The 9th Kobe University Brussels European Centre Symposium

Smart Cities, Secure Societies: Breakthroughs in EU and Japan Research Cooperation

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VENUE
Vrije Universiteit Brussel Conference Centre, U-Residence
Boulevard Général Jacqueslaan 271, 1050 Brussels.

8:45-9:15 REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE

9:15-10:00 OPENING ADDRESSES (names in Bold are confirmed or pending confirmation)
Moderator
Introduction by the Moderator (name TBC, Kobe University)

Speakers
Prof. Dr. Hugo Thienpont, Vice-Rector for Innovation Policy, Vrije Universiteit Brussel
Prof. Hiroshi Takeda, President, Kobe University
H.E. Mr. Kazuo Kodama, Ambassador of Japan to the European Union
M. Patrick Child, Deputy Director-General, DG RTD, European Commission

Guest speaker
Prof. Gilles de Kerchove, Counter-Terrorism Coordinator, Council of the European Union (INVITED)

9:30-13:30 PARALLEL SESSIONS

10:00-11:35 Theme 1: Security Challenges in a Changing World
Moderator
Prof Kiyomitsu Yui, Kobe University (Japan)

Speakers
Prof. Kan Kimura, Kobe University (Japan): Structural Changes in Northeast Asia: Between Rising China and US Populism
Prof. Alexander Mattelaer, VUB Institute for European Studies, and Egmont Centre (Belgium): Title TBC
Prof. Kristian Cedervall Lauta, Copenhagen University, Overcoming obstacles for disaster prevention: Challenges and best practices from Europe and beyond
Prof. Adam Jelonek, Krakow University (Poland) (TBC): Title TBC

Discussant
Prof. Hiroshi Okumura, Kobe University (Japan): Panel discussion animated by Moderator

11:35-11:55 Coffee and networking break

11:55-13:30 Theme 2: Disaster-Resilient Societies
Moderator
Prof. Dr. Ives Hubloue, Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Belgium)

Speakers
Prof. Dr. Ives Hubloue, VUB (Belgium): Saving lives: the use of new technologies in disaster medical response
Dr. Gerlant van Berlaer, VUB (Belgium): Building disaster-resilient societies: the role of technology, data-gathering and research
Prof. Osamu Tsukihashi, Kobe University (Japan): Lost Homes Project and Memories of Hometown
Prof. Abel Taiti Konno Pinheiro, Kobe University (Japan): Designing inclusive disaster risk reduction in hyperaging society: assistive technologies to enhance community based disaster preparedness
10:00-13:00  PARALLEL SESSION 2: SMART CITIES, SMART SOCIETIES

10:00-11:35  Theme 1: Smart Cities: Energy and Mobility
Moderator
Prof. Hisashi Tamaki, Kobe University (Japan)

Speakers
Prof. Hisashi Tamaki, Kobe University (Japan)
Prof. Chikara Ohta, Kobe University (Japan): Title TBC
Prof. Joeri van Mierlo, VUB (Belgium): Sustainable mobility: breakthroughs in e-vehicles technologies
Panel discussion animated by Moderator

11:35-11:55  Coffee and networking break

11:55-13:30  Theme 2: Smart Cities: Citizens, Users and Life
Moderator
Prof. Zhiwei Luo, Kobe University (Japan)

Speakers
Prof. Cathy Macharis, VUB (Belgium): The Human City: Rethinking Mobility
Prof. Zhiwei Luo, Kobe University (Japan): Title TBC
Prof. Nobutada Fujii, Kobe University (Japan): State Formation and International Relations in Ancient Japan
Panel discussion animated by Moderator

10:00-13:00  PARALLEL SESSION 3: BETWEEN ORIENT & OCCIDENT: CULTURAL MEMORY & CULTURAL TRANSFER

10:00-11:35  Theme 1: Historical Context
Moderator
Prof. Hiroko Masumoto, Kobe University (Japan)

Speakers
Prof. Marc Jacobs, VUB (Belgium): Breughel’s Memory Systems: Safeguarding Strategies in the Intangible Cultural Heritage Paradigm
Prof. Vakhtang Licheli, Tbilisi State University (Georgia): Unknown script of 10th c BC from Central Transcausasia as a result of international communication
Prof. Akira Furuichi, Kobe University (Japan):
Panel discussion animated by Moderator

11:35-11:55  Coffee and networking break

11:55-13:30  Theme 2: Contemporary Challenges
Moderator: TBC

Speakers
Prof. Alexander Kartozia, Tbilisi State University (Georgia): Tracing Keywords. An Insight into the Georgian Culture
Prof. Toshio Miyake, Ca’ Foscari University of Venice (Italy): Is Japan ‘East’ or ‘West’? Civilization, Nation and Race in Fascist Italy
Prof. Andreas Regelsberger, Trier University (Germany): Theatre histories East-West: The construction of identities
Panel discussion animated by Moderator

