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Current Situation and Challenges of EU Integration -- Envisaging the Future of Asia.

Chair: Assoc. Prof. Fumihiko Yokota (Research Promotion Coordinator of Q-AOS)

Since the establishment of the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC) in 1951, the European Union (EU) has "deepened" integration to realize a single market and a single currency in the history of about 70 years. In addition, the number of member countries has increased from the initial 6 countries to a maximum of 28 countries (currently 27 countries) through "enlargement", and it is now forming an important pole of the world economy. On the other hand, in recent years, there has been negative topics such as the issue of the euro system since the Greek government debt crisis and the withdrawal of the UK (Brexit). From the perspective of studying EU integration for more than 30 years since graduate school, I will consider the past, present, and near future of EU integration, keeping in mind economic integration in the Asian region including Japan.



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Professor Kenji Iwata received his Ph.D. from the Graduate School of Economics, Tohoku University. He specializes in European Union (EU) integration and international finance. He has authored numerous books, including "Modern European Economy 5th Edition" (Yuhikaku Publishing, 2018). Since 1998, he has contributed to the development of the EU Studies Association-Japan as a committee member, and was also the committee chair (2017-2018). He has also been the director of the Kyushu University EU Centre since 2015 and the Dean of the Faculty of Economics at Kyushu University from 2019 to 2020. He has been involved in research and education on the EU for over 30 years, leading research on EU financial and monetary integration.

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