The 10th Cambridge–UTokyo Joint Symposium

Navigating the Future: Impact through Partnerships

DATE
24 – 25 September 2026

VENUE
University of Cambridge, UK

For information:
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For registration:
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• Main Session • Thursday 24 Sept
Rayleigh Seminar, Maxwell Centre, JJ Thomson Ave

Session Chair: Prof David Reiner, Professor of Technology Policy, Cambridge Judge Business School
UTokyo Organizing Lead: Prof Yasushi Umeda, Graduate School of Engineering, The University of Tokyo

⏱ 09:20 - 09:30 | Welcome Remarks
Mr Shuji Maeda, Minister for Public Diplomacy and Media, Embassy of Japan in the United Kingdom
Ms Julia Longbottom, Previous British Ambassador to Japan

⏱ 09:30 - 10:30 | Navigating Research Funding: UK-Japan Research Collaboration
Mr Ryan Ahmed, Senior Manager, International Grants, The Royal Society
Prof Masahiko Hara, Director, JSPS London; **Mr Taiki Satow**, Deputy Director, JSPS London
Mr Perry Guess, Horizon Europe UK National Contact Point (NCP) Cross-Cutting

⏱ 10:30 - 10:40 | University Leadership Remarks
Prof Kaori Hayashi, Executive Vice President, UTokyo
Prof Sir John Aston, Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Research, Cambridge

⏱ 10:40 - 11:15 | Coffee & Networking Break

⏱ 11:15 – 11:35 | Research Output and Publishing
Dr Rachel Won, Chief Editor, Nature Reviews Electrical Engineering

⏱ 11:35 - 12:30 | Roundtable Discussion
11:35-11:55 | Panel Session: A Conversation with Research Funders and Research Publishers
11:55-12:30 | Breakout Session: Exploring Collaboration Opportunities

⏱ 12:30 - 14:00 | Lunch

• Parallel Sessions • Thursday 24 Sept
West Hub, JJ Thomson Ave

⏱14:00-16:00 for all parallel sessions

1 Room C, West Hub | In Defence of Language: AI, Translation, and the Future of Semantics
Dr Sunjin Oh, Interfaculty Initiative in Information Studies, UTokyo
Prof Kaori Hayashi, Executive Vice President, Interfaculty Initiative in Information Studies, UTokyo
Prof Laura Moretti, Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, Cambridge
Dr Grant Jun Otsuki, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, UTokyo
Dr Eleanor Drage, Leverhulme Centre for the Future of Intelligence, Cambridge
Dr Maya Indira Ganesh, Leverhulme Centre for the Future of Intelligence, Cambridge
Dr Jonnie Penn, Leverhulme Centre for the Future of Intelligence, Cambridge
Dr Aisha Sobey, Leverhulme Centre for the Future of Intelligence, Cambridge

2 Room D, West Hub | Sustainable Energy and Global Security
Prof Sze Yun Set, Research Center for Advanced Science and Technology, UTokyo
Prof Andrea Ferrari, Department of Engineering, Cambridge
Prof Masakazu Sugiyama, Research Center for Advanced Science and Technology, UTokyo
Prof David Reiner, Cambridge Judge Business School, Cambridge
Prof Tatsuoki Kono, Research Center for Advanced Science and Technology, UTokyo
Prof Satoshi Ikeuchi, Research Center for Advanced Science and Technology, UTokyo
Prof Emily So, Department of Architecture, Cambridge

3 Room A, West Hub | Physical AI for Sustainable Real-World Innovation
Prof Fumiya Iida, Graduate School of Engineering, UTokyo
Prof Roberto Cipolla, Department of Engineering, Cambridge
Prof Tatsuya Harada, Research Center for Advanced Science and Technology, UTokyo
Prof Atsushi Yamashita, Graduate School of Frontier Sciences, UTokyo
Prof Fulvio Forni, Department of Engineering, Cambridge

• Dialogue Sessions • Friday 25 Sept

09:00-12:00| Seminar Room 2, Institute for Manufacturing| Engineering the Future with Deep Tech
Rob Phaal | Yusuke Kishita | Gosia Fraczek | Yusuke Kajihara
https://x.gd/2OlPv

09:00-12:40| Electrical Engineering Division B Annex Level 1, CGC Seminar Room (190)| Adaptive Soft Materials and Biointerfaces: From Molecular Design to Robotic Systems
Naoji Matsuhisa | Fumiya Iida | Oren A. Scherman | Shery Huang | Tomoyuki Yokota | George G. Malliaras | Yifei Luo
https://x.gd/53Z7Ph

09:00-12:00| Lecture Theatre, Dept. of Pathology| Cambridge-Tokyo Frontiers in Molecular and Cellular Biology
Betty Chung | Namshik Han | Taisuke Tomita | Toshifumi Inada | Toshiyuki Shimizu | Sara Badr | Tadahaya Mizuno | Jim Ajioka | John Carr
https://x.gd/I6xUt

09:00-12:00| Venue TBC| Urban and Transport Challenges for Sustainable Urban Mobility
Ying Jin | Hironori Kato | Li Wan
https://x.gd/hJq00

09:00-17:00| Seminar Room, Dept. of Sociology| Protocols of Belonging: Colourism, Phenotype, and the Construction of Race in China and Japan
Mónica Moreno Figueroa | Mateus R. Oliveira | Jing Jyng Chang | Yiyun Bai | Yue Zhong
https://x.gd/nFFfa

10:00-12:00| Seminar Room B, 17 Mill Lane| Measuring and Valuing the Health Impacts of the Built Environment under Climate Change
Franz Fuerst | Ronita Bardhan | James Woodcock | Kimihiro Hino | Chihiro Shimizu | Takahiro Yoshida
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