

International Conference
Conflicts in the Global Economy and The Resilience of State-Led Capitalist Economic Systems

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Date: February 15, 2025 (Saturday) – February 16, 2025 (Sunday)

Venue:

February 15: Kyoto Institute of Economic Research, North Building, Research Room N101-102

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February 16: Kyoto University, Clock Tower, International Conference Room No.1

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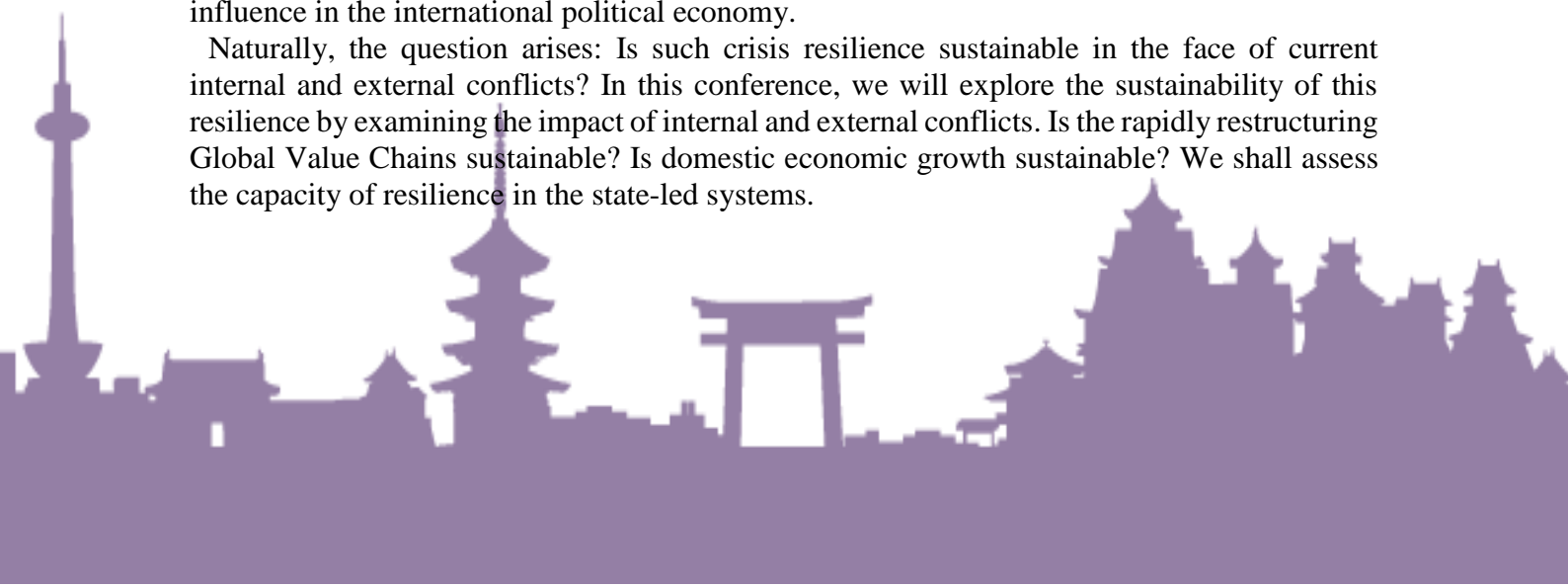
Note that the locations are different on Day 1 and Day 2.

Purpose of the Conference

The contemporary world is experiencing significant conflicts both domestically and internationally. Wars, economic sanctions, and trade frictions have created a negative cycle of fragmentation in the global economy, a reversal of globalization, and rising prices. At the same time, economic disparity and poverty are on the rise domestically, social discontent is expanding, and a tendency toward social instability can be observed worldwide, regardless of the economic system in place.

In this context, state-led capitalist systems have maintained their order, supported the system, and ensured crisis resilience through mechanisms such as the provision of social policies and welfare and as enhanced digitalisation and surveillance. Two key concepts that can characterise the resilience, “happy surveillance state” and “comfortable authoritarian state”, have been focused. These characteristics of resilience have allowed state-led systems to function and exert influence in the international political economy.

Naturally, the question arises: Is such crisis resilience sustainable in the face of current internal and external conflicts? In this conference, we will explore the sustainability of this resilience by examining the impact of internal and external conflicts. Is the rapidly restructuring Global Value Chains sustainable? Is domestic economic growth sustainable? We shall assess the capacity of resilience in the state-led systems.



