

Scuola Italiana di Studi sull'Asia Orientale

Keio Institute of East Asian Studies, Keio University

Time: 18:00 – 20:00

Place: Keio Institute of East Asian Studies, Keio University
Mita Campus, Keio University (Graduate School Building, 8th floor)
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Title: Italian – Japanese Security Policy Seminar
National Security and Regional Dynamics in the Post-Cold War Era: A
Comparative Analysis of Italy and Japan

In the Post-Cold War world, national security is evolving at unprecedented pace as threats are diversifying in nature and increasing in number. A comparative analysis of the different ways in which countries meet new challenges is an important tool to comprehend how different solutions can be developed vis-à-vis common issues. This seminar represents the first attempt to compare the evolution of Italian and Japanese security policies in the Post-Cold War Era. As an American scholar recently pointed out, Italy and Japan share a similar post-war political development, international status and constitutional constraints that shaped their approach to defence and security as well as contribution to international stability. Yet, almost no academic work is undertaken to compare the two experiences. The seminar has a two-fold aim. First, two papers will analyse and compare how both countries are meeting the evolving security environment of their respective regions, seeking to strike the balance between the requirements for traditional security threats and globalised transnational issues. Second, a round table discussion will debate security issues of mutual interest, setting forth an agenda for future enhanced cooperation in an area of study of considerable interest in both countries.

Programme:

18:00 – 18.15: Welcome Address

18:15 – 18:45: Prof Tadokoro Masayuki, Keio University

*Historical and Geopolitical Contexts of Italian and Japanese Security
Policies: Does the comparison make sense?*

Synopsis

Despite evident differences, Italy and Japan share several important characteristics whose comparison may give us interesting insights. Both countries are late modernizers and histories of the both countries can date back only to the second half of 19th century, their long cultural identity notwithstanding. Both are losers of the Second World War and the defeats are still important elements in their respective political institutions. Thus, both are American subjective allies and a part of American lead Western alliances structure, basically sharing fundamental values such as

democracy, human rights and market economy; yet, both have political culture and sociological features distinctive from Anglo-American model. This paper tries to give an overview on basic geo-political conditions surrounding both countries and argues that discussing the contemporary foreign defence policies of the two countries in a comparative way makes an intellectual sense.

18:45 – 19:15: Dr Alessio Patalano, King's College London

The Influence of the Sea on Post-Cold War Italian and Japanese Defence and Security: The cases of the Mediterranean and the Western Pacific'

Synopsis

The paper examines the relationship linking Italian and Japanese geography to the position they hold in the Mediterranean and Pacific theatres, and the impact that these elements have on the two countries' approach to defence and security. In particular, the paper aims to show how, notwithstanding very different regional contexts, in the post-Cold War era Italy and Japan pursued a military balance emphasising enhanced naval capabilities to maintain operational flexibility and strategic manoeuvre. Such military capabilities represented essential parameters to address a plethora of security issues, ranging from conventional threats (missile attacks, sea lanes defence), trans-national problems (piracy, illegal immigration), as well as to contribute to international missions.

19:15 – 19:50: **Round Table Discussion: Italian and Japanese Security Policy Present Issues and Future Opportunities**

Paolo Soldano (Tokyo Correspondant of "Equilibri" - rivista di geopolitica e relazioni internazionali)

Tadokoro Masayuki

Alessio Patalano

Corrado Molteni (Italian Embassy)

19:50 – 20:00: **Closing Remarks**

Biographies of the presenters:

Prof, Masayuki Tadokoro

Masayuki Tadokoro is Professor of International Relations of Keio University. After finishing his undergraduate degree at Kyoto University, he did his postgraduate

studies both at Kyoto University and London School of Economics. Before he took the current post in 2002, he was a professor at National Defense Academy. While his main field is international political economy, he has been working on a variety of fields including Japanese foreign policy and international organizations. His publications include, *The Realities of the UN: A Budgetary Analysis* (Yuhikaku, 1996), *Foreign Correspondents in Tokyo*, co-authored with Masato Kimura (NHK Publishing Co., 1998). *The Dollar goes beyond "America", - financial globalization and monetary diplomacy*, (Chuokoron Shinsha, 2001). *International Political Economy* (Nagoya University Press, 2008). He also edited *Royal Navy and Pax Britannica* (Yuhikaku, 2006), which examined roles of the Royal Navy in the 19th century.

Dr Alessio Patalano

Dr Patalano is teaching fellow on East Asian security at the Department of War Studies, where he has completed a PhD on the development of Japan's post-war naval power. Currently, he is visiting researcher at Aoyama Gakuin University, Tokyo. He is also visiting lecturer on naval strategy and Asian military history at the Istituto di Studi Militari Marittimi (ISMM), Venice. Previously, he held research positions at the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, Tokyo, and at the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Asian Affairs Office, Rome. Dr Patalano authored articles which appeared in English, Italian and Japanese languages, and is presently editing a book titled *Seizing the Trident: Seapower and Strategy in Britain and Japan from the Alliance to an Interdependent World* (forthcoming 2010).