



“Cyber Security in International Politics: The Perspectives of Japan and Austria”

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AGENDA

- 10:00-10:05 a.m. Opening remarks:
- **H.E. MIZUTANI Akira**, Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of Austria
- 10:05-10:35 a.m. Presentation: “**Cyber Security in International Politics: The Perspective of Japan**”
- **Prof. Dr. TSUCHIYA Motohiro**, dean and professor of the Faculty of Policy Management, Keio University, Japan
- 10:35-11:40 a.m. Panel discussion: “**Cyber Security in Austria: Threats, Perceptions and Countermeasures**”
- Moderator: **Mr. Michael ZINKANELL, M.A.**, Deputy Director, Austrian Institute for European and Security Policy(AIES)
 - Panelist: **Dr. Bernd PICHLMAYER, E.M.B.L.-HSG**, Policy Advisor for Cybersecurity, Federal Chancellery of the Republic of Austria
 - Panelist: **Mag. phil. Elisabeth KÖGLER**, Deputy Director, Department of Security Affairs (Military, civilian and hybrid threats), Coordinator for Cyberdiplomacy, Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs of the Republic of Austria
 - Panelist: **Prof. Dr. TSUCHIYA Motohiro**
- 11:40-11:55 a.m. Questions from the audience
- 11:55-12:00 a.m. Closing remarks:
- **Ambassador Dr. Emil BRIX**, Director of the Vienna School of International Studies

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Concept Note

In recent years, the complexity and range of threats in cyberspace have been increasing, reaching unprecedented levels of aggression and viciousness during the Covid-19 pandemic. Simultaneously, it becomes ever more evident that there is a clear difference of understanding and perspective among the international community toward the application of international law to cyberspace and implementation of agreed Norms, rules and principles for the responsible behavior of States in cyberspace. Ultimately, no country can effectively achieve a free, fair, and secure cyberspace or deal with cyberattacks alone. Thus, there is a growing necessity for strengthening bi- and multilateral cooperation frameworks, including joint initiatives and sharing best practice options.

For this purpose, the Embassy of Japan in Austria, the Vienna School of International Studies, and the Austrian Institute for European and Security Policy (AIES) organize a lecture and panel discussion on cybersecurity from the perspective of international politics. It is notable that experts from Japan, which plays a leading role in cybersecurity in Asia, and Austria, which has made digitalization a national key priority and is well-known for its advanced efforts in Europe, are discussing this relevant topic and sharing their experiences.

In the main lecture, Prof. Dr. TSUCHIYA Motohiro, dean and professor of the Faculty of Policy Management at Keio University in Japan, will first explain the current situation regarding cybersecurity and international rules in the context of international politics, and will identify the challenges. He will then proceed to introduce Japan's cybersecurity policy for securing peace and stability in Asia as well as in the international community, and present feasible recommendations.

In the panel discussion, the renowned Austrian experts on cybersecurity Mr. Michael ZINKANELL, M.A., Deputy Director, Austrian Institute for European and Security Policy, Dr. Bernd PICHLMAYER, E.M.B.L.-HSG, Policy Advisor for Cybersecurity, Federal Chancellery of the Republic of Austria and Mag. phil. Elisabeth KÖGLER, Deputy Director, Department of Security Affairs (Military, civilian and hybrid threats), Coordinator for Cyberdiplomacy, Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs of the Republic of Austria will discuss with Prof. Dr. Tsuchiya the following topic: “Cybersecurity in Austria: Threats, Perceptions and Countermeasures”.

In recent years, governments and private entities have been confronted with a growing amount of severe cyberattacks. The hybrid and unconventional nature of the attacks allows cyber threat actors to disguise their origin and identity, making efforts to disclose the sources and hold the aggressors accountable even more challenging. As a response to the rising risks and threats in cyberspace, the Austrian government program 2020-2024 puts additional emphasis on cybersecurity, increasing cyber expertise and personnel resources as well as enhancing intergovernmental cooperation, especially with other EU member states. Against this background, the panelists will discuss national approaches in dealing with cyber related threats, potential areas of extended international cooperation, how cyberattacks are identified as a component of hybrid threats, and how cyber incidents should be treated in terms of policy, notably foreign and security policy.

Additional questions from the audience will also be answered by the panelists.