

Outlook of Science and Technology Diplomacy in the Pandemic

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ZOOM session English-Japanese translation

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Session_NO.10 Outline

With Science and Technology (S&T) and International Relations becoming more and more intertwined, gradually surfaced from around 2010 is S&T Diplomacy. Amid the global movement of establishing the International Network for Government Science Advice (INGSA) that advises the governments from scientific viewpoints, and the Foreign Ministries S&T Advice Network (FMSTAN), Japan for the first time created a post of S&T Advisor to the Minister of Foreign Affairs in 2015 to advice on S&T-related diplomatic policies and strengthen networking with relevant people in and outside Japan. Today, facing such global challenges as responding to the new corona virus diseases and attaining SDGs, and the start of new administration in the U.S., the role of S&T and the importance of S&T Diplomacy are ever more recognized.

The SciREX Open Forum's 10th session will invite Dr. Yoichiro Matsumoto who assumed the position of the 2nd S&T Advisor to the Minister of Foreign Affairs as a speaker to talk about what we can see from the pandemic, how S&T Diplomacy should be in the ongoing pandemic, and what actually can be done. The focus will be on what kind of measures are being taken and what the future outlook will be. During the discussion time, Dr. Takashi Shiraishi, Advisor to the SciREX Center, who has been deeply involved in S&T Diplomacy ever since the establishment of the S&T Advisor position, will join the session to talk about the history of S&T diplomacy and possible future activities.

Speaker



Yoichiro Matsumoto

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Commentator



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Commemorating the 10th Anniversary of the SciREX Program
“New Development of Science, Technology and Innovation Policies”

The Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) policies are at a turning point. The STI policies now cover the areas beyond the S&T promotion to cope with the societal change brought by the rapid development of digital technologies and include SDGs that try to solve complex and diverse social issues. It is now essential for the STI policies to have participation by and co-creation with various stakeholders. Most recently, the new corona virus pandemic posed a number of issues to be shared not only among the experts but also among the public as seen in communication and mutual reliance between policies and science and the importance of evidence-based policy decisions. The post-corona pandemic days will face new development different from the previous S&T promotion, human resources development, and the diversity of science community. What are needed for STI policies? How the relationship between policies and science should evolve? These issues will be discussed from various angles through the 11 ZOOM seminar sessions of the SciREX Open Forum, including introduction of the domestic and international trends surrounding the science policies as well as the activities of the SciREX Program that is being funded by the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT).

Schedule

11 seminar sessions will be held between late December 2020 and March 2021 as follows:

【1】 Theme No.1 is relationship between policy and science; 【2】 Theme No. 2 EBPM; 【3】 Theme No.3 Human resources training; and 【4】 No. 4 Coevolution.

Also, please note that “M” means main sessions organized by the SciREX Center and “P” is for the sessions proposed by the SciREX core centers and related organizations.

| # | Day & Time | Theme | Organizer | Session |
|-----|----------------------------|-------|--|---|
| 1 | 12/22 (Tue) 18:30–19:30 | 【1】 | SciREX Center | M1 : Science, Politics, and Policies |
| 2 | 1/11 (Mon) 18:00–19:30 | 【3】 | Kyushu University: CSTIPS | P1 : Looking back the 7 Years of STI Policy Course at CSTIPS@Kyushu University |
| 3 | 1/18 (Mon) 18:30–20:00 | 【2】 | SciREX Center | M2 : Prospects of EBPM-based STI Policies |
| 4 | 1/21 (Thu) 18:00–19:30 | 【2】 | Kyoto University: STiPS | P2 : Use of Health and Medical Data in Cooperation with Local Governments to Enhance EBPM |
| 5 | 1/26 (Tue) 18:30–20:00 | 【1】 | JST RISTEX | P3 : Science of Science Policy in Post-pandemic Days: Possibility of Combining Risk and Economic Models |
| 6 | 2/5 (Fri) 18:00–19:30 | 【3】 | SciREX Center English-Japanese translation | M3 : Changing Science, Technology and Innovation Policy Ecosystem and Human Resource Development |
| 7 | 2/12 (Fri) 18:30–20:00 | 【3】 | GRIPS GiST & SciREX Center University of Tokyo: STIG | M4 : Present and Future of the STI Policy Research and Education |
| 8 | 2/16 (Tue) 18:00–20:00 | 【1】 | University of Tokyo: STIG Osaka University: STiPS English-Japanese translation | P4 : New Development of Risk Governance and Communication - Complex Responses to the Newly Emerging Infectious Diseases, Natural Disasters, and Climate Changes |
| 9 | 2/17 (Wed) 18:00–20:00 | 【4】 | SciREX Center | M5 : Ideal and Reality of Policy-Science Coevolution - to Move to the Next Stage |
| 10 | 3/9 (Tue) 18:30–19:30 | 【1】 | SciREX Center English-Japanese translation | P6 : Outlook of Science and Technology Diplomacy in the Pandemic |
| 報告会 | 2/17 (Wed) Time TBD | 【4】 | MEXT | P5 : Reporting of SciREX Coevolution Projects |

*Day & Time may change.