

Biography of speakers and discussants

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Welcoming Remarks

	<i>Last Name</i>	Yoshikawa	<i>First Name</i>	Naoto
	<i>Institution</i>	Tokai University		
	<i>Country</i>	Japan		

Short Bio

Naoto Yoshikawa is a Vice-Chancellor of Global Initiatives and a Professor of the Department of International Studies at Tokai University. He was the Chancellor of Hawaii Tokai International College, US, for ten years. He worked for the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) as acting representative in Bangladesh and Trinidad and Tobago. He also served as the economist at the FAO headquarters in Italy and as the administration and finance officer of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Zambia. He earned a B.A. degree from Chuo University, Japan; M.A. from University of Chicago, US and Ph.D. from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa, US.


Welcoming Remarks

	<i>Last Name</i>	Malekifar	<i>First Name</i>	Siavash
	<i>Institution</i>	Iran National Innovation Fund		
	<i>Country</i>	Iran		

Short Bio

Siavash Malekifar holds a Ph.D. in futures studies from National Research Institute for Science Policy (NRISP). He was the former manager of the department of strategic planning and supervision at the Ministry of Health and Medical Education, Iran. Currently, he is a Chief Development Officer at the Iran National Innovation Fund (INIF), the most important innovation and technology financing institution in Iran's innovation financing system. He is also a member of the board of directors at the Iranian Association for Management of Technology and Innovation (IRAMOT). He is a lecturer and author of numerous papers and books in the fields of futures studies, MOT, managing innovation, science, and technology policy.


Keynote speech

	<i>Last Name</i>	Mahramian Moallem	<i>First Name</i>	Mehran
	<i>Institution</i>	Central Bank of Iran		
	<i>Country</i>	Iran		

Short Bio

Mehran Mahramian received the B.Sc. and M.Sc. degrees in Electronics from Sharif University of Technology, Tehran, Iran, in 1995 and 1997, respectively. He then obtained his Ph.D. degree in electronics from Amirkabir University of Technology, Tehran, Iran, in 2006. Since 1997, he has been with Informatics Services Corporation, Tehran, Iran (as a member of the board and network vice president) to research banking technologies and implement broadband satellite communication equipment. Since 2019 he has been the vice governor of modern technologies in the Central Bank of Iran. Among his research awards are the 2nd and 3rd prizes for the development of researches in the 15th, 23th and 27th Kharazmi Festivals. He also received the SATLABS certificate for constructing a terminal with DVB-RCS standards. By now, he has published more than 20 conference papers and eight peer-reviewed journal papers in diverse fields such as networks, satellite telecommunications, and DNA computing, and he has supervised more than 30 Bachelor and Master Theses.


Keynote speech

	<i>Last Name</i>	Yoshino	<i>First Name</i>	Naoyuki
	<i>Institution</i>	Keio University & Financial Research Center (FSA Institute, Government of Japan)		
	<i>Country</i>	Japan		

Short Bio

Naoyuki Yoshino is Professor Emeritus of Keio University in Tokyo, Japan and Director of Financial Research Center (FSA Institute, Government of Japan). He obtained a PhD in economics from Johns Hopkins University, in the US in 1979 (where his thesis supervisor was Sir Alan Walters (UK Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Economic Adviser)). He taught as assistant professor at the State University of New York at Buffalo, He was a visiting scholar at MIT (USA), visiting scholar at the Central Bank of Japan, visiting professor at the University of New South Wales (Australia), Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques (France). He received Honorary Doctorates from Univ. of Gothenburg (Sweden) and Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg (Germany). He also conferred Fukuzawa award from Keio University for his contribution to research. He was the Dean/CEO of the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI) in Tokyo (2014-2020).


Co-host and Moderator

	<i>Last Name</i>	Taghizadeh-Hesary	<i>First Name</i>	Farhad
	<i>Institution</i>	Tokai University		
	<i>Country</i>	Japan		

Short Bio

Farhad Taghizadeh-Hesary is a faculty member at Tokai University in Japan. He is a grantee of the Excellent Young Researcher (LEADER) status from the Ministry of Education of Japan-MEXT. He is a vice-president and co-founder of the International Society for Energy Transition Studies (ISETS) based in Australia. Currently, he is serving as Associate Editor/ Board member of several journals including *Singapore Economic Review*, *Global Finance Journal*, *Energy Efficiency* and Editor of the *Cogent Business and Management*. He has guest-edited special issues for prestigious journals including *Energy Policy*, *Energy Economics*, *Journal of Environmental Management*, *Finance Research Letters* and *Economic Analysis and Policy*. His research credits include authoring more than 160 academic journal papers and book chapters and the editing of ten books published by Springer Nature, Routledge, World Scientific and Asian Development Bank Institute. He obtained a PhD in economics from Keio University, Japan in 2015 with a scholarship from the government of Japan (MEXT).


