

# Covid's Impact on Asia and the Challenges Ahead for Japan

5:00 PM- 6:30 PM (JST), Monday, October 18, 2021

## About the event:

The pandemic has upended lives everywhere, but also highlighted the different approaches taken by nations, raising tensions among rivals. What could Japan learn from the policies of others in tackling future outbreaks, and what could it teach others? How should it navigate the region's landscape, where a dispute over the origins of the coronavirus has deepened the divisions between the U.S. and China. And what has been the impact on businesses and how should they adapt going forward?

Join a panel discussion where professors from Keio University will shed light on how Covid-19 has impacted the region, and journalists from The Wall Street Journal's Tokyo and Beijing bureaux will offer their views from the ground.

**Platform:** Online (Zoom Webinar)

**Registration:** [https://keio-univ.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_7qqczLRQSPazZPAUuc6mLg](https://keio-univ.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_7qqczLRQSPazZPAUuc6mLg)



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**Other Details:** Anyone can join free of charge. Event will be held in Japanese (without simultaneous interpretation)

## [Speakers/Panelists]



**Jin Nakahara (Professor, School of Medicine, Keio University / Deputy Director, KGRI)**

Jin Nakahara is based in Tokyo, Japan as a Professor of Internal Medicine at the Keio University School of Medicine. He also serves as a Deputy-Director of KGRI. Prof. Nakahara received his M.D. from the Keio University School of Medicine in 2003, and his Ph.D. from the Keio University Graduate School of Medicine in 2007. He holds active memberships with many professional societies in Japan and abroad, and he is a Director of the Japanese Society of Neuroimmunology and the Japan Multiple Sclerosis Network. He also serves as a committee member of the Central Organizing Committee of PACTRIMS, a Delegate of the Japanese Society of Neurology, and a Councilor of the Japanese Society of Internal Medicine.



**Yoko Kubota (China Deputy Bureau Chief, The Wall Street Journal)**

Yoko Kubota is The Wall Street Journal China bureau's deputy bureau chief based in Beijing. She oversees business news coverage including the technology, autos and consumer sectors. Previously she worked as a technology reporter in Beijing and as an automotive reporter in Tokyo. Prior to joining the Journal, Yoko was a reporter at Reuters in Tokyo. She grew up in Japan and the U.S. and graduated from Princeton University.



**Ken Jimbo (Professor, Faculty of Policy Management, Keio University)**

Dr. Ken JIMBO is Professor at the Faculty of Policy Management, Keio University. He is concurrently an adjunct Senior Research Fellow at the Canon Institute for Global Studies (CIGS) and the Tokyo Foundation (TKFD). He coordinates the Japan-U.S. Military Statesmen Forum (MSF) as an Executive Director. He served as Special Advisor to the Minister of Defense, Japan Ministry of Defense (2020) and Senior Advisor, The National Security Secretariat (2018-20). His main research fields are in International Security, Japan-US Security Relations, Japanese Foreign and Defense Policy, Multilateral Security in Asia-Pacific, and Regionalism in East Asia. He has been a policy advisor for various Japanese governmental commissions and research groups including for the National Security Secretariat, the Ministry of Defense and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. His policy writings have appeared in NBR, The RAND Corporation, Stimson Center, Pacific Forum CSIS, Japan Times, Nikkei, Yomiuri, Asahi and Sankei Shimbun.



**Peter Landers (Tokyo bureau chief, The Wall Street Journal)**

Peter has more than two decades of experience at The Wall Street Journal as a reporter, editor and bureau chief. He joined the Journal as a Tokyo correspondent in 1999 and moved to the U.S. in 2002, where he served as a page-one staff editor in New York and assistant bureau chief in Washington, among other positions. He assumed his present post in February 2014. Peter is a graduate of Yale, where he studied classics and Japanese. With colleagues, he shared the National Press Foundation's online journalism award for coverage of the Supreme Court's 2012 ruling on the Affordable Care Act and the Society for American Business Writers and Editors explanatory journalism award for coverage of the Fukushima nuclear accident. He is fluent in Japanese and serves as a guest commentator on the Tokyo Broadcasting System Saturday evening program "ShinJoho7days Newscaster."

## [Moderator]



**George Nishiyama (Managing Editor, The Wall Street Journal Japan)**

George Nishiyama oversees The Wall Street Journal's Japanese website, WSJ Japan. He joined The Journal's Tokyo bureau in 2011 as an editor in charge of economic policy, and covered Abenomics from its launch. In 2014, he wrote a multimedia long-form piece on a high-school baseball pitcher's challenge at making it to the pros. George grew up in the United States and in Japan, and prior to The Journal, spent 18 years at Reuters, writing about a wide range of topics regarding Japan.

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