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▶ Japan's Strategy on the Free Trade Agreement: Working as a Connection between Two Major Powers?

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We are facing a period in which the trade tensions between the EU and the US are escalating. Japan is struggling to strike a balance between these two poles. Japan is unique in that it has concluded free trade agreements with both the EU and the US. Therefore, through these two routes, Japan could contribute to bridging the gap between the US and the EU. This presentation will comparatively analyze both the EU-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) and the US-Japan Trade Agreement and explore whether the EU and the US can converge to create a new trade framework, which would promote the reform process in the WTO.

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Discussant: **Dr. Richard Nakamura**, School of Business, Economics and Law,
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