

Sun. 30 Oct. 2016, 13:30-16:15

KYUSHU UNIVERSITY EU CENTRE, JEAN MONNET CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE-KYUSHU (JMCoE-Q) KICK-OFF SEMINAR “DECIPHERING BREXIT'S IMPACT”

The Kyushu University EU Centre, Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence-Kyushu (JMCoE-Q) Kick-Off Seminar “Deciphering Brexit Impact” was held on Sunday, 30 Oct. 2016, 13:30-16:15, at Kyushu University Nishijin Plaza, to recognize that Kyushu University has been accepted for the EU fund project as a “Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence” under Erasmus+, which is the European Union programme for education, training, youth and sport.

The seminar was organized by the Kyushu University EU Centre, supported by the Fukuoka EU Association, Saga EU Association, The Kyushu Society for EU Studies, and Institut Français Japon – Kyushu. Approximately 70 people, including university students and researchers, those from EU-related organizations and other international exchange organizations, as well as those from the general public, all participated in the festivities.

In his opening remarks, Prof. Kenji Iwata, Director of Kyushu University EU Centre, Faculty of Economics, Kyushu University, spoke about the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence-Kyushu (JMCoE-Q) project, the background of its application, the main gist of the program, and the contents of its activities for the coming three years.

Prof. Ken Endo, Faculty of Public Policy, Hokkaido University, who is an expert and leading scholar on EU Studies, was welcomed as the keynote speaker. He spoke about future issues and prospects related to the EU, focusing on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union in his keynote address. Prof. Endo gave a lecture that went along with his own book, which had just been published on 20 Oct. 2016, titled 『欧州複合危機のゆくえ—イギリス離脱後のEUと世界—』 (Chuko Shinsho). He focused especially on the fourth chapter about “UK’s Separation from the EU”, and the eighth chapter, “EU and the world after Brexit”. Due to the referendum in the UK held on 23 June 2016, the so-called Brexit was achieved when the “leave” camp gained a majority of the votes, evoking an economic destabilization worldwide, and the political situation in the UK became somewhat clouded. Prof. Endo explained who voted and how these various age and education levels voted in the referendum which saw a high voter turnout of 72.2%. He also provided a geographical analysis and party affiliation analysis of the vote. Additionally, he suggested that it was not the collective power of the general public, or “Democracy”, but rather “Democracy” (meaning demagogic democracy) that had been rampant among society, which prevailed. Furthermore, the pro-Brexit faction had insisted on the existence of a visionary world as if there were a rosy future ahead. This, however, was likely to damage the U.K. and the EU, and eventually, weigh on the strength of liberal democracy in the world.

In the discussion, in reaction to the keynote speech by Prof. Endo, Prof. Iwata, gave some detailed commentary on Brexit from various economic aspects. He explained that the U.K.’s export destination is mainly the EU, and that leaving the EU would impact not only the U.K. but also other euro-area countries trading with the U.K. in terms of tariffs.

As a final program, a question and answer session based on questionnaires gathered from the audience was conducted, in which Prof. Endo and Prof. Iwata were panelists, and Ms Machiko Hachiya, Advisor of Kyushu University EU Centre, served as a moderator. They selected some questions to answer, and Prof. Endo and Prof. Iwata answered each question thoughtfully, covering topics such as “why the opt-out didn’t have an effect”, “the impact of Brexit on Asia and Russia”, and “China–United Kingdom relations”.

Finally, Ms Reiko Aoki, Executive Vice President, Kyushu University, gave a closing address. Ms Aoki ended her speech by stating that it was a joyful occasion that Kyushu University had been selected as a Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence, which is one of the global networks established at a hundred leading universities around the world. Ms Aoki asked all the participants for their continued support and cooperation.

After the conference, a gathering designed for exchanging opinions and ideas among participants was held. It was impressive to see the students and general participants asking questions directly to the lecturers with such enthusiasm. The Kick-off Seminar certainly ended successfully.

