

**The Second Antarctic Forum in conjunction with
Third KOPRI- Kobe PCRC Antarctic Governance Seminar
with co-sponsorship of JSPS Core-to-Core Program on Antarctic Governance Research**

September 15 (Monday), 2025, Incheon, Republic of Korea

The Antarctic Treaty at a Crossroad: Navigating Change through Cooperation

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
Title: TBA
2. Prof. Makiko Nishitani, Kobe University GSICS
Title: A Reflexive Governance Approach for the Antarctic governance
3. Dr. Kie Abe, Lecturer, Kobe University GSICS
Title: Granting Rights of the Antarctic: A New Approach to Climate Change?
4. Dr. Constance Johnson, University of Wollongong ANCORS
Title: TBA
5. Ms. Anais Vivanco, LL.M. candidate, Kobe University GSICS
Title: ATS and BBNJ Agreement: Exploring pathways for cooperation within an evolving normative context

Discussion

15:15 – 45 Break

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

Chair: Hyoungh Chul Shin

Speakers:

1. Prof. Yukari Takamura, The University of Tokyo Institute for Future Initiatives
Title: (Japan and Annex VI on Environmental Liability)
2. Dr. Chen Yitong, Associate Professor, Ocean University of China Law School
Title: (China and Annex VI on Environmental Liability)
3. Prof. Hyun Jung Kim, Yonsei University Dept. of Political Science and International Studies
Title: (Korea and Annex VI on Environmental Liability)
4. Dr. Ji Hee Kim, Principal Research Scientist, KOPRI Division of Life Sciences
Title: TBA
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Discussion

17:00 Closing

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