During the four years' term of office, he was responsible for the Bank's all international activities and represented the Bank at G7 Deputies, G20 Deputies, FSB, and other key committees of international organizations. In Asia, he

was Chairman of EMEAP Working Group on Financial Markets as well as BIS/EMEAP Forex Forum. Before the governmental appointment to assistant governorship, he had worked at the Bank for three decades. Outside the Bank of Japan, he also worked at the BIS in Basel, Switzerland and Japan's Ministry of Finance. Akinari Horii received his MBA with distinction, and as a Beta Gamma Sigma, from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania and his BA in Economics from the University of Tokyo.



Raphaël KELLER (Minister-counsellor for Economic Affairs & Head of the Regional Economic Department, French Embassy in Japan)

Raphael Keller, is an engineer by training (graduated from Ecole Polytechnique and Paris Telecom, MSc in cognitive sciences, doctoral course at CREA - Epistemology Research Center of Ecole Polytechnique) and was a guest researcher at Tokyo University. A French-German dual national, he occupied several positions as advisor to French government members (ministries of economy and industry, digital affairs, education, culture). He was most recently Secretary General at the ministry of Economy's directorate general for Industry and Enterprises, where he planned and executed a major re-organisation. He was appointed Minister-counsellor for Economic

Affairs & Head of the Regional Economic Department (Japan-Korea) in Tokyo as of Sept. 1st, 2022.



Sébastien LECHEVALIER (President, FFJ-EHESS)

Sébastien Lechevalier is an economist and a professor at EHESS (School of Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences, Paris), specialised in Japanese economy and Asian Capitalisms. He is also founder and president of the Fondation France-Japon de l'EHESS (FFJ). Trained as a labor economist, he has extensively published on various dimensions of the Japanese economy, in comparative perspective, including: *Lessons from the Japanese experience. Towards an alternative economic policy?* (ENS Editions 2016), and *The Great Transformation of Japanese Capitalism* (Routledge, 2014). Other research interests include innovation (*Innovation beyond technology*, Springer, 2019), industrial policies, and inequalities. He has been a visiting researcher and a professor in several institutions, including: The University of

Tokyo, Kyoto University, Hitotsubashi University, Waseda University, Doshisha University, Canon Institute for Global Studies.



Junko UENO (Financial Counsellor, Japanese Embassy in France)

Junko Ueno is Financial Counsellor of the Japanese Embassy in France. She joined the Ministry of Finance in 2004 and held various positions, including Director of the Regional Customs Cooperation Office, and Deputy Director of Budget Projection. She also served as First Secretary of the Permanent Mission of Japan in Geneva, during which time she acted as the Chairperson of the Committee on Trade in Financial Services in the World Trade Organization. She graduated from the University of Tokyo with a BA in Law, and subsequently obtained an MPhil in International Relations from the University of Cambridge, and an MSc in Modern Japanese Studies from the University of Oxford.



Junichi UJIIE (Advisor, Canon Institute for Global Studies)

Junichi Ujiie, born in October 1945, is a distinguished economist and financial expert. He joined Nomura Securities in 1975, later becoming President of Nomura Securities International in the United States. He held various high-ranking positions within Nomura, including President and CEO of both Nomura Securities and Nomura Holdings. Junichi Ujiie also made significant contributions outside Nomura, serving as Chairman of the Tokyo Stock Exchange and Vice Chairman of Japan Business Federation. He has authored influential works on Japanese financial markets. Junichi Ujiie, a Ph.D. holder in economics from the University of Chicago, is a recipient of the Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun. In April 2020, he assumed the presidency of the newly established Ujiie Research Institute, Ltd.

Speakers

(alphabetical order)



Gregory CLAEYS (Director of the Economics Department, France Stratégie & Bruegel)

Grégory Claeys is the Director of the Economics Department of France Stratégie, the think tank and policy planning institution of the French government, since November 2023, and an Associate Professor at the Conservatoire National des Arts et Métiers in Paris since 2015. Before that, Grégory was a Senior Fellow at the European economic think tank Bruegel, which he joined in 2014. His research interests include international macroeconomics and finance, central banking and European economic governance. Prior to that, he conducted research in several capacities, including as a visiting researcher in the Financial Research Department of the Central Bank of Chile in Santiago and as an economist in the Research Department of the French bank

Crédit Agricole in Paris. He holds a PhD in Economics from the European University Institute (Florence), an MSc in economics from Paris X University and an MSc in management from HEC Paris.



Tomoko HAYASHI (Director-General of Economic Research Bureau, Cabinet Office)

Tomoko Hayashi serves as Director-General of Economic Research Bureau, leading a team of 70 economists/analysts. Her role includes presenting the economic situation in Japan and overseas directly to the Prime Minister every month as Chief Economist of the government at the Prime Minister's Residence. She began her career in the government in 1987 and has held various key positions in macroeconomic policymaking in the Cabinet Office, including Director for Economic Policy Framework, Deputy Director-General for Economic Research and Director-General for Economic and Fiscal Affairs. As Director for Macroeconomic Policy Coordination with the Bank of

Japan, she played a crucial role in establishing the two-percent inflation target in 2013. She also served as Vice Chair of the OECD Economic Policy Committee. Her major publication includes *Macroeconomic Policy Frameworks* (2003), *Inflation Target and Monetary Policy* (2006) co-authored with Takatoshi Ito, and *Global Financial and Economic Crisis* (2010) co-authored with Kazuo Ueda et al. She holds a Master of Science degree in Economics from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) and graduated from the University of Tokyo.



