



Canon Institute for Global Studies (CIGS)

Seminar on Energy and Geopolitics
~Decarbonization and Geopolitics in the Middle East~

1. Objective

In recent years, particularly after the adoption of the Paris Agreement at COP21, moves toward decarbonization have been accelerating worldwide. The recent progress in relevant technology has also been helping to promote the energy shift from fossil fuels to renewable energy. The Canon Institute for Global Studies (CIGS) has been organizing “the Study Group on Decarbonization, the Middle East and Energy Geopolitics” that intends to deepen the understanding of the current situation of decarbonization and study how the energy transformation in the Middle East will affect global energy geopolitics. The Study Group published in November 2023 an [interim report entitled “How Decarbonization Will Transform and Impact Energy Geopolitics in the Middle East and Other Parts of the World?”](#).

The report attempts to begin the discussion on major issues and key questions arising from the transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy. The seminar aims to encourage further discussion and knowledge-sharing, with eminent speakers that include Ambassador of United Arab Emirates (UAE), who will speak about the result of COP28 last December as well as the current situation of decarbonization policies of the GCC countries.

2. Time and Date

Friday, 10 May from 15:00 to 16:45 (Japan Standard Time)

3. Venue

Main Conference Room, Second Floor, The Industry Club of Japan
1-4-6 Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, [3 minutes' walk from the North Exit of Tokyo Station (Marunouchi-side)]

4. Language

Japanese and English (Simultaneous translation will be available.)

5. URL of registration from

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6. Program

Part I	
15:00-15:05	Opening Remarks Mr. Hisashi Yoshikawa, Research Director, CIGS
15:05-15:35	Keynote Speech H.E. Mr. Shihab Ahmed ALFAHEEM, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of United Arab Emirates (UAE) to Japan□
15:35-15:45	Interim Report of “the Study Group on Decarbonization, the Middle East and Energy Geopolitics” Ms. Kayoko Tatsumi, PhD., Research Fellow, CIGS
Part II	
15:45-16:40	<u>Panel Discussion</u> Moderator: Mr. Nobuo Tanaka, Chairperson of the above Study Group, Executive Director Emeritus, The International Energy Agency (IEA) Panelists: -Mr. Nobuhisa Degawa, NHK Chief Commentator -Mr. Shuji Hosaka, Director, the Japanese Institute of Middle Eastern Economics, the Institute for Energy Economics, Japan (JIME-IEEJ)
16:40-16:45	Closing Remarks Mr. Hisashi Yoshikawa, Research Director, CIGS