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Come to the inaugural ACPEL 2013, to engage in challenging interdisciplinary discussion centering on the latest ideas and research finding in Politics, Economics and Law. This year's conference sessions will be wide-ranging, covering both policy and research. They will bring together experts and leaders from the academic and business world to address key contemporary issues in these social sciences, by both reflecting on the recent past, and looking forward; to exchange ideas, and share research findings in the exciting environment of Osaka, Japan.

This year's theme invites scholars from their different research backgrounds and from a variety of disciplinary approaches, to look at the conference theme of trust, and its role in the relations between individuals, communities, and societies, to include questions of government, and governance in both the public and private sphere, and the role trust plays in the creation of a sustainable future.

We look forward to welcoming you to Osaka!

ACPEL/ABMC 2013 Conference Chairs

Jerry Platt – Professor Emeritus, College of Business, San Francisco State University, USA and  
Vice-Chair, IAFOR International Advisory Board

Will Baber – Associate Professor, Kyoto University Graduate School of Management, Japan

**CONFERENCE THEME: Governance, Society and Sustainability**

**KEYNOTE AND FEATURED SPEAKERS**

Yozo Yokota  
ACPEL/ABMC Keynote Speaker

Professor Yozo Yokota is an internationally renowned jurist and diplomat. He is currently President of the Japanese Center for Human Rights Affairs, Special Adviser to the Japanese Ministry of Justice, Chairman of the International Labor Organization Committee of Experts, Special Adviser to the Rector of the United National University, and a Commissioner of the International Commission of Jurists.

Professor Yokota started his career as Legal Counsel to the World Bank in Washington before holding professorships in International Law at International Christian University (Tokyo), International Economic Law at the University of Tokyo, and Law at Chuo University. He has also held visiting professorships at the University of Adelaide in Australia, and the Law schools of the universities of Michigan and Columbia. An internationally respected proponent of human rights, he has extensively advised the United Nations, serving as the UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights in Myanmar between 1992 and 1996.

Jerry Platt  
ACPEL/ABMC 2013 Conference Co-Chair and Featured Speaker

Dr. Platt is Professor Emeritus at San Francisco State University, and Vice-Chair of the International Academic Forum's IAB.

His interests span business, technology and public policy. Jerry previously served as dean at two American business schools. He spent most of his academic career at San Francisco State University, in their AACSB-accredited College of Business that enrolls more than 6,000 students from more than 70 countries. He started as a part-time lecturer one night a week while working in industry, became a fulltime Professor of Finance, and rose through the ranks to become the first internal selection as Dean of the College. Later, Jerry moved to Southern California to accept appointment to the initial Senecal endowed chair and School of Business deanship at the University of Redlands. Balancing industry with academic interests, Jerry also served as head of financial analysis for a Bay Area Fortune 500 company, and as CEO of an aviation firm. He has been Principal Investigator on more than twenty U.S. federal research grants.

Dr. Platt received a B.S. cum laude at Michigan State University, an MBA from Wayne State University, an M.S. in Public Administration from The Ohio State University, and an M.S. in Statistical Computing from Stanford University. He was granted the first Ph.D. degree from what is now the John Glenn Graduate School of Public Affairs at The Ohio State University.

Peter Gardiner  
ACPEL/ABMC 2013 Featured Speaker

Peter Gardiner is a Director of the Department of International Relations and Licenses for the Bridgestone Corporation, and a Japanese resident of nearly thirty years. Following qualification as a Chartered Accountant in his native Scotland, he first moved to Tokyo in 1985 to study Japanese language and culture, as well as the martial art, Aikido.

After a brief return to the UK working for Deloitte in London to promote Japanese investment into Britain, the role was expanded with the setting up of a specialized unit in the Tokyo offices of Deloitte Japan, to provide mergers and acquisition advice to major Japanese corporations expanding overseas, and to American and European corporations making investments in Japan. In his current role, as a Director in the Department of International Relations and Licenses at Bridgestone Corporation, Tokyo, his department is involved with all major strategic investments and divestitures made by the company on a global basis.

Edward Yagi  
ACPEL/ABMC 2013 Featured Speaker

Edward Yagi is full professor at the Nanzan University Graduate School of Business Administration in Nagoya, Japan. His primary areas of research and teaching are international personnel management and international marketing, and he is currently writing a book about large organizations and organizational dysfunction.

Professor Yagi is now on his fourth career, having first served in the US Military, before then becoming a marketing manager with U.S. and Japanese multinationals in both the U.S. and Japan, and subsequently joining the US Foreign Service, from which he retired to become a professor in 2011.

He was a flight officer in the U.S. Navy, serving two deployments during the 1980âIran–Iraq conflict, as well as in the 1991 Persian Gulf War. Decorated by the governments of both Japan and the U.S., he retired from the U.S. Navy in 1999 with more than twenty years of combined student officer, active duty, and reserve service.

In the Foreign Service Officer, Mr. Yagi supported U.S. commercial interests and advanced U.S. strategic and policy objectives worldwide, serving at the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo, Japan as Commercial Attaché (1993–2000), at the U.S. Embassy in Cairo, Egypt as Deputy Senior Commercial Officer (2000–2004), at the U.S. Embassy in Nairobi, Kenya as Senior Commercial Officer and Counselor for Commercial Affairs (2004–2007), and at the U.S. Consulate in Nagoya, Japan as Commercial Consul (2007–2011).

Professor Yagi is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, the International Program of the Stockholm School of Economics in Sweden, and in 1990 was the first non-Japanese to graduate with an MBA from the Keio Business School.

He is an active pilot in both the U.S. and Japan and has extensive experience with Japanâbased aviation and aerospace industry. His hobbies include mountain climbing, flying, skydiving, and driving his BMW Z3 convertible.

#### PUBLISHING OPPORTUNITIES

Authors of accepted abstracts will have the opportunity of publishing their associated paper in the official conference proceedings, and a selection of papers will be considered for inclusion in the internationally reviewed IAFOR Journal of Business and Management. For more information about the journal, please see the iafor website at [www.iafor.org](http://www.iafor.org)

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