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“Examining Lessons from Japan’s Lost Decades: Economics, Security and Society”

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Conference Information and Location

Friday May 1st 2015

9:00AM - 5:00PM

Sheraton Commander Hotel (George Washington Room)

16 Garden St, Cambridge, MA 02138, United States

Map and directions

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Conference Description

How can the U.S., Europe, and Asia avoid the mistakes Japan made during its so-called “lost decades,” or the twenty years after falling into recession during the 1990s? Focusing on the dimensions of economics, security and history issues, and education and employment, panelists examine the policy decisions taken during this period and the lessons that can be learned from Japan’s experiences. The three sessions explore how countries can deal with common challenges, including fiscal deficit, international security and growing social inequality.

The panelists examine not only the causes but also future policy options to move forward, offering insights on how a country can regenerate itself when it comes at a crossroads.

The book, *Examining Japan’s Lost Decades (Routledge Contemporary Series)*, will be published in April.

Program

9:00-9:15AM

Morning coffee

9:15-9:45AM

Keynote speeches:

Yoichi Funabashi

Chair, Rebuild Japan Initiative Foundation (RJIF), Editor in Chief, Asahi Shimbun (2007-10)

Andrew Gordon

Lee and Juliet Folger Fund Professor of History, Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies, Harvard

9:45- 11:30AM

Session 1: Economics: Abenomics Growth Strategy

Speakers:

Kazuhiko Toyama

CEO and Representative Director of Industrial Growth Platform, Inc;

Member, Japan's Council on Economic Fiscal Policy

Tokuo Iwaisako

Professor, Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University

Discussant:

Dale Jorgenson

Samuel W. Morris University Professor of Economics, Harvard University

Moderator:

Richard Cooper

Maurits C. Boas Professor of International Economics, Harvard University

1:15-3:00PM

Session 2: Security and History Issues: The Future of US-Japan-China Relations

Speakers:

Yoichi Funabashi

Chair, Rebuild Japan Initiative Foundation (RJIF), Editor in Chief, Asahi Shimbun (2007-10)

Kazuhiko Togo

Professor and Director of the Institute for World Affairs, Kyoto Sangyo University

Discussant:

Ezra Vogel

Henry Ford II Professor of Social Sciences Emeritus, Harvard University

Moderator:

Barak Kushner

Senior Lecturer, University of Cambridge

3:00-3:15PM

Afternoon coffee

3:15-5:00PM

Session 3: Society: Issues of Employment and Education for Women and Youth

Speakers:

Andrew Gordon

Lee and Juliet Folger Fund Professor of History, Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies, Harvard

Takehiko Kariya

Professor, Sociology of Japanese Society and Faculty Fellow, University of Oxford

Discussant:

Mary Brinton

Reischauer Institute Professor of Sociology and Department Chair, Department of Sociology, Harvard University

Moderator:

Hiraku Shimoda

Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, Waseda University

For further reading on the Examining the Lost Decades project, please follow the link below

<http://rebuildjpn.org/en/project/japans-lost-decades>

Please contact <symposium@rebuildjpn.org> if you have any further questions.

We look forward to welcoming you at this event.