

## 'Prospects of Increasing Geopolitical Risks and Its Solutions -How To Live in an Era of New Normal'

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While dramatic changes were starting to take place in Europe with the UK's decision to leave the EU, the French presidential election results seemed to suggest a temporary slow-down of such trends. However, there are again calls for independence in Northern Ireland and Scotland; the new French government is facing several challenges; the next Austrian general election is about to be brought forward; and there is the question of whether some southern European countries can remain in the Euro zone. Perhaps the policy-makers and industry decision-makers have been given some time to prepare for the great changes to come. On the other hand, with the election of Donald Trump as the US President, the new force withdrawing from globalism seems to be strengthening. For instance, the US has announced its policy to withdraw from the Trans-Pacific Partnership and the Paris Agreement. In the area of security, terror attacks have witnessed a spike in various parts of the world. In addition, North Korea is a "Clear and Present Danger" in the East Asia.

What are the social tides underlying these dramatic changes in international affairs?

Speakers:

Prof. Matthew Goodwin, Professor at University of Kent (UK) and Visiting Senior Fellow at Chatham House

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Dr. Dong Yong-seung, Representative of Oriental Link, and an ex-member of Council of Policy Advisors to President Lee Myung-bak

Moderator: Dr. Keiichiro Komatsu, Komatsu Research and Advisory (KRA), and ex-Senior Trade Advisor to the British government's Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)

Opening remarks: Mr. Kazumasa Kusaka, Chairman and CEO of the Japan Economic Foundation (JEF), and ex-Vice-Minister for International Affairs at the Japanese Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

Closing remarks: Ms. Yoriko Kawaguchi, ex-Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs

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