

# Programme

**Social Economic Policies Asia (SOPAS)  
2020-2022 Cycle  
Inception Workshop and Programme Launch**

**Date:** 11 December 2019

**Venue:** The Capitol Hotel Tokyu  
2-10-3, Nagata-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-0014

*Access for guests using public transportation:*

Direct access to the Subway (Tameike-sanno Station / Kokkai-gijidomae Station) at B2 Floor, with connection to four subway lines: Namboku Line, Chiyoda Line, Ginza Line (220m) and Marunouchi Line (435m)

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**Organizer:** Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Japan Office (KAS)

**Language:** English

The Social Economic Policies Asia (SOPAS) is a regional forum that contributes to the debate and reform of economic and governance models in Asia. It brings together a network of policy makers, economists, political analysts and thought leaders across Asia-Pacific to discuss emerging issues, propose policy alternatives and share best practices.

For the 2020-2022 cycle, SOPAS will focus on three strategic areas: (1) advancing female leadership, (2) free trade consolidation, and (3) the future of work. The programme will primarily work with the following countries: (1) India, (2) Japan, (3) Singapore, (4) South Korea, (5) Taiwan, and (6) Viet Nam. Please see attached document for more information on SOPAS.

The series of workshops conducted over a day, aim to establish partnerships with key regional stakeholders and jointly identify and define the themes covered and possible areas for cooperation under SOPAS' three strategic areas. At the end of the workshops, a working framework for the program's 2020-2022 implementation will have been created and agreed upon.

## 10 December 2019, Tuesday

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6:30 PM

### Participants' Welcome Dinner

#### Keynote Speech

**Dr. Peter Hefele**

*Head, Team Asia and Pacific  
Konrad Adenauer Stiftung*

1F, Magnolia Garden Room

The Ritz-Carlton, Tokyo

9 Chome-7-1 Akasaka, Minato City, Tokyo 107-6245

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## 11 December 2019, Wednesday

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8:30 AM	<b>Registration</b> Meeting Room "Sakura Tachibana" 2F, The Capitol Hotel Tokyu
9:00 AM	<b>Welcome Remarks and Keynote</b>  <b>Ms. Rabea Brauer</b> <i>Director, Regional Programme "Social Economic Policies" Asia Country Representative Japan Konrad Adenauer Stiftung</i>
9:15 AM	<b>Keynote Speech</b>  <b>2020 Asian Economic Outlook: Challenges and Perspectives</b>  <b>Dr. Yoichi Nemoto</b> <i>Former Director ASEAN+3 Macroeconomic Research Office (AMRO)</i>  <i>Professor, Asian Public Policy Program School of International Public Policy Hitotsubashi University</i>
9:45 AM	<b>Thoughts on the Keynote Speech</b>  <b>Dr. Peter Hefele</b> <i>Head, Team Asia and Pacific Konrad Adenauer Stiftung</i>
9:55 AM	<b>Q and A Session</b>
10:10 AM	<b>Introduction to the Regional Programme "Social Economic Policies" Asia (SOPAS)</b>  <b>Ms. Cristita Marie Perez</b> <i>Senior Project Manager, Regional Programme "Social Economic Policies" Asia Konrad Adenauer Stiftung</i>
10:20 AM	<b>Q and A Session</b>
10:30 AM	<b>Coffee Break</b>

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10:45 AM

**Workshop 1**  
***Women Leading***  
***Advancing Female Leadership Roles in Rapidly Changing Japan***

**Speech**  
**Vice President Yasuko Sasaki**  
Trustee  
Vice President  
*The National University Corporation*  
*Ochanomizu University*

**Dr. Rie Okamura**  
*Project Lecturer, Institute for Global Leadership*  
*Ochanomizu University*

**Dr. Naoko Oki**  
*Project Lecturer, Institute for Global Leadership*  
*Ochanomizu University*

**Facilitator:**  
**Dr. Masako Ishii-Kuntz**  
*Director, Institute for Gender Studies*  
*Ochanomizu University*

12:00 PM

**Workshop Group Presentations**

12:15 PM

**Q and A Session**

12:30 PM

**Lunch**  
Restaurant:  
Shunju Tameikesanno  
Sanno Park 27F  
2-11-1 Nagata-cho  
Chiyoda-ku

14:00 PM

**Workshop 2**  
***Open, Close!***  
***Political Economy Considerations for Asian FTAs Consolidation***

**Facilitator:**  
**Dr. Masataka Fujita**  
*Secretary General*  
*ASEAN-Japan Centre*

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15:00 PM	<b>Workshop Group Presentations</b>
15:15 PM	<b>Q and A Session</b>
15:30 PM	<b>Coffee Break</b>
15:45 PM	<b>Workshop 3</b> <b><i>The Other AI</i></b> <b><i>Automation, Innovation and the Future of Work</i></b>
	<b>Facilitator:</b>
	<b>Dr. Eric Thomson Kerr</b> <i>Senior Research Fellow</i> <i>Asia Research Institute</i> <i>National University of Singapore</i>
17:00 PM	<b>Workshop Group Presentations</b>
17:15 PM	<b>Q and A Session</b>
17:30 PM	<b>Summary of the Outcomes of the Workshops/Workshop</b> <b>Synthesis</b>
	<b>Mr. Matthias Schäfer</b> <i>Representative Shanghai Office</i> <i>Konrad Adenauer Stiftung</i>
	<b>Conclusions and Next Steps</b>
	<b>Ms. Rabea Brauer and Ms. Cristita Marie Perez</b> <i>Konrad Adenauer Stiftung</i>
17:45 – 20:00 PM	<b>Partners' Get Together</b> <b>Networking Dinner Reception</b> Ho'oh (West) Ballroom 1F, The Capitol Hotel Tokyu