Speaker

	<i>Last Name</i>	Rimaud	<i>First Name</i>	Cedric
	<i>Institution</i>	Earthwake Green Impact Fund		
	<i>Country</i>	Singapore		

Short Bio

With 20+-year experience in the fund management industry at top ranking investment banking firms (JP Morgan, Citi and Credit Suisse), Cedric has been managing fixed income portfolios and analyzing corporate bonds during the most part of his career, most recently as the Head of Emerging Markets Corporate Credit Research at an independent credit research company. He is a CFA charter holder and member of the CFA Society in Singapore. Since relocating to Asia six years ago (Bangkok and Singapore), he has been developing investable projects in the climate finance space in South-East Asia and has been a consultant for the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia Pacific (including Vietnam, Indonesia and the Philippines) on Green Finance.


Speaker

	<i>Last Name</i>	Saydaliev	<i>First Name</i>	Hayot Berk
	<i>Institution</i>	Suleyman Demirel University		
	<i>Country</i>	Kazakhstan		

Short Bio

Saydaliev Hayot Berk is currently an associate professor and a coordinator of research in Business at Suleyman Demirel University in Kazakhstan. He holds a Ph.D. in Financial Economics from the Universiti Putra Malaysia, Malaysia. He received his Master's Degree in Financial Economics from University Putra Malaysia, Malaysia, and obtained a Bachelor's degree in International Economic Relations from the State University of Uzbekistan, Uzbekistan, and a second Bachelor's in Emirates Hospitality Management Academia in UAE. Dr. Saydaliev has published in SSCI journals such as Economic Research-Ekonomika Istraživanja (Q2), Global Economy Journal (Q3), and several others. Most of his published papers utilize panel estimation methods and time series analysis to address issues in development economics, institutional quality, human capital, and health.

Speaker

	<i>Last Name</i>	Fartash	<i>First Name</i>	Kiarash
	<i>Institution</i>	Shahid Beheshti University		
	<i>Country</i>	Iran		

Short Bio

Kiarash Fartash holds a BSc in Electrical Engineering, an MBA, and a Ph.D. degree in Management of Technology specializing in S&T policy-making from Allameh Tabataba'i University, Iran. He is an assistant professor at Shahid Beheshti University in Tehran since 2018 and has authored more than 30 research papers. He has played a major part in a couple of international STI policy studies, such as Iran Science, Technology, and Innovation Policy Review, published by the UNCTAD in 2016. He has more than ten years of experience in the capacity of an STI policy researcher as well as an STI policy officer. Kiarash's research interest entails policy learning, innovation policy and innovation financing.


Speaker

	<i>Last Name</i>	Wisuttisak	<i>First Name</i>	Pornchai
	<i>Institution</i>	Chiang Mai University		
	<i>Country</i>	Thailand		

Short Bio

Pornchai Wisuttisak is an associate professor and Deputy President of Chiang Mai University, Thailand. He completed his Ph.D. in Business Law and Taxation from the University of New South Wales and his Master of Commercial Law from Macquarie University, Australia. He also graduated with a BA in Political Science in Government from Thammasat University, Thailand. He has worked with Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) and Friedrich Naumann Foundation (FNF) on training courses for competition law and policy in Thailand, Myanmar, and Laos. He has been an advisor to a consultancy project with the Energy Regulatory Commission of Thailand. His research involved the development of policy and regulation on economic activities. His recent publication relates to the regulatory framework for SMEs development in some ASEAN countries.


Speaker

	<i>Last Name</i>	Bin Amin	<i>First Name</i>	Sakib
	<i>Institution</i>	North South University		
	<i>Country</i>	Bangladesh		

Short Bio

Sakib Amin is an associate professor in the School of Business and Economics and the Director of the Accreditation Project Team (APT) at North South University, Bangladesh. He holds a Ph.D. in Economics from Durham University (UK). Dr. Sakib was the Commonwealth Rutherford Fellowship (2017-2018) receiver for conducting his postdoctoral research at Durham University (UK). Dr. Sakib also holds a masters' degree in International Economics from the University of Essex (UK). He is a fellow of the Higher Education Academy (HEA). His research focuses on Energy and Tourism Policy in Developing Countries.


