

Webinar

Envisioning a future EU-Japan digital partnership: A stepping stone towards greater influence in the digital transition?

Thursday, 17th February 2022

from 09:30 to 13:20 CET (UTC+1) | from 17:30 to 21:20 JST (UTC+9)

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Programme

09:30 CET
17:30 JST

Welcoming words

- **José Juan Ruiz**, Chairman, Elcano Royal Institute
- **Kenji Hiramatsu**, Ambassador of Japan to Spain

09:45 CET
17:45 JST

Keynote speech on the geostrategic importance of digitalization

- **Jun Murai**, Distinguished Professor, Keio University

10:00 CET
18:00 JST

Session 1: Materializing common visions: Technological and normative benefits.

The goal of this session is to explore the compatibility between the EU and Japanese approaches and policies on digitalization, upon which a digital partnership could be built, and the technological, economic, and normative outcomes such agreement would entail.

Chair: **Mario Esteban**, Senior Analyst, Elcano Royal Institute

Speakers:

- **Akiko Fukushima**, Senior Fellow, Tokyo Foundation for Policy Research.
- **Raül Blanco Díaz**, General Secretary of Industry and SMEs, Ministry of Industry, Trade, and Tourism of Spain
- **Bruno Gencarelli**, Head of Unit International Data Flows and Protection DG Justice, European Commission
- **Andrés Ortega**, Senior Research Fellow, Elcano Royal Institute

11:30 CET
19:30 JST

Break

11:50 CET
19:50 JST

Session 2: Shaping global digital governance: multilateralism and third-party cooperation

This session discusses the implications such partnership would have on global digital governance, how the specific approach promoted by the EU and Japan could gain traction at the multilateral level, and how it could be promoted to third parties, key country partners, and in regions of particular interest for the two players.

Chair: **Miguel Otero Iglesias**, Senior Analyst, Elcano Royal Institute

Speakers:

- **Raquel Jorge**, Analyst, Elcano Royal Institute
- **Mira Burri**, Professor, University of Lucerne
- **Kenichi Nakashima**, Professor, Waseda University
- **Salvador Álvarez Pascual**, Managing Director, Grupo Oesía-Tecnobit