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Host: Australia-Japan Research Centre, Crawford School of Public Policy and ANU Japan Institute, ANU College of Asia and the Pacific

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The Japan Update is presented by the Australia-Japan Research Centre, Crawford School of Public Policy and the ANU Japan Institute at The Australian National University and is supported by the Australian Government through the Australia-Japan Foundation which is part of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

8am	Registration
8.30am	Welcome Dr Simon Avenell Director, ANU Japan Institute
8.45am	Fukushima and Civil Society Professor Koichi Hasegawa Graduate School of Art and Letters, Tohoku University Dr Shoko Yoneyama University of Adelaide Professor Tessa Morris-Suzuki The Australian National University Chaired by Dr Simon Avenell ANU Japan Institute
10am	Morning tea
10.30am	Introduction Professor Ian Young AO Vice-Chancellor, ANU
	Political keynote speech Senator the Hon Brett Mason Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs
11am	Will Abenomics work? Professor Tsutomu Watanabe Department of Economics, University of Tokyo Professor Warwick McKibbin Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU Chaired by Professor Ippei Fujiwara Co-Director, Australia-Japan Research Centre, ANU and Keio University
12pm	Lunch
1pm	Keynote speech Professor Richard Samuels Massachusetts Institute of Technology Chaired by Professor Veronica Taylor Dean ANU College of Asia and the Pacific
1.45pm	Japan's political risks Professor Nobumasa Akiyama Hitotsubashi University Professor Aurelia George Mulgan UNSW Canberra Professor Richard Samuels Massachusetts Institute of Technology Chaired by Dr Shiro Armstrong Co-Director, Australia-Japan Research Centre, ANU
3pm	Afternoon tea
3.30pm	Repositioning the Australia-Japan relationship Dr Amy King School of International, Political and Strategic Studies Dr Shiro Armstrong The Australian National University Professor Yoshihide Soeya Keio University Chaired by Professor Peter Drysdale East Asian Bureau of Economic Research, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU
4.45pm	Concluding address Professor Veronica Taylor Dean, ANU College of Asia and the Pacific Chaired by Dr Shiro Armstrong ANU
6pm	Conference dinner (invitation only)

PARTICIPANTS (IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER)



Professor Nobumasa Akiyama

Professor Nobumasa Akiyama is Professor of the Graduate School of Law and the School of International and Public Policy at Hitotsubashi University. His research focuses on the role of nuclear weapons in Northeast Asia.



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Dr Simon Avenell

Dr Simon Avenell is Associate Professor in History and Australian Research Council Future Fellow at the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific. His research focuses on modern Japanese history, civic activism, environmental history and transnational history.



Professor Jenny Corbett

Professor Jenny Corbett is Pro Vice Chancellor, The Australian National University. Her research centres on current macro-economic and financial policy issues in Japan, regional financial integration and trade in financial services.



Professor Peter Drysdale

Professor Peter Drysdale is Emeritus Professor of Economics, Head of the East Asian Bureau of Economic Research and the *East Asia Forum* at The Australian National University. He is widely recognised as the leading intellectual architect of APEC.



Professor Ippei Fujiwara

Professor Ippei Fujiwara is Professor of Macroeconomics at the Australian National University and at Keio University. He is also Co-Director of The Australian National University's Australia-Japan Research Centre. His research centres on international finance, monetary economics and macroeconomics.



Professor Koichi Hasegawa

Professor Koichi Hasegawa is Professor of Sociology at the Graduate School of Art and Letters, Tohoku University. His current research focuses on how the Japanese Government, in collaboration with citizens' groups, non-governmental organisations and private enterprise, can successfully transition to a more appropriate energy and environmental policy.



Dr Amy King

Dr Amy King is a Lecturer at the Strategic and Defence Studies Centre at the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific. Her research focuses on Sino-Japanese relations, the economic-security nexus and the legacy of war, imperialism and late industrialisation in Asia.



Senator the Hon Brett Mason

Senator the Hon Brett Mason is Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and a Liberal National Party Senator for Queensland. He served on John Howard's front bench as Tony Abbott's Parliamentary Secretary in the Health and Ageing portfolio during the final year of the Howard Government. Since then, he has been appointed to various positions within the Education Shadow Portfolio with responsibility for education, universities, research, science and innovation.



Professor Warwick McKibbin

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Professor Tessa Morris-Suzuki is Professor of Japanese History and an ARC Laureate Fellow based at the School of Culture, History and Language at the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific. Her current research focuses on grassroots social movements and the Fukushima incident in social and historical context.



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Professor Richard Samuels

Professor Richard Samuels is Ford International Professor of Political Science and Director of the Center for International Studies at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His research focuses on security in East Asia. His most recent book, published last year by Cornell University Press, is *3.11: Disaster and Change in Japan*.



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Professor Yoshihide Soeya is Professor of International Relations and Political Science at the Faculty of Law, Keio University. His research focuses on politics and security in East Asia and Japanese diplomacy. He is a member of the Council of the Japan Association of International Studies, the Japan Association for Asian Studies, the International House of Japan, and the Asia Society in New York.



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