Speaker

	<i>Last Name</i>	Alp Coskun	<i>First Name</i>	Esra
	<i>Institution</i>	Dokuz Eylul University		
	<i>Country</i>	Turkey		

Short Bio

Esra Alp Coskun holds a Ph.D. degree from Dokuz Eylul University- Turkey (2021) in economics/Behavioral Finance. During her Ph.D., she worked as a research assistant in Recep Tayyip Erdogan University- Turkey (2016-2017) in the Department of Banking and Finance. She also visited the University of Huddersfield (United Kingdom), Department of Accounting, Finance, and Economics in the 2018-2019 academic year (9 months). Besides her academic experiences, she worked in the private sector at several positions such as independent auditor, Forex Customer Representative, teaching, etc. She has several publications on macroeconomics, microeconomics, economic development, finance and behavioral finance in peer-reviewed journals. She is an independent author in Science and Technic (Bilim ve Teknik) Popular Science Magazine published by The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBİTAK) monthly and writes popular science articles since 2017.


Co-host and discussant

	<i>Last Name</i>	Aboojafari	<i>First Name</i>	Roohallah
	<i>Institution</i>	Technology Studies Institute		
	<i>Country</i>	Iran		

Short Bio

Roohallah Aboojafari is an assistant professor of science and technology policy and director of the Knowledge-Based Economy Department at the Technology Study Institute of Presidency in Iran. He taught as an assistant professor at different universities in Iran like Amirkabir University and Imam Sadiq University, Tehran, Iran. His research area is innovation economics, financing innovation, and science and technology policy. He is a referee of several journals in Iran like Innovation Management (ISC), Technology Development Management (ISC). He published more than 30 peer-reviewed academic journal papers, working papers, book chapters, and books by academic publishers, including Routledge and the Asian Development Bank Institute. He is also the founder of Etemad Company, a knowledge base credit rating company in Iran. In addition, he is a vice-chairman of the Board of Fintech company as an investment consulting firm under the Iranian exchange stock regulation. Dr. Aboojafari holds a Ph.D. in Sciences and technology from Tarbiat Modares University in Iran.


Speaker

	<i>Last Name</i>	Heidari	<i>First Name</i>	Mehrnaz
	<i>Institution</i>	Tarbiat Modares University		
	<i>Country</i>	Iran		

Short Bio

Mehrnaz Heidari holds a Ph.D. degree in Industrial Engineering (2017) with a dissertation on venture capital contracting. In her dissertation, she investigated the mitigation of agency problems in VC-entrepreneur contracts throughout startup development cycle. During 2015-2017, she was the Secretary-General of the Iranian VC association that provided her a practical experience added to the theoretical insights of her Ph.D. studies. Dr. Heidari is currently the Innovation & Business Development Manager for Noavaran Tose'e Melli, an open innovation and venture financing consulting firm in Iran. Her responsibilities include providing a wide range of corporate start-up engagement programs for corporate clients and investors.


Speaker

	<i>Last Name</i>	Sagara	<i>First Name</i>	Megumi
	<i>Institution</i>	CRD Association and CRD Business Support Ltd.,		
	<i>Country</i>	Japan		

Short Bio

Megumi Sagara is a Director of International Department of CRD Association and CRD Business Support Ltd. She has about 15 years of work experiences in analyzing data of CRD, validating CRD scoring models and financial institutions' internal rating and so on. Following the FS for the implementation of CRD in the Philippines, she is currently working on the TC project for CRD building.


Speaker

	<i>Last Name</i>	H. Nguyen	<i>First Name</i>	Lan
	<i>Institution</i>	CRD Association and CRD Business Support Ltd.,		
	<i>Country</i>	Japan		

Short Bio

Lan H. Nguyen, PhD is Deputy Director of the International Department of CRD Association and CRD Business Support Ltd in Japan. Her main experience is in the fields of credit risk modeling, machine learning for alternative data, and financial data analysis.


Speaker

	<i>Last Name</i>	Charoensivakorn	<i>First Name</i>	Phadet
	<i>Institution</i>	National Credit Bureau Co., Ltd.,		
	<i>Country</i>	Thailand		

Short Bio

Phadet Charoensivakorn is currently a Senior Executive Vice President, Head of Business, Technology and Operations Lines of National Credit Bureau Co., Ltd. (NCB), the only one private credit bureau in Thailand. He has been in the post since 2016. Prior to working in credit bureau industry; he worked with a satellite telecommunication known as Iridium company in Information Technology and Operations for 7 years. Then, he had joined the Central Credit Information Service Co., Ltd. (CCIS) in 2000 before it was merged with the Thai Credit Bureau (TCB) and has become NCB since 2005. He is very experienced in credit bureau industry, especially in IT and Operations, for more than twenty years. He also set up the first credit reporting systems in Thailand together with TransUnion. Moreover, Phadet is also a pioneer project leader in ISO/IEC 27001 of security information management and Business Continuity Plan in the credit bureau industry in Thailand. He received a BBA in Business Computer from the Assumption University in 1996 and an MBA in Computer Information System from the Southern New Hampshire University, the USA in 1998. He was the co-researcher in Small and Medium-sized enterprise (SME) Credit Risk Analysis Using Bank Lending Data: An Analysis of Thai SMEs by ADBI-Japan.


