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ACSEE2015 Conference Chairs and Featured Speakers

Professor Yoza Yokota

ACSEE/ACSS 2015 Keynote Speaker

Director of the Center for Human Rights Affairs, Japan

Professor Yoza Yokota is an internationally renowned jurist and teacher of international law, international economic law and international human rights law. He is currently President of the Japanese Center for Human Rights Education and Training, Special Advisor of the Japanese Ministry of Justice, and a Member of the Committee of Experts of the International Labour Organization, and Commissioner, International Commission of Jurists. Professor Yokota started his career as Legal Counsel to the World Bank in Washington, D.C., before holding professorships in international law at International Christian University (Tokyo), the University of Tokyo, and Chuo Law School. He has also held visiting professorships at the University of Adelaide (Australia), and the law schools of the University of Michigan and Columbia University. As 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 96 and a Member of the UN Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights between 2000 and 2007.

Mr. Lowell Sheppard

ACSEE/ACSS 2015 Keynote Speaker

Asia Pacific Director, HOPE International Development Agency

Lowell Sheppard is Asia Pacific Director of the HOPE International Development Agency, an organization focused on working with the world's extreme poor in their quest to climb out of poverty. Aside from his 25-year involvement with Hope, Lowell has dedicated much of his life to social and environmental improvement projects throughout the world. He was the chairman of the Whose Earth initiative in the United Kingdom, and was the founding chairman of Novimost, a non-government organization responding to the needs caused by war in the Balkans. He was also CEO of one of the United Kingdom's largest youth charities and an executive member of Spring Harvest, an annual

Christian festival which attracts more than 60,000 people each Easter, and raises more than one million dollars for charities every year. A fellow of the Royal Geographic Society, Mr Sheppard is the author of six books, which reflect his diverse intellectual interests, and life experience. His latest book, *Boys Becoming Men*, examines the importance of rites of passage, including adventures, for children becoming adults. Lowell is a noted public speaker, and has given lectures at both undergraduate and postgraduate level on Corporate Social Responsibility and Sustainability, and he is a former vice-chairman of the CSR Committee for the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan.

Professor Stuart Picken
ACSEE2015 Conference Chair and Featured Speaker

Chairman of the IAFOR IAB

Stuart D. B. Picken is the founding chairman of the IAFOR International Advisory Board. The author of a dozen books and over 130 articles and papers, he is considered one of the foremost scholars on Japan, China, and Globalization in East Asia. As an academic, Professor Picken has devoted more than 30 years to scholarship in Japan, notably as a professor at the International Christian University in Tokyo, where he specialized in ethics and Japanese thought, and as International Adviser to the High Priest of Tsubaki Grand Shrine (Mie prefecture). He has also served as a consultant to various businesses, including Jun Ashida Ltd., Mitsui Mining and Smelting Corp., Kobe Steel, and Japan Air Lines. In November 2008, the Government of Japan awarded Professor Picken the Order of the Sacred Treasure for his pioneering research, and outstanding contribution to the promotion of friendship and mutual understanding between Japan and the UK. The honour is normally reserved for Japanese citizens and is a mark of the utmost respect in which Professor Picken is held by the Japanese Government. Although now resident in Scotland, Professor Picken maintains his interests in Japan, as Chair of the Japan Society of Scotland, and through his work with IAFOR. A fellow of the Royal Asiatic Society, he lives near Glasgow with his wife and two children.

Conference Theme and Streams

Conference Theme: "Power and Sustainability"

Sustainability remains as a powerful ideal that acts as a driving force in relation to the pressing concerns of energy and the environment. Its proponents often protest their lack of power to effect change because of the control systems already in place in the form of tax-evading multinational corporations, banks that support them, and governments that turn a blind eye to malpractice. Is the claim to lack of power as serious as is alleged, or are there other approaches that have not been tried? Advocates of sustainable growth surely have the responsibility to search for alternative avenues and corridors of power? The abolition of slavery in the British Empire, for example, was the work of one man who resisted and confounded the argument that no economy could survive without it. This conference will take the concepts and lenses of power and sustainability as we seek multidisciplinary solutions and work together towards the creation of a sustainable world. We look forward to seeing you (again) in Osaka in 2015.

The organizers encourage submissions that approach this theme from a variety of perspectives. However, the submission of other topics for consideration is welcome and we also encourage sessions

within and across a variety of inter/disciplinary and theoretical perspectives. Submissions are organized into the following thematic streams:

Streams

- Environmental Sustainability and Human Consumption; Food and Water, Hunger and Thirst
- Environmental Sustainability and Human Consumption; Waste
- Environmental Sustainability and Environmental Management; Freshwater, Oceans and Seas
- Environmental Sustainability and Environmental Management; Land Use and Misuse
- Environmental Sustainability and Environmental Management; Atmosphere and Air
- Cultural Sustainability; Protecting, Preserving and Conserving
- Economic Sustainability; Environmental Challenges and Economic Growth
- Economic Sustainability; Sustainable Businesses and CSR
- Social Sustainability and Social Justice
- Social Sustainability, War and Peace
- Social Sustainability and Sustainable Living
- Energy; Environmental Degradation
- Energy; Renewable Energy and Environmental Solutions
- Energy; Energy Economics and Ecological Economics