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The theme of 2021 JIMS is “Coping with the COVID-19 Recession; the Role of Macroeconomic Policies.” To date, the global economy has fallen into the pandemic recession, which is different from any of the other economic recessions in the history of the world economy and has frozen economic activities around the world for a significant period. Macroeconomic policies cannot stop the spread of the virus and reduce the fear of the virus, but are the tools which could help the world economy navigate through the unprecedented challenge and eventually bring the world economy out of the pandemic shadow. We will invite distinguished academic scholars, senior economists of the IMF, Japanese government officials and practitioners of private sectors, to share their views on challenges of the global economy and the experiences of fighting the pandemic recession with well designed macroeconomic policies.

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JIMS 2021 Speakers

Jonathan Dunn
Deputy Head, International Monetary Fund (IMF), Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific M.A., Economics University of Maryland

Kenichi Kawasaki
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Toshitaka Sekine
Professor, Hitotsubashi University Former Director General, Department of Statistics, the Bank of Japan

Atsushi Nakajima
Professor, University of Niigata Prefecture Former Chairman, Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry

Junko Shimizu
Professor, Gakushuin University PhD in Commerce, Graduate School of Commerce, Hitotsubashi University
Seminar Schedule

Morning Session: 9:30–12:00  Afternoon Session: 13:30–16:00

Feb. 28 Sun.
Participants arrive in Japan

Mar. 1 Mon.
Morning
Session 1:
The World Economic Outlook under COVID-19
Speaker: Mr. Jonathan Dunn, Deputy Head, IMF-OAP

Afternoon
Session 2:
Monetary Policy Responses in the US, Japan and the EU to the COVID-19
Speaker: Dr. Toshitaka Sekine, Professor, Hitotsubashi University

Evening
Welcome Reception

Mar. 2 Tue.
Morning
Session 3:
Fiscal Stimulus of Advanced Countries for fighting the COVID-19
Speaker: Mr. Atsushi Nakajima, Professor, University of Niigata Prefecture

Afternoon
Session 4: Roundtable Discussion:
The pandemic recession and the limitations of macroeconomic policy
Facilitator: Prof. Hiroaki Miyamoto, Tokyo Metropolitan University

Mar. 3 Wed.
Morning
Session 5:
Economic Impact of Regional Economic Integration
Speaker: Prof. Kenichi Kawasaki, GRIPS

Afternoon
Field Trip to TOKYO STOCK EXCHANGE (by Subway)
Faculty Leader: GRIPS, Faculty

Mar. 4 Thu.
Morning
Session 6:
Polices for supporting the recovery of the service sector and SMEs: the experiences of advanced economies
Speaker: TBD

Afternoon
Session 7:
The US-China Trade War and the Pandemic: The Risks to Global Value
Speaker: Prof. Yuqing Xing, GRIPS

Mar. 5 Fri.
Morning
Session 8:
Exchange Rate Management and Foreign Exchange Policy
Speaker: Prof. Junko Shimizu, Gakushuin University

Afternoon
Session 9: Roundtable Discussion
Roundtable Discussion: the COVID-19 Recession and Macroeconomic Policy Responses of Emerging Asia
Facilitator: Prof. Yuqing Xing, GRIPS

Evening
Completion Ceremony

Mar. 6 Sat.
Return to home country

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- Senior Officials (e.g., Department Director) from the designated agencies of Asian countries below*
- Fluent in English
- Endorsement by the applicant’s supervisor


For Application

1. Register through online application by November 6th, 2020.
2. Submit following two documents with your application form:
   1) Recommendation from your Institution
   2) Final Academic Qualification (Copy of Certificate/Degree/Diploma)

If you have difficulty accessing the online application site, please contact jims@grips.ac.jp

Your e-mail must include your
1. Name  2. Country  3. Institution  4. E-mail address

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- Daily allowance during stay in Japan
- Travel insurance in Japan
- Visa to Japan

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Logistics

Seminar venue
National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS)
7-22-1 Roppongi, Minato-Ku, Tokyo, Japan

Accommodation
Hotel remm Roppongi: (5 minute walk from GRIPS)
7-14-4 Roppongi, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan

Visa to Japan
JIMS Secretariat will assist participants in applying for visa to Japan.

Flight arrangements
JIMS Secretariat will arrange participants’ flight to and from Japan.

Meals
Lunch and drinks will be provided during the seminar.

Library
All participants may use the GRIPS library during the seminar.

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