International Colloquium

Global Public Goods and International Cooperation

Cosponsored by Social Science Research Institute and Division of International Studies (IS)

Speakers:

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Chair:

Prof. Tatsuro Kunugi, Division of Public Administration of Graduate School

Date:

16 January 2001 (13:00 – 14:40)

Place:

NS Auditorium

Theme of this open colloquium

In 1999 the UN Development Programme published an anthology on the new and evolving concept of global public goods (Global Public Goods: International Cooperation in the 21st Century, edited by Inge Kaul et al., Oxford University Press), emphasizing that global public goods for global interests are under-supplied and that international cooperation must go beyond the traditional concept of ODA (Official Development Assistance).*

The purpose of the colloquium is to examine whether the concept of global public goods, characterized by non-excludability and non-rivalry in consumption, can provide a unifying frame of reference for global cooperation, transcending national boundaries and moving forward together toward clear goals.

Dr. Thakur will present a paper on peace and security in Asia as regional and global public goods against the background of trends in the power relations and economic cooperation. Dr. Takahashi will discuss various dimensions of sustainable development in Asia as public goods of great interest to the entire world and will refer to Japan's role and the prospect for an Asian Third Way.

After comments by Prof. Wasilewski and Prof. Rivera, the floor will be open to questions and observations.

^{*} Prof. Charles Kindleberger of MIT has commented on this publication as follows: "At a time when many are saying that globalization has gone too far, UNDP has produced a wide and deep study of global public goods. The volume deals with peace and trade, but also with global warming, transnational pollution, disease and financial crises—all public bads—and their suppression, which constitutes a good. The subject is complex but of paramount importance to a world experiencing, or approaching, multidimensional crises".