According to the results of the participants’ questionnaire, the lecture provided a clear explanation for all participants regardless of their knowledge level, and the contents were thought-provoking. Many participants answered that the seminar had been meaningful and informative, and implied that the seminar was highly satisfactory due to the topic being such a relevant issue at the moment.



(Keynote lecture by Prof. Endo)



(Comments by Prof. Iwata)



(Question and answer session)



(Gathering for exchanging opinions)

BIOGRAPHY FOR LECTURERS

【Keynote Lecturer】

Ken Endo, Faculty of Public Policy, Hokkaido University

Ken Endo is Professor of International Politics, School of Law and Vice-Dean, Graduate School of Public Policy, at Hokkaido University. Having worked as an Advisory Expert at the ‘Cellule de Prosepective’, the in-house think-tank of the European Commission, created by the then-President Jacques Delors, in 1992-3, Ken Endo obtained a PhD in Politics at St Antony's College, Oxford, in 1996. His publications include *The Presidency of the European Commission under Jacques Delors: The Politics of Shared Leadership* (Macmillan/St. Martin's, 1999), *The Frontiers of Global Governance* (Toshindo, 2008) and, more recently, *The End of Integration – The really existing EU and its implications* (Iwanami, 2013). Professor Endo was a columnist at Yomiuri Shimbun and contributes to Asahi Shimbun, Chuo Koron, and Toyo Keizai, etc. on a range of themes from TPP diplomacy and international standardization to territorial issues. His most recent work was issued on 20 October 2016, titled 『欧州複合危機—苦悶する EU、揺れる世界』 (Chuo Koron Shinsha, 2016).

【Comments】

Kenji Iwata, Director of Kyushu University EU Centre, Faculty of Economics, Kyushu University

Kenji Iwata has been Professor, Faculty of Economics, at Kyushu University from 2004, after having worked as a Lecturer and Associate Professor of Faculty of Commerce at Fukuoka University. He is a graduate of Tohoku University, School of Art and Letters. His doctoral program was completed at the Graduate School of Economics and Management, Tohoku University. He also studied at the London School of Economics, where he received a Doctor of Philosophy in Economics.

He became the Director of the EU Centre in October 2015. He has served on the European Union Studies Association-Japan (Board Member since November 1998, Secretariat since April 2010 until March 2014), the Japan Society of Monetary Economics (Director from May 2004 until April 2012, Executive Director May 2014 until April 2018), Societies for the Economic Studies of Securities (Board Member from June 2007 until May 2013). He has been a committee member of the Science Council of Japan and a visiting researcher at the Japan Securities Research Institute. He is recognised in Japanese academics for his work on EU Financial Integration, Monetary Integration, and the International Role of the Euro. His publications include *Oushu no Kinyu Toukou (Financial Integration within Europe - From the EEC to the Completion of the Internal Market)*, Nihon Keizai Hyoron-sha, Tokyo, March 1996. Kenji IWATA ed., *Yuuro to EU no Kinyuu Shisutemu (Euro and the Financial System within the EU)*, Nihon Keizai Hyoron-sha, Tokyo, February 2003. *Gurobaruka to EU (Globalization and the EU)*, S.TANAKA, K.IWATA, eds., Gendai Kokusai Kinyuu (Contemporary International Finance), Yuhikaku, Tokyo, February 2008. *Gendai Yoroppa Keizai (Contemporary European Economy) fourth edition*, Soko TANAKA, Shigeyasu OSABE, Hiromasa KUBO, Kenji IWATA, Yuhikaku, Tokyo, November 2014.

【Moderator】

Machiko Hachiya Advisor of Kyushu University EU Centre

Ms Hachiya worked at the EU Delegation in Tokyo from 1986 to 1993. From 1998, she worked at the Faculty of Law, Kyushu University, and retired in September 2015 (Professor). She worked as the Director of EUJ-Kyushu from April 2011 to March 2016. Her main research interests include the decision-making procedures of the EU, Turkey-EU relations, and international politics.

