



# Cambridge-UTokyo Joint Symposium

## Navigating the Future and Reflecting on the Past

Dates

**27-28 March 2025**

Main Venue

FUKUTAKE Hall, Hongo Campus,  
the University of Tokyo

**27 March**

**Main Session**

**9:00 Opening**

[Chair]

**Prof Yasushi Umeda**

Research into Artifacts, Center for Engineering, School of Engineering, UTokyo

[Comments]

**Prof Kaori Hayashi**

Executive Vice President, UTokyo

**Prof Laura Moretti**

Head of Department of East Asian Studies, U of Cambridge

**Ms. Helen Caldwell Reynolds**

Head of Science and Innovation, British Embassy Tokyo

**Prof Atsushi Tsuda**

Executive Vice President, 150th Anniversary of UTokyo Committee Chair, UTokyo

**9:20 Keynotes and Panel Discussion**

**Global Warming and Sustainability**

[Moderator]

**Prof Junichiro Shiomi**

Institute of Engineering Innovation, School of Engineering, UTokyo

[Keynote Speakers]

**Prof Hisashi Nakamura**

Research Center for Advanced Science and Technology, UTokyo

**Prof David Reiner**

Assistant Director of the Energy Policy Research Group, Cambridge Judge Business School

[UTokyo Panelists]

**Prof Hisashi Nakamura**

**Prof Masakazu Sugiyama**

Director, Research Center for Advanced Science and Technology, UTokyo

**Prof Yukari Takamura**

Institute for Future Initiatives, UTokyo

[Cambridge Panelists]

**Prof David Reiner**

**Prof Ying Jin**

Department of Architecture, U of Cambridge

**Prof Andrea Ferrari**

Department of Engineering, U of Cambridge

[Comments]

**Prof Deborah Prentice**

Vice Chancellor, U of Cambridge

To Register



**13:00 Parallel Sessions**

**I Global Dialogues: Making Intersectional Space for Studying Gender and Race in and with Japan**

**Prof Mónica G. Moreno Figueroa, Prof Akiko Shimizu**

**Dr. Sachi Takaya, Dr. Kazuyoshi Kawasaki**

**Prof Hiroki Ogasawara** (Kobe University)

**Prof Yasuko Takezawa** (Kansai Gaidai University)

**Dr. Christopher Tso** (Keio University)

**Prof Tomomi Yamaguchi** (Ritsumeikan University)

**Dr. Aki Son-Katada** (Ritsumeikan University)

**II Engineering for the Future**

**Prof Sze Yun Set, Prof Fumiya Iida, Prof Andrea Ferrari**

**Prof Yutaka Matsuo, Prof Satoru Takahashi**

**Prof Shinji Yamashita**

**III Translating Engineering Biology from the Bench to the Bioeconomy**

**Prof Makiko Matsuo, Dr. Jenny Molly,**

**Prof Norikazu Ichihashi**

**Prof Mark Howarth, Dr. Kotaro Tsuboyama,**

**Prof Tomohisa Hasunuma** (Kobe University)

**15:45 Round Table Discussion**

**Working Towards Collaborative Impact**

[Organizer]

**Prof Michael Handford**

Centre for Language and Communication Research, Cardiff University  
Advisor to the SOE of the University of Tokyo on Internationalisation

[Moderator]

**Prof Yuto Kitamura**

Deputy Director, International Strategic Planning Office, UTokyo

[Presenters]

**Ms. Akie Hoshino**

Director, International Program Department, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS)

**Prof Oren A. Scherman**

Director of the Melville Laboratory for Polymer Synthesis, U of Cambridge

**Prof Junichiro Shiomi**

Institute of Engineering Innovation, School of Engineering, UTokyo

**Prof Hiroshi Toshiyoshi**

Director General, Institute of Industrial Science, UTokyo

**18:00 Welcome Reception (By Invitation)**

**28 March**

**UTokyo-Cambridge Voices Sessions**

■ Seeing is Reading  
「〈見る〉という入り口」  
**Laura Moretti, Yukiko Sato**  
**Akira Takagishi**  
**Tomoyuki Deguchi**



■ Sustainable Societies and Cities:  
a comparison of research approaches  
from international perspectives  
**Ying Jin, Hironori Kato**  
**Michal Gath-Morad, Daisuke Fukuda**



■ UK-Japan Security and Defense  
Partnerships in the  
Indo-Pacific  
**John Nilsson-Wright**  
**Yee-Kuang Heng, Naosuke Mukoyama**



■ UTokyo-Cambridge Voices:  
Engineering the Future by  
Technology Innovation  
**Yasushi Umeda**  
**Maicon Oliveira, Robert Phaal**  
**Yusuke Kishita, Yusuke Kajihara**



■ Materials, Devices, and Systems for  
Seamless Human-Computer  
Interactions  
**Naoji Matsuhisa**  
**Oren A. Scherman, George Malliaras**  
**Fumiya Iida, Takao Someya, Jun Ota**



■ AI, Information Integrity and  
Social Impact: Uses and Misuses  
**Giulio Corsi**  
**Yuiko Fujita, Sunjin Oh**  
**Yee-Kuang Heng**



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