

EU Institute in Japan, Kansai (EUIJ Kansai) Symposium

“Humanitarian Crises and Transnational Civil Society :

Japanese and European Perspectives”

In commemoration of the official opening of EUIJ Kansai as well as contribution to “Japan-EU Civil Exchange Year” “German Year in Japan”, EUIJ is going to hold a symposium.

Date: Monday, October 3, 2005 9:30~18:00

Place: Rokko Hall, Kobe University, Hyogo

Simultaneous interpretation provided (Japanese-English)

Purpose of the symposium:

A series of humanitarian crises in Rwanda, Somalia, former Yugoslavia and other areas of the world in the 1990's revealed inadequacies in the responses of the international society which faced to a question of legitimacy of humanitarian intervention against state sovereignty. These crises also caused us to reconsider the issue of how international society should correspond to such crises. This being the case, transnational civil society, including INGOs and NGOs, is now obliged to have a new role in dealing with these problems. This symposium will offer opportunities for prominent scholars from EU and Japan as well as NGO staff and students to discuss the role of transnational civil society in the face of the humanitarian crises.

Organizer:

EUIJ Kansai (EU Institute in Japan, Kansai)

Co-organizers :

Kobe University

Centre Franco-Japonais - Alliance Française d'Osaka

Goethe-Institut Osaka

Japanisch-Deutsches Zentrum Berlin

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EU Association, Hyogo

Hyogo International Association

Under the Auspices of:

Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Hyogo International Centre

Admission free (300 seats) / registration required before September 26

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Kobe University EU Week 2005 homepage : <http://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/euweek/>

Program

9:00~ Registration

9:30

Morning Session :

Chair: KIKKAWA Gen (Professor, Graduate School of Law, Kobe University)

Opening remarks (9:30-9:40)

Session 1 (9:40 -11:20)

Theme: Cooperation among Transnational Civil Society, States and International Organisations

Panellists :

Sigrid PÖLLINGER (Secretary General, University Center for Peace Research, University of Vienna)

Philippe RYFMAN (Professor, University of Paris I)

KURUSU Kaoru (Associate Professor, School of International Public Policy, Osaka University)

(Discussion time)

(Lunch Time 11:20 - 13:00)

Afternoon Session :

Session 2 (13:00-15:00)

Chair: TOSA Hiroyuki (Professor, Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies, Kobe University)

Theme: From Humanitarian Assistance to Post-Conflict Development.

Panellists:

Volker HEINS (Visiting Professor, Concordia University)

Béatrice POULIGNY (Senior Research Fellow, Center for International Studies and Research-CERI / Sciences Po)

ISEZAKI Kenji (Professor, Social Design Studies, Rikkyo University)

HOSHINO Toshiya (Professor, Osaka School of International Public Policy, Osaka University)

(Discussion time)

Coffee Break (15 :00 – 15:20)

Session 3 (15:20 – 17:20)

Chair: Ronni ALEXANDER (Professor, Graduate School of International Cooperation, Kobe University)

Theme: Transnational Civil Society, Donor Countries and the Media

Panellists:

Olivier WEBER (Writer, Essayist, Editorialist at the Newsmagazine *Le Point*)

Gebhard HIELSCHER (Freelance Journalist, Ex-correspondent in Tokyo for *Suddeutsche Zeitung*)

ATSUMI Tomohide (Associate Professor, Graduate School of Human Sciences, Osaka University)

NEMOTO Kaoru (Public Relations Officer, The United Nations World Food Programme)

(Discussion time)

Final Session (17:20 – 18:00)

KIKKAWA Gen (Professor, Graduate School of Law, Kobe University)

MASUJIMA Ken (Professor, Graduate School of Law, Kobe University)