

Friday, 27 Jan. 2017, 10:30-12:00

JEAN MONNET SEMINAR SERIES,

“BREXIT AND THE FUTURE OF EUROPE: FOCUSING ON THE INCOME GAP”

A special lecture by Emeritus Professor of Tohoku University Dr. Soko TANAKA on “Brexit and the Future of Europe: Focusing on the Income Gap” was held on Friday, 27 January 2017, 10:30-12:00, at Hakozaki Campus, Kyushu University. The lecture was organized by the Kyushu University EU Centre as part of the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence-Kyushu (JMCoE-Q) Seminar Series. Approximately 200 people, including university students and researchers, as well as those from the public, participated.

Following the introduction by Prof. Kenji Iwata, Director of Kyushu University EU Centre, Faculty of Economics, Kyushu University, Prof. Soko Tanaka, a distinguished scholar who has long been leading EU Studies in Japan, delivered his impassioned speech which included a variety of significant data.

In his speech, he discussed challenges facing the EU and presented a perspective for a future Europe, following the situation surrounding Brexit.

He argued that, judging from an economic point of view, leaving the EU (especially the WTO status) is something against reason for the UK economy, because the UK has prospered as a part of the EU-wide supply chain. However, he pointed out that neoliberal policies, including globalization, pursued by advanced economies, and their consequences such as the income gap and immigration issues lay behind the Brexit vote.

He also argued that after the Lehman crisis in 2008, the world economy entered a “Populism Stage” characterized by economic domination of great powers. In his concluding remarks, Prof. Tanaka explained that the EU economy is facing a series of challenges to accommodate itself to this "new reality" through establishing EU systems to remedy the gap amongst member states and a new FTA between the EU and the UK following Brexit, and finally pointed out that the result of the upcoming French presidential election is likely to be a watershed.

The seminar ended successfully, and it was impressive to see the many students and researchers who formed a queue to ask questions directly to Prof. Soko Tanaka.



Lecture with many participants



Dr. Soko TANAKA, Emeritus Professor of Tohoku University



(Left) Prof. Kenji Iwata, Director of KU EU Centre
(Centre) Prof. Soko Tanaka
(Right) Ms Machiko Hachiya, Advisor of KU EU Centre



Dr. Tanaka answered questions from students

Event Details

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1. Date and Time: : Friday, 27 Jan. 2017, 10:30-12:00
2. Venue: 201 Room, Common Lecture Building, Hakozaki Campus, Kyushu University.
3. Lecturer: Dr. Soko Tanaka (Emeritus Professor of Tohoku University, Jean Monnet Chair)



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