



Programme

EUIJ-Kansai, 14th International Symposium

“Impact of the Tohoku Earthquake and the accident at the Fukushima-Daiichi nuclear power plant on energy policies in the EU and Japan”

The massive 2011 Tohoku earthquake and tsunami were a natural disaster on an unprecedented scale. As well as causing huge loss of life, the earthquake and the tidal waves that followed obliterated the infrastructure of coastal areas and led to explosions at nuclear power plants, which have shocked the whole world. The disaster has raised questions about the safety of nuclear power plant and the current power supply system and triggered a discussion about future energy policy. It is also raising questions about the role of civil society in the recovery of areas devastated by natural disasters, for example through volunteer relief efforts.

For this symposium members of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC - an EU consultative body) are coming to Japan to discuss with Japanese researchers the lessons the disaster holds for energy policy and for volunteer activities, from a Japanese and EU perspective.

Saturday, 26 November 2011, 13:00~17:30 (Registration 12:30~)
University Library Hall, Kwansei Gakuin University

Organizer: EU Institute in Japan, Kansai (EUIJ-Kansai)
Co-host: European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)
Institute for Industrial Research, Kwansei Gakuin University

Coordinator: Prof. Francis Rawlinson (Kwansei Gakuin University)
Prof. Nobuchika Kaido (Kwansei Gakuin University)

13:00-13:10 **Opening Remarks:**
Prof. Takayuki Yamaguchi (Kwansei Gakuin University)

Session 1

- 13:10-13:30 **Energy Policy in EU in post-Fukushima period from the trade unions perspective**
Mrs. Laure Batut (EESC, Employees' Group)
- 13:30-13:50 **The Japan's electric power supply system and the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Plant accident**
Prof. Akifumi Nakase (Osaka City University)

Session 2

- 13:55-14:15 **Energy Policy in EU in post-Fukushima period from the business point of view**
Ms. Eve Päärendson (EESC, Employers' Group)
- 14:15-14:35 **Electricity Policy after the Tohoku Earthquake**
Prof. Munenori Nomura (Kwansei Gakuin University)

14:40-14:50 **Break**

Session 3

- 14:50–15:10 **Disaster preparedness, and Relief Cooperation**
- **the key role of volunteers' teams (on base of the Polish model)**
Mr. Krzysztof Pater (EESC, Various Interests Group)
- 15:10–15:30 **Civic Activities in the Tohoku Earthquake**
Associate Prof. Yoshihiro Seki (Kwansei Gakuin University)

Session 4

- 15:35–16:05 **The role of civil society in the EU-Japan Relations, Presentation**
Mr. Sandy Boyle (the President of the External Relations Section of the EESC)

Panel discussion

16:05-16:55

16:55-17:00 **Closing Remarks**

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