Programme:

Day 1: February 15, 2025 (Saturday)

Venue: Kyoto Institute of Economic Research, North Building, Research Room N101-102

Opening session

Welcoming address: 10:00-10:10

Satogami Mihoko (Soka University, Project leader)

Mizobata Satoshi (Kyoto University/Ritsumeikan University)

Session 1. Global Challenge: Contemporary GVC in China and Russia 10:10-12:30

Chair: Victor Gorshkov (University of Niigata Prefecture)

Satoru Nakamoto (Ritsumeikan University)

“Two Patterns of International Division of Labour of the US Multinational Corporation”

Takuma Kobayashi (Matsuyama University)

“Will Manufacturing Industries Move out of China?: An Analysis on the Upgrading of China's Industrial Structure”

Katsumi Fujiwara (Osaka University)

“Economic Sanctions and Changes in the Russian Value Chain”

Hironori Fushita (Kobe City University of Foreign Languages)

“Russia's Aircraft Industry in Reshaping Global Value Chains”

Lunch 12:30-13:30

Keynote Session 1. Stability and Instability of State-led Capitalist Systems 13:30-15:30

Chair: Mizobata Satoshi (Kyoto University/Ritsumeikan University)

Speaker 1. Christopher McNally (Chaminade University)

"Geopolitical Frictions, the Chaotic Mélange, and Sino-Capitalism's Resilience"

Speaker 2. Geoffrey Wood (Western University)

“The Proliferation of State Capitalisms around the World in the Post Neo-liberal Age”

Break 15:30-15:45

Session 2. Labour Market in Socialist Market Economy 15:45-16:55

Chair: Takuma Kobayashi (Matsuyama University)

Ma Xinxin (Hosei University)

“Political Background and Its Influences on Wage Gaps: Evidence from China”

Zhu Mengbing (Beijing Normal University)

“Assortative Mating and Income Inequality in Urban China”

Break 16:55-17:10

Session 3. Governance in State-led Capitalist Economic Systems 17:10-18:20

Chair: Kazuho Yokogawa (Kanagawa University)

Mihoko Satogami (Soka University)

“How Women have been Positioned in the State - Focusing on Care Work and Gainful Employment”



Ichiro Iwasaki (Hitotsubashi University)
“Corporate Frauds and Crimes in Emerging Market Economies”

Networking meeting 19:00-21:00
Restaurant “Ma Cantine”

Day 2: February 16, 2025 (Sunday)

Venue: Clock Tower, International Conference Room No.1

Keynote Session 2. The Resilience of State-Led Capitalist Economic Systems 10:00-12:00

Chair: Hiroaki Hayashi (Ritsumeikan University)

Speaker 3. Li Shi (Zhejiang University)

“Changes in Income Inequality in China in the New Century: Facts and Explanations”

Speaker 4. Kai Kajitani (Kobe University)

“Industrial Policy and Overcapacity in China” (Tentative)

Lunch 12:00-13:00

Session 4. Social Capital and the Resilience of Russia’s State-Led Economic System 13:00-14:45

Chair: Mihoko Satogami (Soka University)

Victor Gorshkov (University of Niigata Prefecture)

“The Resilience of Russia's Economy: A Financial and Social Perspective”

Kazuho Yokogawa (Kanagawa University)

“Social capital and Civil Society in Russia and Japan: Focusing on Civic Participation”

Hiroaki Hayashi (Ritsumeikan University)

“Comparative Analysis of Social Class and Social Capital: Russia and Japan”

Break 14:45-15:00

Session 5. The Resilience of Economic Systems and International Political Economy 15:00-16:45

Chair: Takuma Kobayashi (Matsuyama University)

Jung Seung Ho (Incheon National University)

“Economic Implications for North Korea of Strengthened Relations with Russia, Amid the Russia-Ukraine War”

Satoshi Mizobata (Kyoto University/Ritsumeikan University)

“Economic Sanctions Controversy and Sanctions Resilient Economy in Russia”

Fumikazu Sugiura (Teikyo University)

“State-led Capitalism from the View Point of International Political economy”

Break 16:45-16:55

Wrap-up session “International Political Economy, Domestic and Global Conflicts, and the Resilience of State-led Capitalism” 16:55-17:45

Moderator: Mizobata Satoshi (Kyoto University/Ritsumeikan University)

Panellists: Christopher McNally (Chaminade University)

Li Shi (Zhejiang University)

Kai Kajitani (Kobe University)

Geoffrey Wood (Western University)

Victor Gorshkov (University of Niigata Prefecture)

Closing remarks: 17:45

Satogami Mihoko (Soka University)

