

*EUIJ-Kansai* (EU Institute in Japan, Kansai) International Seminar  
**EU Regional Development Policy – Is it relevant for Japan?**

**Date:** 5 October 2011, Wednesday 13:30 – 17:35 (Registration 13:00-)

**Venue:** Kwansei Gakuin Hall, Kwansei Gakuin University

**Language:** English and Japanese (simultaneous interpretation provided)

**Admission:** Free

**Organizer:** EU Institute in Japan Kansai

**Co-host:** Institute for Industrial Research, Kwansei Gakuin University

### **Objectives:**

The EU spends around €50 billion a year (a third of the EU budget) on regional development. With this money the EU, in partnership with the Member State concerned, finances 7-year development programmes. Regional development is one of the EU's most important policies.

More balanced development in the EU as a whole is thought to bring indirect benefits also to the countries that are net contributors to the policy. Other countries (China, India, Brazil and Russia) wish to learn from the EU's experience in this policy area.

In Japan, support has in the past been given for the development of Hokkaido and Okinawa. However, will there be more scope for regional development policy in Japan in the future, either domestically or in the framework of cooperation with South East Asian countries?

### **Programme**

Chair/Coordinator: **Prof. Francis Rawlinson** (Professor, Kwansei Gakuin University)

13:30~ Opening Remarks

**Prof. Takayuki Yamaguchi** (Vice-President, EUIJ-Kansai / Professor, Kwansei Gakuin University)

13:40~14:10

**Mr. Ronny Hall** (Director, Directorate General for Regional Policy, European Commission, Brussels)

“The governance of efficient regional development - What system can ensure optimum allocation decisions?”

14:10~14:40

**Dr. Masami Ishida** (Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Developing Economies, IDE-JETRO Bangkok Research Center)

“The contribution of foreign direct investment to economic development, the ASEAN experience from the recipient and investing countries' viewpoint”

14:40~14:50 Break

14:50~15:20

**Dr. Eiko Yamashita** (Senior Research Specialist, Fukuoka Asian Urban Research Center)

“Regional development in Japan by alliances of regional administrations”

15:20~15:50

**Mr. Gian Paolo Manzella** (Director Innovation, Enterprise and European Affairs Department, Provincia di Roma, Rome / Administrator, European Investment Bank, Luxembourg)

“The mechanisms through which EU regional policy is influencing national legal orders”

15:50~16:05 Break

16:05~16:35

**Dr. Hikaru Samuta** (Associate Professor, College of Human and Social Sciences, Kanazawa University)

“Japanese regional policy – history and current status”

16:35~17:25 Panel and Floor Discussion

17:25~17:35

Closing Remarks

**Prof. Munenori Nomura** (Head, Institute for Industrial Research, Kwansei Gakuin University)