

CRS Seminar Series

Book Launch: EU-Japan Partnership in the Shadow of China

**Date:** Wednesday, September 12, 2018  
**Time:** 15:00-16:30  
**Venue:** Conference room, Center for Rule-making Strategies  
(5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Shinagawa Intercity Front, 2-14-14 Kōnan, Minato-ku)  
**Language:** English

CRS cordially invites you to attend a book launch of *The EU–Japan Partnership in the Shadow of China: The Crisis of Liberalism* (Routledge, 2018).

Three editors of this book - **Axel Berkofsky**, **Paul Midford**, and **Marie Söderberg** – will build upon their arguments in the book and provide their insights on Japan-EU cooperation from political, security, and economic perspectives.

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**Agenda**

**15:00-15:05 Opening Remarks**

**15:05-15:15 Marie Söderberg**

Dr. Söderberg will talk about how the rise of China as well as the crises of liberalism is changing the political scene on a world wide level and more specifically on the implications for Japan-EU relations. She will also touch on areas of possible increased cooperation in the field of development cooperation.

**15:15-15:25 Axel Berkofsky**

Dr. Berkofsky will speak about the EU-Japan Strategic Partnership Agreement (SPA) and what it could mean for EU-Japan on the ground security cooperation in Asia and elsewhere. Is the EU-Japan SPA a big breakthrough in terms of bilateral security cooperation or does it merely institutionalize already existing cooperation in international security?

**15:25-15:35 Paul Midford**

Dr. Midford's presentation will focus on Prime Minister Abe's pro-active contribution to peace and values diplomacy as a possible basis for greater EU-Japan security cooperation.

**15:35-15:45 Discussion (Akira Igata (CRS))**

**15:45-16:30 Q&A from the floor**

## Speakers

### Marie Söderberg

Professor / Director, Stockholm School of Economics



Marie, Söderberg, is a Professor and the Director of the European Institute of Japanese Studies at Stockholm School of Economics. She has published on Japanese Influences in Asia, Japan-China and Japan- North Korea as well as Japan-South Korea relations. Marie Söderberg is the senior editor of the European Institute of Japanese Studies, East Asian Economics and Business Studies series published by Routledge in London and New York. She is also the chairperson of the European Japan Advanced Research Network (EJARN).

A central focus of her research is Japanese development cooperation policy as well as Japan-Europe relations.

### Axel Berkofsky

Professor, University of Pavia, Italy



Axel Berkofsky is Professor at the University of Pavia, Italy and Senior Associate Research Fellow at the Milan-based Istituto per gli Studi di Politica Internazionale (ISPI). Axel Berkofsky is also Executive Committee Board Member at the Stockholm-based European Japan Advanced Research Network (EJARN) and Research Affiliate at the European Institute of Japanese Studies at the Stockholm School of Economics.

His research interests are amongst others Japanese and Chinese foreign and security policies, Chinese history, Asian security and EU-Asia relations.

### Paul Midford

Professor / Director, Norwegian University for Science and Technology



Paul Midford is Professor, and Director of the Japan Program, at the Norwegian University for Science and Technology (NTNU) in Trondheim. Midford received his PhD. in Political Science from Columbia University in 2001. Midford is the author of *Rethinking Japanese Public Opinion and Security: From Pacifism to Realism?* (Stanford University Press, 2011), and the co-author of *The Japanese Ground Self-Defense Force: Search for Legitimacy* (Palgrave, 2017). He is currently completing a book manuscript entitled *Overcoming Security Isolationism: Japan's Promotion of East Asian Security Multilateralism*.

His research interests include Japanese foreign and defense policies, the impact of public opinion on policy, renewable energy and energy security, and East Asian security and multilateralism.

## Map / Direction



Walk toward the Kōnan exit of Shinagawa Station.  
Once you're there, you will see two tall building in front of you on the right.  
The left building (circled below) is the "**Intercity Front**" building.  
(The building to the right is the "**Intercity**" and NOT the "**Intercity Front**" building.)  
Please walk down the steps next to Kinko's to enter the building, and then take the elevator to the 5<sup>th</sup> floor.



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