13:30-14:30  NETWORKING LUNCH (JAPANESE-THEMED)

14:30-17:00  OPEN INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS AND BROKERAGE EVENTS

14:30-17:00  OPEN INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP/BROKERAGE EVENT A: Evidence-based Disaster Medicine: how can technology improve the response?
Session producer/leader: Prof. Dr. Ives Hubloue, VUB

Themes: Disaster response, Disaster Preparedness, Medical Data Gathering, Data transfer, Patient Tracking, Hazard identification, remote patient monitoring, communication (Wifi, others), UAV

Participating organisations/speakers:
- Prof Ives Hubloue, ReGEDiM VUB (Belgium)
- Mr Frank de Jong, ReGEDiM VUB (Belgium)
- Dr Gerlant van Berlaer, ReGEDiM VUB (Belgium)
- Dr Sofie Pauwels, ReGEDiM VUB (Belgium)
- Prof Francesco della Corte, CRIMEDIM Novara (Italy)
- Dr Luca Ragazzoni, CRIMEDIM Novara (Italy)
- Prof Thomas Neumuth, University of Leipzig (Germany)
- Dr Trevor Jain, University of Prince Edward Island (Canada)
- Dr Raido Paasma, University of Tartu (Estland)
- Mr Gino Claes, Ministry of Health (Belgium)
- Mr Raman Madan, Ministry of Health (Belgium)
Ms Vanessa Debreyne, Ministry of Health (Belgium)
Ms Klara Leroy, Ministry of Health (Belgium)
Mr Anthony De Backer, Ministry of Health (Belgium)
Ms Justine Debosschere, Ministry of Health (Belgium)
Prof Hakan Altintas, Hacettepe University (Turkey)
Mr Tim Das, consultant WHO (Belgium)
Dr Kai von Harbour, WHO regional office Copenhagen (Denmark)
Prof Johan von Schreeb, Karolinska Institute (Sweden)
Dr Alina Petricia, SMURD (Roemania)
Dr Stuart Hendry, Rinicare Ltd (United Kingdom)
Prof Garik Markarian, Rinicom Ltd (United Kingdom)
Prof. Osamu Tsukihashi, Kobe University (Japan)
Prof. Abel Taiti Konno Pinheiro KOBE University

14:30-17:00 OPEN INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP/BROKERAGE EVENT B:
Rethinking Mobility, Reinventing Cityspaces: Smart Technologies for Smarter and More Liveable Cities
Session producers/leaders: Prof. Tamaki and Luo, Kobe University, and Prof. Joeri van Mierlo, VUB

Themes: Drones and UAV, IoT and software engineering, Service engineering, Sensing, Brain-computer interface, Robotics, Intelligent vehicles, Smart logistics, Social Sciences International collaboration

Participating organisations/speakers:
- Prof. Cathy Macharis, Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Belgium)
- Prof. Joeri van Mierlo, Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Belgium)
- Prof. Takateru Urakubo, Kobe University (Japan)
- Prof. Takeshi Uchitane, Kobe University (Japan)
- Prof. Dheng Cao, Kobe University (Japan)
- Prof. Zhi-wei Luo, Kobe University (Japan)
- Prof. Nobutada Fujii, Kobe University (Japan)
- Prof. Hisashi Tamaki, Kobe University (Japan)
- Prof. Chikara Ohta, Kobe University (Japan)
- Speaker from Wolverhampton University (UK)
- Speaker from EC (Energy)
- PhD student from Kobe University
- PhD Students from VUB

14:30-17:00 OPEN INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP/BROKERAGE EVENT C:
Food, Culture and History: A Cultural/Culinary Anthropology of East-West Exchanges
Session producer/leader: Prof. Hiroko Masumoto, Kobe University

Participating organisations/speakers:
- Prof. Marc Jacobs; VUB (Belgium): Belgian Waffles Going East
- Dr. Rusdan Gorgiladze (Georgia): The Georgian Flavor and the Georgian ‘Supra’
- Prof. Vakhtang Licheli, Tbilisi State University (Georgia)
- Prof. Akira Furuichi, Kobe University (Japan)
- Prof. Toshio Miyake, Ca’ Foscari University of Venice (Italy):
- Prof. Andreas Regelsberger, Trier University (Germany)
- Speaker from KU Leuven (TBC)

17:00-17:15 CONCLUDING SESSION AND CLOSING REMARKS
Prof. Inoue, Vice-President, Kobe University
Prof. Dr. Hugo Thienpont, Vice-Rector Vrije Universiteit Brussel

17:15-18:30 NETWORKING RECEPTION AND DRINKS