Takeo HOSHI (Professor, The University of Tokyo)

Takeo Hoshi has been a professor at the University of Tokyo since 2019. Before that, he was a professor at Stanford University, and senior researcher (Henri and Tomoye Takahashi senior fellow) at the Walter H. Shorenstein Center for Asia-Pacific Research at Stanford University. His major research interests include the financial aspects of the Japanese economy, corporate finance, and monetary and banking policies. He has received various awards such as the Reischauer International Education Award of the Japan Society of San Diego and Tijuana in 2011, the Enjoji Jiro Memorial Prize of the Nihon Keizai Shimbun-sha in 2006, and the Japan Economic Association-Nakahara Award in 2005.



Keiichiro KOBAYASHI (Research Director, Canon Institute for Global Studies)

Keiichiro Kobayashi is a distinguished economist holding the position of Professor at the Faculty of Economics in Keio University since April 2013. Concurrently, he serves as the Research Director at the Canon Institute for Global Studies, a role he has held since April 2009. With a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Chicago, obtained in 1998, Keiichiro Kobayashi boasts a solid academic foundation. Prior to his current positions, he served as a Research Fellow at the Research Institute of Economy, Trade, and Industry from April 2001 to September 2007. His extensive work experience also includes a decade-long tenure at the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) within the Government of Japan, from April 1991 to March 2001. Keiichiro

Kobayashi is an accomplished author with notable publications such as "Debt Overhang and Lack of Lender's Commitment" and "Secular Stagnation and Low Interest Rates under the Fear of a Government Debt Crisis," showcasing his contributions to the field of economics.



Junko KOEDA (Professor, Waseda University)

Junko Koeda is a Professor at the School of Political Science and Economics and the Graduate School of Economics, Waseda University, specializing in applied macroeconomics and finance, and international finance. Her professional background includes roles as a chief economist at the Policy Research Institution of the Ministry of Finance, Japan, and as a staff economist at the International Monetary Fund. She has also been a visiting scholar at the Bank of Japan. Currently, She is a Co-Editor of the Journal of the Japanese and International Economics (JJIE). She holds a Ph.D. in economics from UCLA and a bachelor's degree from the University of Tokyo.



Stéphane LATOUCHE (Senior Representative Asia Pacific, Banque de France)

Stéphane Latouche joined the Banque de France in 1991 as a Logistic Director for the Banque de France (BDF) Printing Company. After a secondment to the French Embassy as a Financial Consulor for the Middle East (Cairo, 1998-2022) and then for Latin America (Mexico, 2002-2005), he was appointed to various positions as Departmental Director at the BDF. In 2014, he was promoted to Regional Director for Haut-de-France (Lille, 2014-2019) and then for Occitanie (Toulouse, 2019-2023). He is currently (since April 2023) Banque de France's Chief Representative for the Asia-Pacific region, based in Singapore. Stéphane Latouche is a graduate from Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris and Bordeaux and he received a Master's Degree in

Public Law from Université de Bordeaux.



Tatsuyoshi OKIMOTO (Professor, Keio University)

Tatsuyoshi Okimoto is Professor of Economics and Finance at the Faculty of Economics, Keio University, a principal at Economics Design Inc., a research associate at Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry. He received PhD from the University of California, San Diego in 2005. He worked for Australian National University, Hitotsubashi University, and Yokohama National University before joining Keio University in 2022. His research has focused on Financial Econometrics and Macroeconometrics. He has been awarded the 1st GPIF Finance Awards (2017), 2015 Junko Maru Prize, and 2014 Securities Analysts Journal Prize.



Yuri OKINA (Executive Vice President, NIRA)

Yuri Okina currently serves as the Executive Vice President of the Nippon Institute for Research Advancement (NIRA) and Chairperson of the Japan Research Institute (JRI). She obtained a Doctor of Economics degree from Kyoto University in 2011, showcasing her in-depth expertise in the economic domain. Prior to her current positions, she held various significant roles in her career, including Vice Chairman and Research Director at the JRI. She also served as a member of the Industrial Revitalization Commission and held a concurrent position as an invited professor at Keio University Graduate School.



Dorothee ROUZET (Chief Economist, French Treasury)

A graduate of the Ecole Normale Supérieure (Ulm) and the Ecole Nationale de la Statistique et de l'Administration Économique (ENSAE), Dorothee ROUZET holds a doctorate in economics from Harvard University. She began her career as an economic analyst for the Danube-Balkans region at the French Treasury, assigned to the Sofia Economic Mission (2006-2007), before becoming a lecturer in macroeconomic theory and capital markets at Harvard University (2008-2011). An economist in the Trade in Services Division of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) from (2012-2017), she became senior economist in the office of Laurence BOONE, then Chief Economist of the OECD (March 2017-March 2020). In March 2020, she was appointed macroeconomic adviser in the office of Bruno LE MAIRE,

Minister for the Economy and Finance. Since June 2022, Dorothee Rouzet has been Chief Economist France at Citigroup. She was also a guest lecturer at ESCP Europe (2015-2017) and the University of Paris I (2017-2018).



Kozo UEDA (Professor, Waseda University)

Kozo Ueda is Professor of School of Political Science and Economics at Waseda University (Japan). He worked for the Bank of Japan for 14 years before joining Waseda University. He received a MPhil and a DPhil in economics from the University of Oxford after obtaining an MS in physics from the University of Tokyo. His research has focused on monetary policy and has been published in journals including *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics*, *Journal of Monetary Economics*, *Journal of International Economics*, *Journal of Money, Credit, and Banking*, *Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control*, *International Journal of Central Banking*, and *Journal of the Japanese and International Economies*.