

Public Seminar

A New Agenda for Peace

— Turning the World Away from War —

February 21 2026

13:30 ~ 16:30 (Japan Time)

Venue : CO·MO·RE YOTSUYA TOWER CONFERENCE 3F Room F

(Access: 1 minute walk from JR Yotsuya Station, 3-minute walk from Tokyo Metro Yotsuya Station)

Moderator

Stein Tønnesson
Director, Toda Peace Institute



Time Table

Session 1 13:30 ~ 14:50

Speaker : Stein Tønnesson, Kevin Clements,
Kai He, Keith Krause

Session 2 15:05 ~ 16:30

Speaker : Lisa Schirch, Olivia Stokes Dreier,
Janani Vivekananda, Carol Farbotko

Moderator • Panelists

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Dialogue

“A New Agenda for Peace”



Stein Tønnesson

Stein Tønnesson is the Director of the Toda Peace Institute. He is research professor emeritus at the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO) and associate editor for Asia in the Journal of Peace Research. His areas of research are peace in East Asia, nation-building in Southeast Asia, conflict in the South China Sea, revolution and war in Vietnam, and the role of social media in Myanmar's internal armed conflicts.



Kevin Clements

Dr. Kevin Clements is Honorary Director and Distinguished Fellow at the Toda Peace Institute. He is focused on the thematic area of “Managing Nuclear Risk in North East Asia”.

Dialogue

“Preventing War through Regional and Global Security Architectures.”



Kai He

Kai He is Professor of International Relations at the School of Government and International Relations, Griffith University, Australia.



Keith Krause

Dr. Keith Krause is Senior Research Fellow for the Toda Peace Institute, where he is responsible for the programme on cooperative security and disarmament. He is Professor of International Relations at the Geneva Graduate Institute.

Session 2 15:05 ~ 16:30

Dialogue

“Preventing Democratic Erosion and Designing Digital Dialogue Processes.”



Lisa Schirch

Dr. Lisa Schirch is Senior Research Fellow for the Toda Peace Institute where she directs the Institute's “Social Media, Technology and Peacebuilding” programme. Dr. Schirch is Richard G. Starmann Sr. Chair and Professor of the Practice at the University of Notre Dame's Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies in the Keough School of Global Affairs.



Olivia Stokes Dreier

Olivia Stokes Dreier is a Senior Research Fellow for Toda Peace Institute on Global Challenges to Democracy. She is currently a Senior Peacebuilding Advisor to Karuna Center for Peacebuilding where she served for many years as Executive Director.

Dialogue

“Climate Change, Post-Conflict Recovery and Cultural Security.”



Janani Vivekananda

Janani Vivekananda is Toda Peace Institute's Senior Research Fellow for Climate Change and Conflict. She is also the Head of Programme, Climate Diplomacy and Security at adelphi, Berlin.



Carol Farbotko

Carol Farbotko is a cultural geographer who conducts research on Pacific places, mobilities and cultures in a changing climate. She is currently Australian Research Council Future Fellow at the Griffith Centre for Social and Cultural Research.