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TENTATIVE PROGRAM

for the virtual panel discussion

EU-Japan Relations: Beyond the Strategic Partnership Agreement

on Thursday, November 26, 2020

9.30 – 11.00 CET / 17.30 – 19.00 JST

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09.00 – 09.30 CET / 17.00 – 17.30 JST *Registration on Zoom*

09.30 – 09.40 Welcome

17.30 – 17.40 JST

Dr. Julia MÜNCH (Secretary General; JDZB)

Prof. Dr. Marie SÖDERBERG (Chairperson; EJARN Executive Committee & Director of European Institute of Japanese Studies (EIJ); SSE)

Prof. Dr. Verena BLECHINGER-TALCOTT (Professor for Japanese Politics and Political Economy; FU)

09.40 – 11.00 Panel Discussion with Introductory Statements

17.40 – 19.00 JST

Chair: Prof. Dr. Patrik STRÖM (Associate Professor & Deputy Director of European Institute of Japanese Studies (EIJ); SSE)

09.40 – 09.47 **EU-Japan Trade Issues**

Prof. Dr. Axel BERKOFKY (University of Pavia & Co-Head of Asia Center; Italian Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI), Milan, Italy)

09.47 – 09.54 **EU-Japan Cooperation on Digital Connectivity**

Dr. Maaïke OKANO-HEIJMANS (Senior Research Fellow; Clingendael Institute, The Hague, Netherlands)

09.54 – 10.01 **EU-Japan Cooperation on Energy Issues**

Prof. Dr. Paul MIDFORD (Professor at Department of Sociology and Political Science & Director of NTNU Japan Program; Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), Trondheim, Norway)

10.01 – 10.08 **The Business Perspectives on EU-Japan Trade and the SPA**

UEMURA Noritsugu (Corporate Executive for Government Affairs and External Relations; Mitsubishi Electric Corporation, Tokyo, Japan)

10.08 – 10.15 **The SPA and the Indo-Pacific Dimension**

Dr. Klaus VIETZE (Minister, Deputy Chief of Mission; Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany to Japan, Tokyo, Japan)

10.15 – 11.00 **Panel Discussion / Q&A**