

## Report on project workshop in Kobe, June 2017

### EU-Japan Security Cooperation: Challenges and Opportunities

The University of Essex, in conjunction with Kobe University and EUJ-Kansai, organised the second workshop of the EUJA project in Kobe on 19-20 June 2017.

At the workshop on security cooperation between the EU and Japan 23 Japanese and EU experts gave presentations on a broad spectrum of security issues and lively discussions followed.

The workshop was a follow-up to a meeting held in Berlin in February 2017. Much of the discussions

centred on how the EU and Japan relate to the nuclear threat posed by North Korea, the assertive maritime posture of China in the South China Sea, the rise of international terrorism, the threat of cyber-attacks and cyber warfare, the fall-out from Paris accord on climate change, natural disasters and pandemics, and the America First policy taken by President Trump.



The overall aim of the project is to foster research collaboration and exchanges between European and Japanese academics. The [Department of Government](#) already has strong links with Kobe University through a joint MA programme.

The workshop was co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union, Kobe University and the EU Institute in Japan, Kansai. A further conference is planned to take place in Brussels in early

2018, where the findings of the research project will be presented to a wider audience.

The project follows on from completed research, the results of which were published in [Security Relations between China and the European Union: From Convergence to Cooperation?](#) in September 2016, edited by [Professor Emil Kirchner](#), [Professor Han Dorussen](#) and [Thomas Christiansen](#).

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