ABOUT JEAN MONNET CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE-KYUSHU

Global Brand, Jean Monnet Centre

A Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence is one of the EU's educational support programs "Erasmus +", and a focal point of competence and knowledge on European Union subjects. A Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence gathers the expertise and competences of high-level experts and aims at developing synergies between the various disciplines and resources in European Studies, as well as at creating joint transnational activities and structural links with academic institutions in other countries. It also ensures openness to a civil society. Jean Monnet Centres of Excellence have a major role in reaching out to students from faculties not normally dealing with European Union issues as well as to policy makers, civil servants, organised civil society, and the general public at large.

In Japan, Kobe University was adopted as a JMCoE in 2015. More than a hundred Jean Monnet Centres of Excellence have been established in the world, and it is currently being developed as a global brand.

Jean Monnet Centre at Kyushu University (JMCoE-Q)

Kyushu University strengthened its expertise on EU matters during the activities as the consortium leader of the EU Institute in Japan, Kyushu (EUJ-Kyushu), which was funded by the European Commission. The University has continued to promote EU-related education and research. In recognition of our earlier achievements as EUJ-Kyushu, Kyushu University was selected as the second Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence in Japan (the full project name is "Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence-Kyushu"). It will develop a strategic three-year plan from September 2016 to August 2019, including a wide range of activities on education, research, outreach, and academic exchange. It will provide guidance and a vision for the best experts for creating synergies on specific EU subjects, and it will contribute to the strengthening of global development.

Event Details

Date and Time: Sunday 30 October 2016, 13:30~16:15 (Doors open at 13:00)

Venue : Kyushu University Nishijin Plaza (2-16-23, Nishijin, Sawara-ku, Fukuoka)

Language : Japanese *Without interpretation

Capacity : 80

Admission Free *Reservation is required, Open to the general public

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6月23日の国民投票で、離脱派が過半数を占めたイギリスのEU離脱問題は、世界的な経済の不安定化をよびおこし、イギリス国内の政治状況も混乱しています。また、EUに対しても場合のあり方に適度な課題をつきつけるものです。九州大学EUセンターがEUの中心的な教育助成プログラムであるエラスムス・プラスのもと、「Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence (ジャン・モネ・センター・オブ・エクセレンス)」事業に採択されたことを記念して開催する今回のキックオフセミナーでは、EU研究の第一人者である遠藤教授をお迎えし、英国EU離脱問題を中心に今後の課題や展望についてお話しいただきます。

2016.10.30 [日] 13:30 - 16:15 (13:00開場)

会場：九州大学西新プラザ (福岡市早良区西新2丁目16-23)

定員：80名 参加費：無料 (要予約) 言語：日本語 (通訳なし)

記念講演

『欧州複合危機のゆくえーイギリス離脱後のEUと世界ー』



【講師】 遠藤 乾
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【討論】 岩田 健治
(九州大学EUセンター長、九州大学経済学研究院教授)

【司会】 八谷 まち子
(九州大学EUセンターアドバイザー)



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プログラム

■ 場所：九州大学西新プラザ2階大会議室

13:00	開場、受付開始
13:30	開会の辞 【司会】八谷 まち子 (九州大学EUセンターアドバイザー)
13:35	開会挨拶 岩田 健治 (九州大学EUセンター長、九州大学経済学研究院教授)
13:45	記念講演 『欧州複合危機のゆくえーイギリス離脱後のEUと世界ー』 【講師】遠藤 乾 (北海道大学法学部・公共政策大学院教授)
14:45	討 論 岩田 健治 (九州大学EUセンター長、九州大学経済学研究院教授)
15:15	休 憩
15:35	質疑応答
16:05	閉会の辞 青木 玲子 (九州大学理事、副学長) <16:15終了>
■ 場所 九州大学西新プラザ1階スペース	
16:20	情報交換会 <17:50終了>