

International Symposium

“Future of the Global Economy amid a Fluid International Economic and Monetary Order”

This symposium will bring together senior government officials and leading experts from academia and think tanks across the world to discuss the outlook for the global economy from three key perspectives: shifts in trade policy, transformations in currency regimes, and the roles and challenges of fiscal policy on the theme: Future of the Global Economy amid a Fluid International Economic and Monetary Order.

By discussing the pressing global issues from multiple angles—such as recent shifts in US trade policy, the impact of geopolitical tensions and technological innovation on the US dollar as the key currency, and fiscal sustainability—the symposium will provide an outlook on the course of the fluctuating international economy, as well as to explore the roles and expectations for Japan going forward.

Free
Entry

*A prior registration is required
*This symposium will be held on-site only.

Date

March 9 (Mon), 2026,
1:00pm-5:55pm (JST)

Language: English
(Simultaneous English-Japanese interpretation will be provided)

Venue

Garden Tower
Banquet Floor “HŌ Room”,
Hotel New Otani
(4-1, Kioi-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 102-8578, JAPAN)

Time Table

13:00-13:10	Opening Atsushi Mimura (Vice Minister of Finance for International Affairs, Japan)
13:10-13:30	[Keynote Speech] Roles of the IMF and Expectation to Japan in a Changing Global Economy Kristalina Georgieva (IMF Managing Director)
13:30-14:45	[Panel Discussion 1] Impacts of trade policy shifts and the prospect of the global economy Moderator: Sunjoy Joshi (Chairman of Observer Research Foundation)
15:00-16:15	[Panel Discussion 2] Transformation of the International Monetary System driven by Geopolitics and Technological Innovation Moderator: Paul Samson (President of Centre for International Governance Innovation)
16:30-17:45	[Panel Discussion 3] Opportunities and Challenges of Fiscal Policy under the Era of Uncertainty Moderator: Rohinton P. Medhora (Distinguished Fellow of Centre for International Governance Innovation)
17:45-17:55	Closing Paul Samson (President of Centre for International Governance Innovation)


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Keynote Speech

Roles of the IMF and Expectation to Japan in a Changing Global Economy



Keynote Speaker

Kristalina Georgieva
(IMF Managing Director)

Panel Discussion 1 Impacts of trade policy shifts and the prospect of the global economy

In light of last year's shift in U.S. trade policy and the responses of countries around the world, this session will explore the sustainability of tariff policies and their long-term impacts on the U.S. economy and the global economy. The discussion will address key questions such as how excessive global current account imbalances can be corrected, whether the world economy is heading toward fragmentation and de-globalization, and what kind of new global economic and trade order should be pursued in the future.

Moderator



Sunjoy Joshi
(Chairman of Observer Research Foundation)

Panelists



Heng Swee Keat
(Former Deputy Prime Minister, Former Minister for Finance, Singapore)



Adam S. Posen
(President of Peterson Institute for International Economics)



Bronwen Maddox
(Director and Chief Executive of Chatham House, The Royal Institute of International Affairs)



Takehiko Nakao
(Former President, Asian Development Bank)

Panel Discussion 2 Transformation of the International Monetary System driven by Geopolitics and Technological Innovation

While the U.S. dollar remains at the center of the international monetary system, rising geopolitical risks, U.S. financial sanctions, and technological innovations such as central bank digital currencies (CBDCs) and stablecoins may signal a turning point in the global monetary order. This session will examine from multiple perspectives the impacts of geopolitical risks and digital currencies on international finance and payment systems, as well as the potential economic and financial risks that could arise as the dollar-centered international monetary system evolves, in order to explore the future direction of a shifting global monetary system.

Moderator



Paul Samson
(President of Centre for International Governance Innovation)

Panelists



Tarisa Watanagase
(Former Governor of the Bank of Thailand)



Duvvuri Subbarao
(Former Governor, Reserve Bank of India)



Kevin Wong
(Chief Executive, Asia Pacific of Swift)



Carla Norrlöf
(Professor of Political Science, University of Toronto)

Panel Discussion 3 Opportunities and Challenges of Fiscal Policy under the Era of Uncertainty

Today, many democratic countries are experiencing growing pressure on governments to increase defense spending, industrial subsidies, and social security expenditures, leading to an expanding role for fiscal policy. At the same time, continued expansion of fiscal deficits and government debt could heighten the risk of financial market instability through rising interest rates and currency volatility. In Japan as well, amid widening intra- and intergenerational disparities and growing fiscal demands, securing stable sources of funding and maintaining market confidence have become key challenges. Taking these trade-offs into account, this session will discuss the role fiscal policy should play and the challenges it must address.

Moderator



Rohinton P. Medhora
(Distinguished Fellow of Centre for International Governance Innovation)

Panelists



Sri Mulyani Indrawati
(Former Minister of Finance, Indonesia)



Antoinette Monsio Sayeh
(Former IMF Deputy Managing Director, Former Minister of Finance, Liberia)



Jeromin Zettelmeyer
(Director of Bruegel)



Michael Keen
(Ushioda Fellow at Tokyo College, University of Tokyo, Former Deputy Director of the Fiscal Affairs Department of the International Monetary Fund)