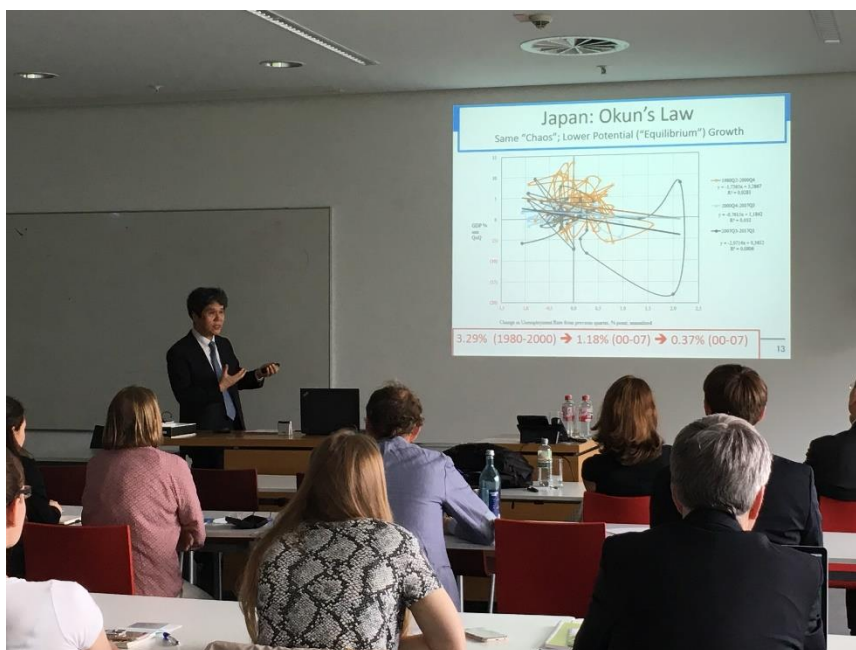


EJARN Conference on Monetary Policy in Japan and Europe (organized by Cornelia Storz and Markus Heckel) at Goethe University Frankfurt, 9.–10.06.2017

Cornelia Storz together with Markus Heckel organized an international conference of the European Japan Advanced Research Network (EJARN) with a focus on monetary policy in Japan and Europe. Following a keynote speech by former Bank of Japan deputy governor Prof. Kiyohiko Nishimura two panels analysed the topic of monetary policy from different angles including contributions from representatives the European Central Bank (Dr Katrin Assenmacher, Head of Monetary Policy Strategy Division) and the Deutsche Bundesbank (Dr Daniel Kienzler, Monetary Policy Analysis Division).

The second day the conference dealt with various topics on politics, security and political economy in the EU and Japan, including a contribution by EJARN director Marie Söderberg from Stockholm School of Economics about “Philippine as a Case Study of Japanese Policy under the New Development Cooperation Charter”. The EJARN conference was concluded with a roundtable moderated by EJARN Board Executive Committee member Axel Berkofsky. The roundtable brought together policymakers from the EU and Japan (including Maki Kobayashi from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan and Heike Schneider from the European External Action Service), representatives from business and business associations (Takayasu Fukui from the Japan External Trade Organization and Jutaro Kaneko from the Japan Center for International Finance). Among others the future scope and quality of EU-Japan relations after the adoption of the EU-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) and the Strategic Partnership Agreement (SPA), the impact of Brexit on Japanese banking and investment in Europe and Japanese trade and investment policies towards Europe and elsewhere was discussed intensively.



Picture: Prof Kiyohiko Nishimura, former deputy governor of the Bank of Japan