

# 30TH ANNUAL CANADIAN STUDIES SEMINAR

## Building a Sustainable Future: Implementing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals for Future Generations in Canada and Japan

### Seminar Focus



Supported by governments, private organizations (including Kwansei Gakuin University) and young people around the world, the United Nations (UN) has identified 17 *Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)*. These goals create an action plan to ensure peace, prosperity, and a livable planet for future generations.

This seminar asks students to think critically about SDGs and how decision-makers in countries like Canada and Japan can achieve them. It highlights 2 SDGs of particular importance to young people: gender equality and climate action. Following presentations by an international expert panel, students will work in small groups to design a change agenda. Which goals should take priority? Is it possible to combine goals so that all get equal attention?



**Prof. Takamichi Tam Mito** is a Professor of the School of Law and Politics and Professor-at-Large in Canadian and International Studies at Kwansei Gakuin University. His areas of interest are International and Comparative Political Economy of the North Pacific Region, Human Security, Globalization and Transnational Studies. He is the author of many publications including: Japan's Energy Strategy, Russian Economic Security and Opportunities for Natural Gas Development in Russian Far East.



**Dr. Frieda Chavez** was Founding Director, Global Affairs Office, and Associate Professor, Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing, University of Toronto. She spearheaded integration of global health into curriculum, using critical pedagogy and student placements in countries like India, Brazil, China, Ethiopia and Spain to graduate nurses as global citizens. She was a participant in the 2019 conference on Innovating for Sustainable Development at the Munk Centre for Global Affairs, University of Toronto, focused on strategies for achieving the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030.



**Prof. Mackenzie Clugston** is Professor and Head of Cross-Cultural College at KGU. From 2012 to 2016 he was Canada's Ambassador to Japan. Prior to that Professor Clugston was Canada's Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia, the Democratic Republic of Timor Leste and the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN). Professor Clugston was born in Japan, lived on KGU campus during his early years, and is a fluent Japanese speaker.



**Prof. A. Paul Williams** is Visiting Professor of Canadian Studies at KGU and Full Professor Emeritus, Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto. With a background in government and public policy studies, his recent work in Canada and internationally focuses on the challenges and opportunities for people, health care providers and policy-makers in societies where more people are living longer, traditional social structures are in decline, and young women and men are creating new life pathways in an era of new challenges and opportunities.

## Agenda

Friday, November 29, 2019, 17:00-19:00

- Expert Panel
- Round Table Q&A

Saturday, November 30, 2019, 9:00-16:00

- Student group work (9:00-12:00)
- Lunch (12:00-13:00)
- Student presentations and discussion (13:00-15:00)
- Wrap-up and awards ceremony (15:00-16:00)

\*Attendance for both dates, Nov 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> is mandatory.

**Venue:** Room 326, Bldg G, Nishinomiya Uegahara Campus

## Registration

PERIOD: October 7<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>

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## REQUIREMENTS:

Presentations and group work are in English only. Participants will need sufficient English proficiency.

## PARTICIPATION FEE\*:

1,000 yen (Includes lunch)

\*Please note that this fee is non-refundable