Speaker

	<i>Last Name</i>	Fatemi Khorasgani	<i>First Name</i>	Seyed Ali
	<i>Institution</i>	Allameh Tabataba'i University		
	<i>Country</i>	Iran		

Short Bio

Seyed Ali Fatemi Khorasgani is a Ph.D. candidate in management of technology at Allameh Tabataba'i University in Iran. He obtained a master's degree in business administration from Sharif University of Technology in 2015. He also graduated as the top-rank in industrial engineering of bachelor course at the Sharif University of Technology. His fields of interest are financing technology-based and innovative firms, firms' capabilities, organization development, and human resource management. He has published peer-reviewed papers in academic journals.


Speaker

	<i>Last Name</i>	Alizadeh	<i>First Name</i>	Parisa
	<i>Institution</i>	National Research Institute for Science Policy		
	<i>Country</i>	Iran		

Short Bio

Parisa Alizadeh is a faculty member of the STI Financing and Economics Department at the National Research Institute for Science Policy (NRISP) in Iran. Her main academic contributions are an AI model to forecast capital market index and an MODM optimization model to formulate a policy package to enhance the business expenditure on R&D. As a policy-making consultant, she has a 10-year experience in the field of enforcing legal infrastructure for supporting startups and SMEs; especially, with focus on financial tools; such as tax incentives and VC funds.

Speaker

	<i>Last Name</i>	David	<i>First Name</i>	Dharish
	<i>Institution</i>	SIM-Global Education		
	<i>Country</i>	Singapore		

Short Bio

Dharish David is an associate faculty for the University of London at the Singapore Institute of Management – Global Education (SIM-GE), teaching courses relating to political economy. Over his 10-year career he has worked in academia and think tanks including ERIA and ADBI (Tokyo) on the areas of sustainable development and infrastructure financing. He received his doctorate from Waseda University (Tokyo, Japan) specializing in infrastructure development and financing. He has written several book chapters, academic articles, business reports, op-eds (in SCMP, East Asia Forum, Global Policy, etc.) on Asian political economy, sustainable finance, startups and digital economy, and international relations. He also has work experience in startups in the financial and digital economy sectors in Singapore.

Speaker

	<i>Last Name</i>	Salah Uddin	<i>First Name</i>	Gazi
	<i>Institution</i>	Linköping University		
	<i>Country</i>	Sweden		

Short Bio

Gazi Salah Uddin, Ph.D, is an Associate Professor of Financial Economics and PhD program director of Economics division, at the Department of Management and Engineering, Linköping University, Sweden and also a visiting Professor Trinity Business School, Ireland. His research interests emphasizes strongly on multidisciplinary aspects, where econometric techniques and methodologies from economics, physics, engineering, and psychology are implemented in studying the complexity of economic and financial systems on a macro level, focused on areas such as international economics and financial markets , fintech, energy and corporate finance. He received the "Jan Wallanders and the Tom Hedelius Scholarship" for best doctoral thesis in economics during 2016. He has attended various international seminars and conferences and have publications in well-renowned journals such as *European Journal of Operation Research*, *Tourism Management*, *Annals of Tourism Research*, *Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control*, *Energy Economics*.

Speaker



Last Name

Subramanian

First Name

Muthurangam

Institution

Senior Advisor and Independent Consultant

Country

India

Short Bio

M. Subramanian is a Senior Advisor, Independent Consultant, and Visiting Faculty in India. He has participated in Asian Development Bank Institute (ADB) conferences and published research papers in journals and edited books. He holds a PhD in management from Bharathiar University, MBA, and a graduate in Electronics Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology. He has attended many academic courses at reputed institutions including IIT, MIT, Stanford, and Purdue University. He has 50+ years of professional experience in academic, research, management, and consulting at senior positions of GM, CEO, and director in India, Singapore, Japan, Africa, and the Middle East. He is a fellow member of many academic and professional institutions. He has an outstanding engineer award from the Institution of Engineers.