

## The Third KOPRI-Kobe PCRC Antarctic Governance Seminar

# The Antarctic Treaty at a Crossroad: Navigating Change through Cooperation

**Date and Time** Monday, September 15 2025, 13:30-17:10

**Venue** Korea Polar Research Institute

### Program

#### Session 1 - Changing Antarctica: Geopolitical Landscape & Normative Contexts

- Chair: Prof. **Akiho Shibata**
- Dr. **Tony Press**, University of Tasmania IMAS
- Prof. **Makiko Nishitani**, Kobe University GSICS
- Dr. **Kie Abe**, Lecturer, Kobe University GSICS
- Dr. **Constance Johnson**, University of Wollongong ANCORS
- Ms. **Anais Vivanco**, LL.M. candidate, Kobe University GSICS

#### Session 2 - Cooperation through Science and Environmental Protection

- Chair: Dr. **Hyoung Chul Shin**
- Prof. **Yukari Takamura**, The University of Tokyo Institute for Future Initiatives
- Dr. **Yitong Chen**, Associate Professor, Ocean University of China Law School
- Prof. **Hyun Jung Kim**, Yonsei University Department Political Science and International Studies
- Dr. **Ji Hee Kim**, Principal Research Scientist, KOPRI Division of Life Sciences

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### Objective

As the geopolitical landscape shifts and the impacts of climate change intensify, it is crucial to assess how the ATS can address the new challenges and remain effective in a rapidly changing world. This seminar will facilitate meaningful dialogue among international Antarctic experts, fostering communication and cooperation to bridge gaps between stakeholders. Participants will explore strategies to strengthen the Antarctic governance framework and identify ways to serve as facilitators, ensuring that it remains relevant and effective in addressing emerging global challenges.

### Draft Program

**13:30                    Opening**

**13:45 – 15:15    Session 1: Changing Antarctica: Geopolitical Landscape & Normative Contexts**

Chair: Akiho Shibata

#### Speakers:

1. Dr. Tony Press, University of Tasmania IMAS (20 minutes)  
Title: Changing geopolitical landscape and challenges for ATCM/CEP in the coming years
2. Prof. Makiko Nishitani, Kobe University GSICS (10 minutes)  
Title: A Reflexive Governance Approach for the Antarctic governance
3. Dr. Kie Abe, Lecturer, Kobe University GSICS (10 minutes)  
Title: Granting Rights of the Antarctic: A New Approach to Climate Change?
4. Dr. Constance Johnson, University of Wollongong ANCORS (10 minutes)  
Title: [TBA]
5. Ms. Anais Vivanco, LL.M. candidate, Kobe University GSICS (10 minutes)  
Title: ATS and BBNJ Agreement: Exploring pathways for cooperation within an evolving normative context

#### Discussion

**15:15 – 15:45 Break**

**15:45 – 17:00 Session 2: Cooperation through Science and Environmental Protection**

Chair: Hyoung Chul Shin

Speakers:

1. Prof. Yukari Takamura, The University of Tokyo Institute for Future Initiatives (20 minutes)  
Title: Japan's measures to implement Annex VI (Liability Annex): Towards its ratification
2. Dr. Chen Yitong, Associate Professor, Ocean University of China Law School (10 minutes)  
Title: Core legal challenges and possible solutions for the implementation of Annex VI in China
3. Prof. Hyun Jung Kim, Yonsei University Dept. of Political Science and International Studies (10 minutes)  
Title: Annex VI to the Environmental Protocol: Legal Challenges and Ratification Considerations for the Republic of Korea
4. Dr. Ji Hee Kim, Principal Research Scientist, KOPRI Division of Life Sciences (10 minutes)  
Title: The CEP as the Workhorse of the ATCM: Challenges in the current geopolitical landscape of Antarctic governance

Discussion

**17:00 Closing**

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