

“The Dialogue with the World: Eurasia 2025” Outline of Discussions

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Amid the world undergoing a profound change in its international order, Eurasia, in particular, witnesses development of the Belt and Road Initiative pushed by China, social and political imbroglio prevalent in Europe, as well as tensions rising in the geopolitically critical areas among India, Central Asian and Caucasus countries. Then a question of how this series of transition should be settled into attracts global attention.

With this awareness in mind, The Global Forum of Japan (GFJ), under the co-sponsorship of The Japan Forum on International Relations (JFIR), and The French Institute for International and Strategic Affairs (IRIS), organized “The Dialogue with the World: Eurasia 2025” in Tokyo on February 28, 2018.

The “Dialogue” featured such eminent panelists both from overseas and Japan as follows:

[Overseas side]

Pascal BONIFACE, Director of IRIS (France)

Daniyar KOSNAZAROV, Head of Strategic Analysis Dept. of Narxoz University (Kazakhstan)

Scott SEAMAN, Director of Asia in Eurasia Group (U.S.)

[Japanese side]

WATANABE Hirotaka, Professor, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies / Academic Member, GFJ

HIROSE Yoko, Professor, Keio University / Academic Member, GFJ

MIFUNE Emi, Professor, Komazawa University / Academic Member, GFJ

UYAMA Tomohiko, Professor, Hokkaido University / Academic Member, GFJ

SUZUKI Yoshikatsu, journalist / former Editor-in-Chief of “Diplomacy” magazine

KAWAI Masahiro, Specially Appointed Professor, The University of Tokyo / Academic Member, GFJ.

(In order of appearance in the program)

The “Dialogue” was open to public, attended by 173 participants in total, among whom lively discussions were held in two sessions, “What is Happening in Eurasia?” and “Eurasia in Transition: from a Global Perspective,” as shown in the program at the following page. The highlights of the comments by the panelists from overseas are as follows:

1. Pascal BONIFACE, Director of IRIS (France):

The priority issue in the current international community is to be aware and manage China’s and Russia’s behavior; to deal with China in particular, we should act with the spirit of multilateralism. Would a civil society in China and the Communist regime coexist in harmony? Would China’s rise be limited within the Asia-Pacific? At any rate, the common challenge for Japan and Europe is to lead the entire international community towards multilateralism.



2. Daniyar KOSNAZAROV, Head of the Strategic Analysis Department of Narxoz University (Kazakhstan)



While remaining in the course of “multi-directional diplomacy,” the Central Asian countries have weakened the value aspects of their diplomatic policies as the West has abandoned the agenda of “democratizing the world.” Central Asia is defined as “the center of the periphery” of the world politics, as neighboring China and Russia are challenging the current international order. Russia demonstrates “dangerousness,” while China calls for “mutual prosperity,” to expand their own sphere of influence respectively.

3. Scott SEAMAN, Director, Asia, Eurasia Group (U.S.)

To examine the “risk and opportunity” of the Belt and Road Initiative, the risks are that the involving countries may be forced to follow Chinese standard, with Chinese companies given vast support financially and politically, and the spread of the threat security-wise will not be deterrable as connectivity developed; the opportunities are that the countries other than China could find a business-niche, while China takes the risk of the project with their presence, and the growth of the much competitive technology and the service sector will be encouraged as China joins the market, among other things. As a policy recommendation for Japan, special consideration be given to those BRI involved skillful local workers if they wanted to work in Japan and support small and middle sized businesses to engage with the BRI.



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ホテルオークラ東京「メイプルルーム」/ "Maple Room," Hotel Okura Tokyo

オープニング・セッション / Opening Session

14:00-14:50	
開会挨拶 (5分間)	渡辺 勲 グローバル・フォーラム執行世話人 / 日本国際フォーラム専務理事
Opening Remark (5min.)	WATANABE Mayu, President, GFJ / Senior Executive Director, JFIR
基調講演 (20分間)	パスカル・ボニファス 仏国際関係戦略研究所所長 (フランス)
Keynote Speech (20min.)	Pascal BONIFACE, Director, The French Institute for International and Strategic Affairs (IRIS) (France)
基調講演 (20分間)	渡邊 啓貴 東京外国語大学教授 / グローバル・フォーラム有識者メンバー / 日本国際フォーラム上席研究員
Keynote Speech (20min.)	WATANABE Hirotaka, Professor, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies / Academic Member, GFJ / Superior Research Fellow, JFIR

セッション 1 / Session I

いまユーラシアで何が起きているか	
What is Happening in Eurasia?	
15:00-16:20	
モデレーター (5分間)	高畑 洋平 グローバル・フォーラム常任世話人 / 日本国際フォーラム主任研究員
Moderator (5 min.)	TAKAHATA Yohei, Vice President, GFJ / Senior Research Fellow, JFIR
報告A (10分間)	廣瀬 陽子 慶応義塾大学教授 / グローバル・フォーラム有識者メンバー
Lead Discussant A (10 min.)	HIROSE Yoko, Professor, Keio University / Academic Member, GFJ
報告B (10分間)	ダニヤル・コスナザロフ ナルホズ大学研究員 (カザフスタン)
Lead Discussant B (10 min.)	Daniyar KOSNAZAROV, Head, Strategic Analysis Department of Narxoz University (Khazakistan)
報告C (10分間)	三船 恵美 駒澤大学教授 / グローバル・フォーラム有識者メンバー
Lead Discussant C (10 min.)	MIFUNE Emi, Professor, Komazawa University / Academic Member, GFJ
リード・コメント (5分間)	パスカル・ボニファス 仏国際関係戦略研究所所長 (フランス)
Lead Comment (5 min.)	Pascal BONIFACE, Director, The French Institute for International and Strategic Affairs (IRIS) (France)
自由討議 (40分間)	出席者全員
Free Discussions (40 min.)	All Participants

16:20-16:30 休憩 / Break

セッション 2 / Session II

変容するユーラシアは国際社会に何をもたらすか	
Eurasia in Transition: from a Global Perspective	
16:30-17:50	
モデレーター (5分間)	矢野 卓也 日本国際フォーラム研究センター長
Moderator (5 min.)	YANO Takuya, Research Coordinator, JFIR
報告A (10分間)	宇山 智彦 北海道大学教授 / グローバル・フォーラム有識者メンバー
Lead Discussant A (10 min.)	UYAMA Tomohiko, Professor, Hokkaido University / Academic Member, GFJ
報告B (10分間)	スコット・シーマン ユーラシア・グループ・アジア担当部長 (米国)
Lead Discussant B (10 min.)	Scott SEAMAN, Director, Asia, Eurasia Group (U.S.A.)
報告C (10分間)	鈴木 美勝 ジャーナリスト / 専門誌『外交』前編集長
Lead Discussant C (10 min.)	SUZUKI Yoshikatsu, Journalist / former Editor in Chief, "Diplomacy"
リード・コメント (5分間)	河合 正弘 東京大学特任教授 / グローバル・フォーラム有識者メンバー / 日本国際フォーラム上席研究員
Lead Comment (5 min.)	KAWAI Masahiro, Specially Appointed Professor, The University of Tokyo / Academic Member, GFJ / Superior Research Fellow, JFIR
自由討議 (40分間)	出席者全員
Free Discussions (40 min.)	All Participants

閉幕セッション / Closing Session

17:50-18:00	
総括 (10分間)	渡邊 啓貴 東京外国語大学教授 / グローバル・フォーラム有識者メンバー / 日本国際フォーラム上席研究員
Wrap-up (10 min.)	WATANABE Hirotaka, Professor, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies / Academic Member, GFJ / Superior Research Fellow, JFIR

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