

# Bridging the Middle East and East Asia: Borders and Coexistence in the Globalised World

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Prof. **Keiko Sakai**

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13:30 – 13:40 **Opening remarks** Prof. **Keiko Sakai**

13:40 – 14:20 **Keynote speech**

Prof. **Tsugitaka Sato** | Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan

**Reflections on the 'Area' in Islamic Area Studies**

14:20 – 14:50 Prof. **Yukiko Miyagi** | Durham University, Durham, UK

**Japan's Middle East Security Policy**

14:50 – 15:20 **Discussion**

15:20 – 15:50 **Coffee Break**

15:50 – 16:20 Prof. **Massoud Daher** | Lebanese University, Beirut, Lebanon

**The Lebanese crisis and its Middle East dimensions**

16:20 – 16:50 Prof. **Maher Charif** | Institut Français du Proche-Orient, Damascus, Syria

**Palestine in the Midst of the Partition Plan of the Arab East**

16:50 – 17:20 Prof. **Taro Tsukimura** | Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan

**De-Balkanization in the Balkans:  
Returning from a Region to Borderlands**

17:20 – 17:50 **Discussion**

17:50 – 18:00 **Break**

18:00 – 18:30 **General Discussion**

18:30 – 18:40 **Concluding remarks** Prof. **Hidemitsu Kuroki** | JaCMES/ Tokyo University of Foreign Studies

19:00 – 21:00 **Reception Party**